

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



May 7, 2022

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. Robert W. Chase, Most Illustrious Grand Master, MI Comp. Randolph S. Disney, Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK John H. Austin, and Most Excellent President Randolph S. Disney 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 14, 2022, at 10:00 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Conclave. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2023 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 7, 2022, at 9:00 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2023 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 **Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation. Agenda to include Finance & Budget, Election of 2023 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 William C. Eppig
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 Annual Meeting Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland
April 23, 2022
Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink
Cockeysville, Maryland**

9:00 am - GRAND CHAPTER LAW SCHOOL for qualified MEHP's-Elect is **ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED** for the CAHP Degree. Assemble in the Main Lobby of Freemason Hall.

9:00 am– 10:00 am - Oriental Room - COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS Set up and Rehearsal (Officers Only)

10:30 am - 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.*

**The Grand Council for conferral of TIM Degree May 7, 2022 Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink
Cockeysville, Maryland at the Semi-Annual Meeting.**

The Association of Past Commanders in Maryland will meet May 14, 2022 Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink Cockeysville, Maryland following the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Fraternally & Respectfully,

ME Comp William C. Eppig
Grand Secretary
Ex Comp Dennis Ewing
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

**Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland
Semi-Annual Grand Assembly
May 7, 2022
Cockeysville, Maryland
10:00 a.m.**

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| 1. Grand Council Opening | MIGM Randolph S. Disney |
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| 11. Dispensations & Charters | RIGPCW Spyridon G. Treklas |
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| 16. Grievance | MIPGM Gordon A. Davids |
| 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 2022 | RIDGM William C. Hare |
| 22. Sessions 2021 | 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 2022 – 2023 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 Randolph S. Disney

The Grand Council was opened in Ample Form by Most Illustrious Grand Master, M.I. Comp. Randolph S. Disney at 10:00 for the purpose of conferring the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree, and for the conduct of the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly with the following Officers in their respective place and stations:

M.I. Randolph S. Disney	Grand Master
R.I. Comp. William C. Hare	Deputy Grand Master
R.I. Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas	Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
R.I. Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	Grand Recorder
M.I. Comp. John A. Rafine	Grand Treasurer
Comp. A. Dean Burt III	Grand Chaplain
Comp. G. Andrew Martinez	Grand Captain of the Guard Pro Temp
Comp. Raymond Tayse (abs)	Grand Conduction of the Council
Comp. Gary Kennedy	Grand Marshall
Comp. Patrick Stangler	Grand Steward
Comp. John Austin	Grand Sentinel pro Temp
M.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson	Grand Lecturer
Comp. John Thomas (abs)	Grand Lecturer Emeritus

Opening Prayer:

Comp. A. Dean Burt III

Pledge of Allegiance;

MI Comp. Randolph S. Disney

2. Credentials Report

RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman RIG Rec

MIGM,

Number of Councils Present	Six (6)
Number of Voting Members	Seventeen (17)
Number of Non-Voting Members	None

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 of all voting members by the Grand Recorder.

This report was received and accepted by MIGM Randolph S. Disney.

Final Register of attending Companions:

1. Concordia	Robert B. Lumbert, MIPGM James B. Coker, MIPGM Ronald L. Aughenbaugh, MIPGM	2. Jerusalem	William J. Wickham, TIM Louis P. Romeo, Jr
5. Hiram	William C. Hare, RIDGM John A. Rafine, MIPGM Spyridon G. Treklas RIGPCW Randall L. Watson, RIGPCW	7. Carroll	NOT REPRESENTED
8. Jeshua	NOT REPRESENTED	9. Zabud	NOT REPRESENTED
10. Enoch	Gary J. Kennedy, TIM	11. Salem	Patrick A. Stangler
12. Giblum	NOT REPRESENTED	13. King Solomon	NOT REPRESENTED
16. Palestine	NOT REPRESENTED	20. Harmony	Randolph S. Disney, MIGM Gordon A. Davids, MIPGM G. Andrew Martinez, RIDGM
21. Adoniram	A. Dean Burt III Vernon H. Huebschman RIG Rec Stephen R. Twomey, TIM	23. York	NOT REPRESENTED
		25. Samuel L. Clemens	NOT REPRESENTED
	# Non-Voting Companion		

3. Reception of MIPGM's

MIGM Randolph S. Disney

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 Ronald L. Augenbaugh	2011 – 2012
MIPGM James B. Coker	2013 - 2014
MIPGM John A. Rafine	2017
MIPGM Robert B Lumbert	2018 -2019
MIGM Randall L. Watson	2020

MIPGM Gordon A. Davids responded to the greetings of MIGM Disney and extension of Grand Honors to the corps of Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters.

