

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



October 28, 2022

Dunes Manor Hotel
Ocean City- Maryland



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

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. Auston

Official Notice is 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.**

The Grand Chapter will meet in Grand Convocation **Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 9:00 am.** to conduct all business proper to the Annual Grand Convocation. Agenda to include Finance Presentations, Installation 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: Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City, MD. In the Verrazano Ballroom.

The Grand Council will meet in Grand Assembly on **Friday8 October 23, 2022, at 3:00 pm.** to conduct all business proper to the Annual Grand Assembly. Agenda to include Finance Presentations, Installation of the 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: Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City, MD. In the Verrazano Ballroom.

The Grand Commandery will meet in Grand Conclave **Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 1:15 pm.** to conduct all business proper to the Annual Grand Conclave. Agenda to include Presentations, Installation of 2023 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports, as necessary. The dress is Full Templar Uniform, Chapeau & Sword.

Location: Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City, MD. In the Verrazano Ballroom.

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
Knights Templars in MD

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland
Semi-Annual Grand Assembly
October 28, 2022
Ocean City , Maryland
3:00 p.m.

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| 1. Grand Council Opening | MIGM Randolph S. Disney |
| 2. Credentials Committee/Roll Call* | Preliminary Report: Vernon Huebschman |
| 3. Reception of MIPGM's* | MIGM Randolph S. Disney |
| 4. Proceedings | Grand Recorder Vernon H. Huebschman |
| 5. TIM Degree Proceedings | Reported at Semi-Annual |
| 6. Officer's Report * | MIGM: Randolph S. Disney |
| 7. Officer's Report* | Grand Recorder: Vernon H. Huebschman, PTIM |
| 8. Officer's Report* | Grand Treasurer: John A. Rafine, MIPGM |
| 9. Officer's Report* | Grand Lecturer: MIPGM Randall L. Watson |
| 10. Accounts & Finance | RIDGM William C. Hare |
| 11. Dispensations & Charters | RIGPCW Spyridon G. Treklas |
| 12. CMMRF* | PTIM G> Andrew Martinez |
| 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 |
| 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. Installation of 2022 – 2023 Officers* | MIPGM Richard P. Naegele, |
| 27. Remarks* | |
| 28. Closing | MIGM William C. Hare |

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

2. Credentials Committee

RI Vernon H. Huebschman

Roll Call of Voting Members

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. Aughenbaugh	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. Proceedings: Annual 2021

RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

MIGM,

As the Proceeding of the 2022 Swmi-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 substantive nature or omissions upon review by the MIGM.

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

5. Proceedings: Council of TIM's

RI Grand Recorder Vernon Huebschman

As the Council of TIM's was held within the body of the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly, and thus avoiding the necessity of a Special Grand Assembly, the Proceeding of the TIM Council are contained within the Semi-Annual Proceeding of the Grand Council.

6. Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master

M.I. Comp. Randolph S. Disney

Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Taylor,
Right Puissant Regional Deputy General Grand Master Walsh,
Most Illustrious guests,
Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters of the R&SM of Maryland and Companions All—

Greetings and welcome to the Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of R&SM of the State of Maryland. It is also very special that this year's Assembly is again being held at the Dunes Manor on the Atlantic Ocean.

When I assumed this responsibility, I pledged to be visible, accessible and available to assist the subordinate Councils with any ritualistic needs they may require.

To that end, Grand Visitations at all of the subordinate Councils have been conducted. This year,

- Jerusalem #2 was visited on February 22nd.
- On October 13th, the Grand Council visited Easton for a joint visitation with the Eastern Shore Councils (Jeshua #8, Zabud #9, Adoniram #21 and Giblim #12). In addition to the visitation, the Royal Master and Select Master degrees were conferred on three companions. I had the pleasure of assisting in both conferrals.

On a similar note, I assisted at Hiram #5 in the conferral of the two degrees.