4 & 5. Proceedings: Annual 2022

RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

MIGM,

As the Proceeding of the 2021 Annual Grand Assembly are posted to the Grand Council Website and are there for general review and information, I move that they be accepted as posted, subject to correction for typographical errors which do not bear on the content or meaning of any passage; or corrections of a substantiative nature or omissions upon review by the MIGM.

Motion by the Grand Recorder; Seconded by MIPGM Randall L. Watson; PASSED unanimously.

Proceedings: 2022 Council of TIM's

RI Grand Recorder Vernon Huebschman

This Grand Assembly was Opened in Ample Form by MIGM Randolph S. Disney at 9:00 a.m. for the 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 candidate for the Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree was:

Comp. William Johns Wickham, Jr. of Jerusalem Council No. 2

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 candidate 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. MIPGM Robert B. Lumbert did excellent work as our T.I. Senior Warden with the long passages and the Anointing itself.

TIM Huebschman closed the Council in due form and returned the meeting to MIGM Disney who thanked all for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted

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

6. Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master

MIGM Randolph S. Disney

My Dear Companions--

Greetings and welcome to this Semi- Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland. I appreciate each of you taking the time to join us this morning.

We opened the day with the conferral of the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree. I wish to thank each member of the degree team for an excellent and moving conferral of this most prolific piece of Masonic ritual. I have seen it at least half a dozen times and it still elicits a deep emotional response. Thank you again to each of you for yet another job well done. I hope our candidate(s) felt that same emotion.

Companions, since the Annual Communication in October, I have continued to keep Maryland Cryptic Masonry visible by participating in the following events:

- On December 2nd, I traveled to Frederick to participate in the Christmas Observance at Jacques DeMolay Commandery #4.
- On December 5th, I participated in the Christmas Service held at the Bonnie Blink Chapel. Later that day, I had the pleasure of being present at the joint Christmas Observance hosted by the three Commanderies stationed at Cockeysville.
- On December 11th, I participated in the Christmas Observance at Palestine Commandery #7.
- I enjoyed a very pleasant evening of Masonic fraternalism in January, when I attended the annual Installation of Officers at Boumi Temple.
- I had the opportunity to renew old friendships with Companions such as Mark Irwin and Jay B. Walsh, when, on March 11th and 12th I attended the Grand York Rite sessions of Delaware. The sessions were held in Rehoboth Beach and it was a very well spent and informative weekend.
- The following weekend was the Grand Sessions of the District of Columbia. As both Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Hare and myself were unable to attend due to other commitments, Right illustrious PCW Spyros Treklas stepped up and represented the Grand Council. I truly appreciate his willingness to perform this function on behalf of the Grand Council of Maryland.

The Grand Council continued its Visitations to the Councils of the Jurisdiction.

- On October 26th, the Grand Council visited Concordia #1.
- King Solomon's #13 was visited on December 15th,
- Jerusalem #2 was visited on February 22nd.

I am pleased to report that my line has been very supportive with respect to these visitations. I appreciate and am gratified by their participation.

On February 24th, I had the pleasure of assisting Hiram Council #5 with the conferral of the Royal and Select Master degrees. Companions, if you need assistance with a conferral, please reach out to me. I am more than willing to pitch in.

Next week, on the 10th of May, I am very much looking forward to installing the officers of Concordia Council #1.

CMMRF

Companions, the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation is one of the most worthwhile of the Masonic charities. Current research interests include:

- Aortic Aneurysms
- Arthritis
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Heart Failure
- Pancreatitis
- Peripheral Arterial Disease
- Stroke

Companions, each of these are conditions which could (although we hope never do) impact us or our loved ones. In Maryland, have the advantage of having PTIM Lou Romero chairing our CMMRF program PTIM Lou Romero. Lou has been dedicated to raising funds for this most worthy cause and I am very fortunate to have him taking the lead in this most worthy endeavor.