An always enjoyable event is installing the officers of the subordinate Councils. This year, I had the opportunity to install the officers at:

- Concordia #1
- Jerusalem #2
- Hiram #5
- King Solomon's #13
- Harmony #20

On January 8th, I represented the Grand Council at the Installation of Officers of Boumi Shrine. It was a very enjoyable evening of Masonic fraternalism.

On January 22nd, I traveled to Sharon Lodge #182 and presented Worshipful Master Matthew Schweigert his WM pin.

On the weekend of March 11-12, I attended Delaware's Grand Sessions in Rehoboth Beach. It was a very informative session and afforded an opportunity to renew many friendships with our Delaware Companions.

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Council was held on May 7th in the Oriental Room at the Grand Lodge. Prior to the meeting, MIPGM Randall Watson conducted Law School for TIM William Wickham of Jerusalem #2. Immediately following, the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree was conferred on Companion Wickham. The conferral team did a superlative job in presenting a very moving degree. My congratulations to all on the team.

Also of note, I had the pleasure of greeting several of our MIPGMs: Most Illustrious Companions Gordon A. Davids, Robert B. Lumbert, James B. Coker, Ronald Augenbaugh, John A. Rafine, and Randall L. Watson. This made the session particularly notable, since these Most Illustrious Companions took the time to attend on a chilly and rainy morning.

The Super Excellent Master Degree was conferred in Frederick on June 18th. More comments on this event will be forthcoming.

For the first time, Boumi Shrine presented the Arch Degree at its Spring Ceremonial. The event took place on June 25th and I was honored to represent the York Rite for that portion of the degree.

The Maryland Association of DeMolay Chapters held its annual Conclave on July 10th at Salisbury University. As a Senior DeMolay, it was especially ingratiating to represent the Grand Council at this event. Its always great to see our youth involved in something positive and I can't think of any better activity than DeMolay and the other youth groups.

I accepted an invitation to attend a joint Blue Lodge/York Rite Festive Board at Pentalpha Lodge in Germantown. It was a terrific evening with an excellent presentation from Brother Brent Morris on cryptography. It was just a fine evening and I appreciate the invitation from Companion and Right Eminent Grand Commander John Austin.

CMMRF

Companions, the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation is one of the most worthwhile of the Masonic charities. The Foundation, founded in 1986, funds research at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis. Current research interests include:

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

Companions, each of these are debilitating conditions which could (although we hope never do) impact us or our loved ones. But through the efforts of CMMRF, skilled teams of researchers are working to solve the riddles of these diseases.

At the Semi-Annual communication, our CMMRF Chairman, Illustrious Companion Lou Romero, announced that he was stepping aside in this role. I want to thank Companion Lou for his dedicated service in this capacity and appreciate his support during my term of office.

The CMMRF Chairmanship has now been turned over to Illustrious Companion Andy Martinez. Given the manner in which he chaired RARA for the Grand Chapter, CMMRF is in very capable hands.

I look forward to hearing his report.

Super Excellent Master Degree

On Saturday, June 18th, the Super Excellent Master Degree was conferred at the Frederick Masonic Temple. Companions, if you weren't in attendance, you missed a wonderful day for Cryptic Masonry.

The day, hosted by Enoch Council #10, was opened at 10 AM and the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees were conferred on six Companions. The Royal Master was conferred by Enoch #10 and the Select Master was conferred by Harmony Council #20. Both conferrals were executed in excellent fashion.

After the Council was put at ease, all adjourned to the dining hall for an excellent luncheon served by Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #79 of Frederick.

The Council then reconvened and the Super Excellent Master Degree was conferred on a class of forty Companions. It was an outstanding day for Cryptic Masonry. Both Lodge Rooms were used for the various acts of the conferral and were filled to capacity with Companions.

In attendance was MIGM Dave Laucius and a contingent from Delaware. Several of our Delaware Companions participated as candidates in the conferral. We thank MIGM Laucius and our Delaware Companions for their presence and participation. Thank you again.