I look forward to hearing his report.

Annual Grand Assembly

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maryland is anticipated to take place on the afternoon of Friday, October 28th at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City. The Assembly will immediately follow the Mid-Atlantic Conference, which will convene earlier in the afternoon. This will enable attendees to enjoy a relaxing evening and the amenities of the resort before we reconvene the following morning.

Super Excellent Master Degree

Companions, the Super Excellent Master Degree is scheduled to be conferred on Saturday, June 18th at the Frederick Masonic Temple. We will open at 10 AM and confer the Royal and Select Master Degrees on all and any worthy candidates.

We will then enjoy a luncheon served by Frederick Order of the Eastern Star Chapter # 79. The Super Excellent Master Degree will then be conferred at 1 PM.

Earlier this week, I was approached by MIGM David Laucius of Delaware who requested to bring a contingent of Delaware Companions to observe and/or have the SEM conferred upon them. I wholeheartedly welcome their presence and participation; it also will further strengthen the relationship which are enjoyed by our two jurisdictions.

I also intend on extending invitations to neighboring jurisdictions—District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia.

I wish to already thank each participant in either the degree work in the morning or the SEM in the afternoon. Some of you are in this room today. Also, to the Eastern Star for the preparation and serving of what I'm sure will be a great meal. I cannot express how much all of this means as we bring further Light to our Companions.

It should be an excellent day of Masonry.

Membership

Companions, conferring the degrees and growing our membership is always a critical issue. I wanted to take a moment and review with you the final data from Cryptic Year 2021:

September 1, 2020:		1,037 Companions
Additions:	Greetings:	26
	Reinstatements:	<u>8</u>
Total Additions:		1,071
Subtractions:		
	Deaths:	18
	Suspensions:	6
	Suspensions by Blue Lodge:	4
	Demits:	7
	Corrections:	<u>2</u>
Total Subtractions:		37
Net, August 1, 2021		1,034
Net Gain/Loss		(-3)

Companions, while the jurisdiction experienced a slight loss in membership, in looking at this data, the one category which made the difference in keeping the loss from being greater were those Companions which were reinstated. Reinstating Companions from NPD is just as

important as greeting new Companions. Without the eight reinstatements, the jurisdiction would have been in the negative by minus 11. Make an effort to reach out to those Companions who have gone NPD. If we can just get two per Council, just think what a difference that would make to our membership rolls, not only for dues and income, but hopefully to become participating members.

Consolidations

Companions, it is always an unfortunate to have to disband a Masonic body or to merge with another one; there is always a loss of history when consolidation occurs. But consolidating resources can work to the advantage of both organizations. I wanted to provide you with an update concerning the status of four of our Councils. These are:

- Samuel Clemens Council # 25
- York Council # 23
- Jeshua Council # 8
- Zabud Council #9

Samuel Clemens #25: This Council has not been viable for several years. It has been requested that bank records be provided to finally close out this Council. We are still waiting on those records; my goal was to have this resolved by this meeting.

York Council #23: This Council has been struggling with attendance for some time. They, along with the other York Rite bodies located at Camp Springs each suffer from a lack of critical mass to operate. However, they are determined to make a stand and remain at that location and meet on the same date and time.

The Grand Council stands ready to render assistance in any way necessary, but a serious and heartfelt look at their future at their current location needs to be made.

Jeshua Council #8/Zabud Council #9: Zabud Council #9 in Cambridge has broached the possibility of merging with Jeshua Council #8 in Easton. The Grand Council supports this move; neither Council greeted any Companions last year and will work with both Councils to facilitate this process.

It is my goal to have this consummated by August 31st.

My thanks to Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, Companion John Rafine, for his efforts in these three areas.

Ritual

Companions, you know I will never give one of these addresses without bringing up ritual. It is the quintessential element of our Fraternity, the thing that distinguishes us from other organizations.

Poor, thrown together work will look just like that. The candidate will get very little out of the conferral, may never come back and could very well wind up dropping out or going NPD.

On the other hand, executed properly, our degrees can be profound and moving to the candidate. It may motivate them to become active, take a part in our conferrals and maybe go on the line as officers.

Our two degrees, while not lengthy (we can comfortably confer both in one evening), are very prolific and expand upon the Royal Arch Degree, the Secret Vault and its contents.

They are worth taking the time to be correctly conferred. Establish your degree teams well in advance of the actual conferral date. We're all subject to the constraints of everyday life—work, family, other Masonic obligations, but try to have a rehearsal; if not, at least a walkthrough that evening prior to opening.

I have not had the opportunity to observe degree work in all of our Councils, but I have been able to be present for conferrals in four of our Councils, and the work has been performed in excellent fashion.

In closing, my Companions, I have to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Grand Master. I appreciate your support and even moreso the efforts you exert on behalf of your own Councils and Cryptic Masonry in Maryland.

I move that this report be accepted and included in the proceedings of this Grand Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randolph S. Disney
M.I. Grand Master, Grand Council of R&SM of Maryland

7. Report of the Grand Recorder

RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

MIGM,

- IRS 990N Reports and Confirmations Portal access at yorkritemaryland.org.
- Annual Report on the Grand Recorder's page
- Management of Banking and Investment Accounts: Avoid dormancy.
- General Grand Council Website
- General Grand Council Awards need to be studied and pursued by the Awards Committee.

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.

Annual Reports: The Summary of the Annual Reports for 2021 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 based on that data.

Dormancy: If financial accounts are not attended to in a three year period in the state of Maryland, the accounts will be deemed to be dormant, and the funds escheated to the State of Maryland. The funds can be recovered, but this is another unpleasant process. Please note that Certificates of Deposit rolling over do not constitute proper attention to the funds...you must visit you institution or have a dialog with your investment officer that constitutes your active management of the moneys to avoid this situation.

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

8. Report of the Grand Treasurer

M.I. Comp. John A. Rafine

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

The investment accounts for the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Maryland were held by Morgan Stanley. Total investment values for the past three years were as follows:

10/31/2019	\$192,863.90
10/31/2020	\$166,645.11
10/31/2021	\$195,904.32
04/30/2022	\$187,166.94

Our investments grew by 18.81% during our last fiscal year compared to a year-to-date return of -0.58% during this reporting period of 11/01/2021 through 04/30/22.

Ms. Holly Tilford, our Morgan Stanley Financial Advisor recommended purchasing Campbell Soup and AT&T corporate bonds and we added these positions in the amount of \$10,000 each to our portfolio.

On November 8, 2021, \$6,350 from this account was transferred to the operating account.

Operating Account

Our operating account is held at M&T bank. Our account balance at the beginning of this reporting period was \$4995.09 and our closing balance for this reporting period was \$7,537.32 of which \$690 was income for the Time Capsule account.

Time Capsule 2000 Walk of Remembrance Account

The checking account held by Howard Bank was transferred to First National Bank resulting from a merger. Our account balance at the beginning and end of this reporting period was \$3661.43. Income from brick sales totaling \$690 were deposited into the operating fund. Our Finance Committee agrees to await receipt of a copy of our Determination letter from IRS and a letter of Affirmation from our Grand Recorder. We plan to close the First National Bank account, open an account with another financial institution after adding a dba (Doing Business As) "Walk of Remembrance" to our existing Grand Council Employer Identification Number.

Summaries of the investment and operating account activity along with the 2022-2023 proposed budget are attached as part of this report.

Fraternally,

John Rafine, MIPGM, Treasurer

Report: Cash Flow

Category	11/1/21 - 4/30/22
INFLOWS	\$6,882.50
A. Per Capita	\$347.50
E. Transfer from Investment Acct	\$6,350.00
K. Time Capsule 2000	\$110.00
L. CMMRF Member Donations	\$75.00
OUTFLOWS	-\$550.27
19. Membership & Degree Teams	-\$119.88
23. SEM Degree	-\$269.00
8. Office Expenses	-\$161.39
TOTAL	\$6,332.23

9. Report of the Grand Lecturer

M.I Comp. Randall L. Watson

MIGM and Companions,

No Companions have completed Degree Certifications since last year. There are a few Companions who plan to be ready next Spring.