There are so many others to thank, I'm sure I am going to overlook someone, so please don't be offended.

The Companions of Enoch #10—for hosting the event and conferring the Royal Master Degree.

The Companions of Harmony #20— for conferring the Select Master Degree and Companion Michael Neubeck from Hiram Council #5, who did a fine job as PCW in the Royal Master and Captain of the Guard in the Select Master.

Illustrious Companion Gary Kennedy—for doing all of the leg work in securing the Lodge Rooms, co-ordinating with the Eastern Star, making props and costumes available. His role was invaluable.

MIPGM Randy Watson—for overseeing the rehearsals and co-ordinating the costumes and personnel during the course of the conferral.

Companion Scott Lapp—for being an efficient “traffic cop” in getting the Companions from Lodge Room to Lodge Room during the various acts in the conferral.

Illustrious Companions Dennis Ewing and Andy Martinez—for executing their parts of Nebuchanezzar and Jeremiah for the first time and in excellent fashion.

And to all of the other Companions who took a role great or small. Even if you were a non-speaking Guard or Soldier, your role was just as integral in making the conferral a success.

Membership

My Companions, I want to make a few comments about membership and to share some numbers with you. According to the latest data:

Membership @ Beginning, Reporting Period:	1,032
Greetings:	13
Reinstatements:	3
Total:	1,048

Less:

Deaths:	56
Suspensions by Council Action:	38
Suspensions by Lodge Action:	20
Demits	12

Total, End Reporting Period:	918
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If the data is evaluated, it will be seen that there is an unusually high number of deaths and suspensions. The preponderance of changes occurred in Hiram Council #5 and Jerusalem #2. This is owed to updating and cleaning up of their respective membership records.

This does happen and it is done with the expectation that the books are square now and will be timely and accurate going forward.

Mergers and Dissolutions

During the course of the year, after a long period of inactivity, Samuel Clemens Council was dissolved. By my order, the Companions of this Council have been released to join Councils of their choice within the jurisdiction. Grand Recorder Huebschman has reached out to those affected Companions in writing explaining the process, ramifications and deadlines.

A merger between Jeshua Council #8 in Easton and Zabud Council #9 in Cambridge has been proposed. This move makes sense given the membership of the two Councils and will progress into the next year.

Ritual

I have been fortunate to observe and participate in degree work at a number of my Grand Visitations. I was impressed with the quality of the work and came away with the satisfaction that our work is being properly performed.

I will defer further comments to our Grand Lecturer.

Necrology

During the Cryptic Year, September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022, twenty-six Companions were called from labor to refreshment. One of these, Companion Robert Heinze, was a Past Thrice illustrious Master of Hiram Council #5.

Companions, please join me in a moment of silence for these departed Companions.

Thank you, Companions.

Companions, after two years, I am concluding my term as Most Illustrious Grand Master. I can tell you in all honesty that it has been a job that I have completely enjoyed. My major motivation for serving two years was because of the influence the pandemic had on our ability to accomplish anything—in my first year, we were able to get a handful of Grand Visitations completed and that was about it.

Additionally, after being cancelled in Spring 2020 due to the pandemic, I wanted to make sure that the Super Excellent Master Degree was conferred. The job meant more to me than collecting a jewel or an apron.

I thank Right Puissant General Grand PCW Tom Taylor, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master James B. Walsh, MIGM Dave Laucius and our other out of state visitors for taking the time and effort to attend our sessions.

I wish nothing but success for our incoming dais officers, MIGM-elect Hare, Deputy Grand Master-elect Treklas and R.I PCW Dennis Ewing and the other officers of the Grand Line. I pledge my support to them and am available and always only a phone call away.

I have always found it a pleasure to visit the various Councils in the jurisdiction and to help out with their ritualistic needs.