A Special Grand Assembly was convened at 10:00 am on this date in the Gothic Room at the Grand Lodge in Cockeysville for the sole purpose of conferring the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree for Companion William Wickham, TIM of Jerusalem Council #2. The Law School was held at 9:00 am. Due to illness, Companion Wickham could not attend the conferral held April 24, 2021 and he was granted dispensation by Most Illustrious Grand Master Disney to delay receipt of the Degree until this year.

This report of the Grand Lecturer is respectfully submitted for the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly.

Randall Watson, MIPGM

Grand Lecturer

10. Accounts & Finance

R.I. Comp. William C. Hare

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 been reviewed during this year and are found to be in good order.

The Grand Recorder's records for his final year of responsibility for the Operating Account were 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 2022 -2023 operating year (November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023), which was prepared based on previous actuals and the Most Illustrious Grand Master's plans for the year. There are estimates for the General Grand Triennium which details are unknown at this time, but provisions must be made in the budget. 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			
		2021-2022	2022-2023
		Accepted	Proposed
Income	DESCRIPTION/TITLE		
A	Per Capita (based on 975@\$7.50)	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 7,312.50
B	Greeting Fees	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
C	Interest/Dividends	\$ -	\$ -
D	Miscellaneous		
E	Transfer from Investments	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 14,525.00
F	Ritual	\$ -	\$ -
G	Fund Raising	\$ -	\$ -
H	SEM	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
I	Insurance	\$ -	\$ -
J	Festive Board	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 17,275.00	\$ 22,087.50
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 (based on 975@\$2.50)	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 2,437.50
8	Office Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00
9	Annual Proceedings & Postage	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
10	Flowers & Memorials	\$ -	\$ -
11	Sessions Expenses	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
12	Grand Master's Apron & Case	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
13	Triennial Expenses	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
14	CMMRF	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
15	Printing/Dues Card	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
16	Equipment & Software Purchases	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
17	Bonnie Blink Church Service	\$ -	\$ -
18	Award & Recognition	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
19	Membership/Degree Teams	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
20	Youth Group/ Hersey Trip	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
21	Web Site	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
22	Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
23	SEM Degree	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
24	Insurance	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
25	Anniversary	\$ -	\$ -
26	Table Council	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 17,275.00	\$ 22,087.50

12. CMMRF

Comp. Louis P. Romeo, Jr. PTIM

MIGM,

Today we will the last raffle under my position. The Grand Council of Maryland has donated \$ 8444.22 from October 1, 2021 through April 28, 2022. This was accomplished by donations from individual Councils with Harmony Council No. 20 leading the list. Although there were nine Council contributing, the Grand Council reached \$1274.89 of the total accounted for.

Fraternally,
Louis P. Romeo Jr.
Chairman.

Following this report, Comp. Romeo asked the Grand Recorder to draw the winning ticket for the 50/50. The chosen was Comp. Gary Kennedy of Enoch Council. Comp. Kennedy declined to received the prized amount and immediately donated his half of the proceeds to CMMRF. The total amount collected by Comp. Romeo was \$ 775.00. The Grand Recorder stated that CMMRF would be informed that half of this total is to be credited to Comp. Gary Kennedy.

13. Super Excellent Master Degree

MIGM Randolph S. Disney

The SEM Degree will be conferred on June 18, 2022 at Frederick Lodge. The Royal Master and Select Master Degree will be conferred in the morning followed by a lunch provided by the local Chapter of the Eastern Star. The SEM Degree will follow the lunch. The Grand Council of Delaware has requested that candidates be accepted, and the MIGM has granted this request. Invitations will be extended to the District of Columbia, Virginia, and West Virginia also.

The General Grand Council has certificates or Patents for the SEM which we will pursue with General Grand Recorder Stephen Blake.

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.

16. Committee on Grievance

MIPGM Gordon A. Davids

Dear Companion Disney:

Your Committee on Grievance is pleased to report that no grievances were referred to the Committee for action during this term. Therefore, your Committee has no items to report.