I have made it a goal to bring Cryptic Masonry more to the forefront by being visible and accessible throughout the jurisdiction and at various events.

Again, I have many people I need to thank.

First, to my line of officers for their support over the course of the last two years.

To my Grand Recorder, Right Illustrious Companion Vernon Huebschman for keeping me on target and for offering his good counsel and our Grand Treasurer, Most Illustrious Companion John Rafine, for his diligent and timely management of the Grand Council's finances. Flanking me are, in my opinion, two of the best in the business.

To our Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, who have always been at the ready to assist and provide me with sound advice.

And lastly, but nearly not least, to each Cryptic Mason in the jurisdiction, each of you of whom I feel honored to have represented.

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted and included in the proceedings of this Grand Assembly.

7. Report of the Grand Recorder

R.I. Vernon H. Huebschman

Report of the Grand Recorder

October 28, 2022

MIGM,

The Summary of Annual Council Reports is attached to the Grand Recorder's Report and is on the back of the Agenda sheet provide for this Grand Assembly for the information of all attending.

IRS 990N: Thank you to the Councils which provided the required confirmation of filing the 2020 IRS 990N Returns. For the Councils which have not, you are putting your Tax Exempt Status in jeopardy, and risk the imposition of a \$600 administrative to re-establish this status...which is required to keep the financial accounts for your location bodies. The payment of these fees is a sinful waste of the limited assets of our local Council, and the waste of the dues that each of our Companions have paid so faithfully. I urge all Thrice Illustrious Masters to confirm that their Recorders and/or Treasurers are faithfully performing this duty each year. This task tasks only fifteen minutes to complete online. There is no excuse for failure and the waste that ensues.

Annual Reports: Thank you to our local Councils for their promptness in completing. Only two were late, and the quality of these late report is low...requiring further attention to the rushed effort to get the work in.

Training...hopefully, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter and I will be able to put together another School for Secretaries, Recorder & Treasurers for 2023...hopefully in February during the Grand Masters Conference when the weekend is not locked down.

General Grand Council: I continue to enjoy greatly the working relationship with our General Grand Recorder Steve Balke. He has regularly ZOOM meetings for the Grand Recorders in the Mid Atlantic Region. These meetings are surprisingly valuable to me. RP Comp. Blake is running the General Grand Council Line and I wish him well in his endeavors. MIPGM Mark Irwin, my cousin, is running for the office of General Grand Recorder, and I am sure he would an excellent job at this position.

MIGM, thank you for all the time you have generously given to me in the performance of my duties in responding to questions regarding dispensation, programs, and local matters. You have actively been visiting our Councils to support their activities. I have enjoyed our conversation and the time you have given me in the management of the Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted, with a motion to spread upon the Proceedings,

RI Comp. Vernon H. Huebschman

8. Report of the Grand Treasurer

M.I. Comp. John A. Rafine, MIPGM

October 22, 2022

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

This report covers the reporting period of November 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. As of Sep 30, 2022 our Morgan Stanley account value was \$183,450.13, a decrease of -8.05 % (\$16,057.99) during this fiscal year to date. Capital One Financial Corp and Legg Mason bonds were called for redemption and those proceeds deposited into our cash account. NATWEST fixed rate capital securities were also called and sale proceeds from these sales were placed into cash and the purchase of \$10,000 worth of Campbell Soup stock.

Our account balances as of September 30, 2022 were as follows:

- Morgan Stanley Account \$183,450.13
- M&T Bank Operating Account \$3,493.10
- First National Bank Time Capsule 2000 Account \$3,661.43

Ms. Tilford, our Morgan Stanley financial advisor was contacted and explained we are experiencing the results of market declines, interest rate hikes and inflation. She expects similar performance the remainder of this year.

We are continuing to monitor the stock and bond markets to determine if better performing investments are advisable.

There is \$690 in our Operating Account which will be transferred when a Time Capsule checking account is established with M&T Bank. As reported at our May 2022 Grand Assembly, we requested and received approval to move the Time Capsule checking account from Howard Bank which merged into First National Bank to M&T Bank. IRS was contacted and agreed to send a determination letter to our Grand Recorder which was not received. The Grand Recorder and I have made plans to visit M&T Bank mid-November to attempt to establish an account using our Grand Recorder's IRS certification letter.

This year's Super Excellent Master Degree conferral was estimated to cost approximately \$2,000. No fees were charged to candidates and lunch was provided at no cost to all attendees. Our total income for this event was \$2607 of which \$172 was collected for CMMRF and the total cost was \$3,917.11, a deficit of \$1,310.11. To offset increases, MIGM Disney volunteered to reduce his travel allocation. This report including all attachments were furnished to our Accounts and Finance Committee for review.

Respectfully submitted,
John Rafine, MIPGM
Grand Treasurer

Attachments:

**Grand Council Royal & Select Masters Statement of
Accounts
as of September 30, 2022**

Morgan Stanley	balance 11/01/2021	\$199,508.12
	balance 09/30/2022	\$183,450.13
M&T Bank Operating Account	balance 11/01/2021	\$4,995.09
	deposits	\$8,641.01
	debits	(\$10,143.00)
	* balance 09/30/2022	\$3,493.10
* (Includes \$690 to be transferred to Time Capsule 2000 checking acct)		
First National Bank (Time Capsule)	balance 11/01/2021	\$3,661.43
	deposits	\$0.00
	debits	\$0.00
	balance 09/30/2022	\$3,661.43
Total Value as of 09/30/2022		\$190,604.66

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Maryland Grand Treasurer's Report

Morgan Stanley Investment Account
November 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022

	% of Holding	Cost	11/1/2021	9/30/2022	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Change in Value Nov to Sep
Cash and Money Market Funds	13.51%	-	\$ 28,007.16	\$ 24,789.46		\$ (3,217.70)
Stocks						
<i>Common Stocks</i>						
Constellation Energy Corp			\$ 15,957.00	\$ 8,319.00		\$ (7,638.00)
Excelon Corp				\$ 11,238.00		\$ 11,238.00
Magellan Midstream Partners			\$ 29,400.00	\$ 28,506.00		\$ (894.00)
Omega Healthcare Inv Inc.			\$ 19,084.00	\$ 19,168.50		\$ 84.50
Pembina Pipeline Corp.			\$ 8,437.95	\$ 7,744.35		\$ (693.60)
<i>Preferred Stocks</i>						
J PMorgan Chase & C			\$ 10,444.00	\$ 7,584.00		\$ (2,860.00)
The Hartford Fin Ser				\$ 13,846.25		\$ 13,846.25
Total Stocks	52.55%	\$ 50,754.55	\$ 83,322.95	\$ 96,406.10	\$ 26,094.56	\$ 13,083.15
Exchange Traded and Closed End Funds						
PIMCO Corporate and Income Opportunity			\$ 9,065.00	\$ 5,875.00		\$ (3,190.00)
Total Exchange Traded and Closed End Funds	3.20%	\$ 8,485.63	\$ 9,065.00	\$ 5,875.00	\$ (2,610.63)	\$ (3,190.00)
Corporate Fixed Income						
<i>Bonds</i>						
Natwest Group PLC FXD			\$ 14,925.00	\$ -		\$ (14,925.00)
Campbell Soup Co				\$ 9,957.20		\$ 9,957.20
AT&T Inc			\$ 10,118.80	\$ -		\$ (10,118.80)
interest			\$ 29.62	\$ 15.21		\$ (14.41)
Total Corporate Fixed Income	5.44%	\$ 10,086.30	\$ 25,073.42	\$ 9,972.41	\$ (129.10)	\$ (15,101.01)
Mutual Funds						
American BD FD of America			\$ 15,879.04	\$ 13,591.03		\$ (2,288.01)
American CAP INC Builder			\$ 38,160.55	\$ 32,816.13		\$ (5,344.42)
Total Mutual Funds	25.30%	\$ 49,746.37	\$ 54,039.59	\$ 46,407.16	\$ (3,339.21)	\$ (7,632.43)
Total Value	100.00%	\$ 119,072.85	\$ 199,508.12	\$ 183,450.13	\$ 20,015.62	\$ (16,057.99)