Your Committee thanks you for this appointment, and for the honor of being called to serve you and the Grand Council in this potentially important function.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Grievance,
Companion Jeffrey Dill, MIPGM
Companion Vernon Huebschman
Companion Gordon A. Davids, MIPGM, Chairman

17. Jurisprudence and Constitution

MIPGM John A Rafine

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

We are pleased to report that nothing has been brought before this committee for review or comment.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee and wish you continued health and success for the remainder of your term in office.

Fraternally,

John Rafine, MIPGM
Michael Boughman, PTIM
Ed Foreman, MIPGM

18. Long Range Planning Committee

RIGPCW Treklas

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

19. Membership

See MIGM Report

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

20. Recognition and Awards

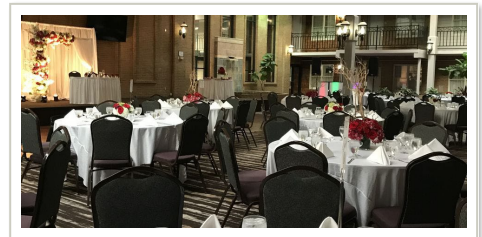
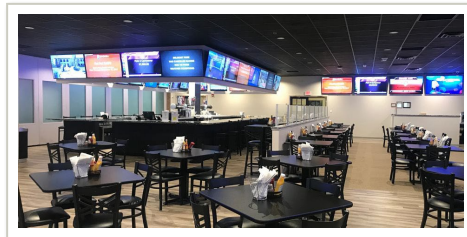
RIGPCW Spyridon G. Treklas

This report will be given at the Annual Grand Assembly.

21. Time & Place 2018

Comp. William C. Hare

The following proposal was submitted by the Clarion Hotel in Frederick Maryland.
After a discussion of the terms and conditions of this proposal a motion was made to accept the proposal, and to refer this proposal to the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery for their action.
The motion passed unanimously.



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John Austin

Thursday, May 5, 2022

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2429 Park Mills Rd, Adamstown, MD, 21710 301-674-2075

Thank you for considering us for your event! The Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center has availability for the dates that you requested, and we are pleased to present the following:

- Full use of our well-appointed banquet facilities.
- Clean, elegant, and disinfected event spaces.
- Beautiful and delicious food thoughtfully prepared by Chef Jules.
- Professional Banquet Staff prepared to cater to all of your guests' needs
- Dedicated Event Coordinator.
- Lots of FREE parking!

**1 ROOM
BLOCK**

1.1.1 Thursday, October 26, 2023 – Sunday, October 29, 2023

Room	Rate	Thu Oct 26	Fri Oct 27	Sat Oct 28	Sun Oct 29
Run of House	\$109.00	–	40	40	–
Totals		–	40	40	–

Total Room Nights: 80

Room Rates Include Breakfast in Our Restaurant.

Should The Guest Room Pickup Fall Below 80% On A Nightly Basis, We Reserve The Right To Assess A Fee Equivalent to 100% Of The Revenue Loss Unless Guest Rooms Can Be Resold At Or Above The Prevailing Group Rate.

2.1.1 [View on Floor Plan](#)

2 MEETING SPACE / SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 26, 2023					
Time	Function	Room	Number/Setup	Food and Beverage Minimum	Notes
12:00pm – 12:00am	Registration	Pre-function Lobby			No Fee
Friday, October 27, 2023					
Time	Function	Room	Number/Setup	Food and Beverage Minimum	Notes
8:00am – 12:00am	Registration	Pre-function Lobby			No Fee
6:00pm – 11:00pm	Meeting	FSK - C/D	70 / Theater Style		
Saturday, October 28, 2023					
Time	Function	Room	Number/Setup	Food and Beverage Minimum	Notes
8:00am – 12:00am	Registration	Pre-function Lobby			No Fee
12:00pm – 4:00pm	Women's Luncheon	FSK - C/D	40 / Classroom	\$350.00	
12:00pm – 4:00pm	Men's Luncheon	FSK - E/F	60 / Classroom	\$350.00	
4:00pm – 12:00am	Banquet	FSK - A/B	120 / Rounds	\$1,500.00	

Friday Evening, you currently have several options in addition to FSK CD mentioned above:

FSK A
2,244 Sq Ft
70 Theatre Style
\$1,000 Room Rental +6% Tax & 21% Service Charge (Waived If 100% Of Room Block Picked Up)

Winchester
600 Sq Ft
50 Theatre Style
\$350 Room Rental +6% Tax & 21% Service Charge (Waived if 80% Of Room Block Picked Up)

2.2 CONCESSIONS / OTHER INFORMATION

Group will receive (1) complimentary guestroom for every (35) occupied, revenue-producing guestrooms on a cumulative basis (total room nights utilized divided by 40) Unused complimentary guestrooms will have no monetary value.

Clarion To Offer (1) Complimentary Fruit & Cheese Display For Event

Room Rental Friday Waived If 80% Of 80 Room Block is Picked up. If 80% is not picked up, room rental fee will be \$750.

(1) Microphone & Speaker Included At No Additional Cost. Additional Microphone & Speakers are available upon request at \$30++ per day

(1) Guest Room To Be Used As Hospitality Room at rate of \$109. Beds Can Be Removed From the room for a fee of \$150 inclusive.

Please note a 6% tax and 21% service charge is applied to all event cost.

Thank you again for your interest. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Please keep in mind the space is currently available but not yet blocked. If you would like to move forward with reserving this space, please let me know!

Sincerely,



2.3 THE CLARION INN® FREDERICK EVENT CENTER

If you're planning an event or meeting in Frederick, look no further than The Clarion Inn® Frederick Event Center. Groups will love gathering at our affordable conference center hotel, which is conveniently located and has wonderful amenities along with plenty of meeting space. Museums, martini bars and Civil War-era buildings offering gourmet cuisine are all around the corner from comfortable, affordable lodging here.

Freshly cooked eggs, bacon, sausages and waffles or other choices from our free hot breakfast options get the day started right for you and your group. A spacious, comfortable lounge with free WiFi allows for easing into the morning—or you can pick up the pace during an invigorating workout in our fitness center. Kids can work off their morning energy in our game area while you plan your visit to the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Or perhaps you'd like to experience Adventure Park USA and Gambrill State Park. Our knowledgeable, friendly staff will point you in the right direction for an memorable and enjoyable visit in the Frederick area.

Recount the day's adventures while lounging by our heated indoor pool with a refreshment from our bar. Your group can gather for a meal at our restaurant, or choose from one of Frederick's fine dining establishments. This pet-friendly hotel and its energetic, upbeat employees will ensure a productive and restful stay. Connect with family, friends or co-workers in historical downtown Frederick by booking a room at this well-appointed hotel.

22. Sessions 2022

RI Comp. William C. Hare

The 2022 Grand York Session will be held at the Dunes Hotel in Ocean, as in the previous year and under the same conditions.

23. Youth Relations

RI Comp. Randall L. Watson
May 5, 2022

MIGM and Companions,

The past few years, the York Rite jointly sponsored an annual Youth Prospect Trip to Hershey Park 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. Grand Commandery took the lead on setting up the trip and Grand Chapter and Grand Council assisted with funding it. As previously reported, the trips scheduled for 2020 and 2021 were both cancelled due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus control provisions.

For this year, instead of another Hershey Park Trip, the Youth Relations Committees decided to have a different activity – an outing to Medieval Times in Arundel Mills. Scott and Marcy Lapp have been in contact with staff at Medieval Times about setting up the function, but the specific date and exact group discounted prices have not yet been finalized. Since we will not require renting buses, the total cost of the activity will be significantly less than the Hershey Park Trip.

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

Randall Watson, MIPGM

Chairman

24. Unfinished Business

RI Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas

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

25. New Business

RI Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas

The Grand Recorder reminded those present of the necessity to keep active management over all operational, savings, and investment account to avoid being declared dormant and escheated to the State of Maryland.

27. Election of Officers

MIPGM Randall L. Watson

The following Companions were nominated for their respective offices.

RI Comp. William C. Hare	Most Illustrious Grand Master
RI Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Comp. Dennis W. Ewing	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
MI Comp. John A. Rafine	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder

There being no further nomination, MIPGM Watson declared the Nominations closed, and those elected by unanimous vote. Officers will be installed at the Annual Grand Assembly in October.

28. Closing Remarks

Various Companions

None

29. Closing

MIGM Disney close the Grand Council in Ample Form at 12: 25p.m.

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