	SEM Degree Financial Statement	October 22, 2022
INCOME		
\$ 2,000.00	budgeted allocation	
\$ 125.00	cash donations from Delaware companions	
\$ 50.00	check from DE Companion	
\$ 172.00	cash - meal offering for CMMRF	
\$ 260.00	Yamulkes Sales (26 @\$10)	
\$ 2,607.00	TOTAL INCOME	
EXPENSES		
\$ 269.00	100 Yamulkes	
\$ 955.70	embroidery 95 yamulkes @ \$10 plus tax	
\$ 37.49	Candidate registration cards	
\$ 1,400.00	OES #79 \$1190 food bill (70 @ \$17) plus \$210 donation	
\$ 297.00	Staples - program printing	
\$ 300.00	FMHC lodge rental	
\$ 172.00	CMMRF donation	
\$ 75.92	Gary Kennedy coffee and doughnut reimbursement	
\$ 410.00	SEM Certificates	
\$ 3,917.11	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	
SUMMARY		
\$ 2,607.00	income	
\$ 3,917.11	expenses	
\$ (1,310.11)	deficit	

Grand Council of R&S/M/MD 10/21/2022		2021-2022 Grand Council Budget and YTD Expenses				
		2020-2021 Approved	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Approved	2021-2022 Actual YTD 10/21/2022	Balance
INCOME	DESCRIPTION/TITLE					
A	Per Capita (based on 1050)	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 9,332.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 4,836.51	\$ 3,038.49
B	Greeting Fees	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 160.00
C	Interest/Dividends	\$ -		\$ -		
D	Miscellaneous					
E	Transfer from Investments	\$ 6,350.00		\$ 8,150.00	\$ 6,350.00	\$ 1,800.00
F	Ritual		\$ 108.00	\$ -		
G	Fund Raising		\$ 710.00	\$ -		
H	SEM			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 557.00	\$ 443.00
I	Insurance	\$ -		\$ -		
J	Festive Board			\$ -		
K	Time Capsule 2000		\$ 580.00		\$ 165.00	\$ (165.00)
L	CMMRF Member Donations		\$ 200.00		\$ 975.00	\$ (975.00)
	TOTAL	\$ 14,475.00	\$11,130.00	\$ 17,275.00	\$ 12,973.51	\$ 4,301.49
EXPENSES						
1	Grand Recorder Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
2	Grand Lecturer Expenses			\$ -		
3	Grand Treasurer Expenses	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -
4	Grand Sentinel Gratuity	\$ -		\$ -		
5	Grand Organist Gratuity	\$ -		\$ -		
6	Officers' Travel Expenses	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,600.00
6.1	MIGM					
6.2	RIDGM					
6.3	RIGPCW					
7	Per Capita General Grand	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 2,572.50	\$ 2,625.00		\$ 2,625.00
8	Office Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 220.37	\$ 500.00	\$ 161.39	\$ 338.61
9	Annual Proceedings & Postage	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		
10	Flowers & Memorials	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)
11	Sessions Expenses	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,214.09	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,500.00
12	Grand Master's Apron & Case	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 401.38	\$ 398.62
13	Triennial Expenses			\$ -		
14	CMMRF Donation		\$ 1,411.62	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
14.1	Distribution of fundraising					
14.2	CMMRF Expenses					
15	Printing/Dues Card	\$ 250.00	\$ 90.48	\$ 250.00	\$ 160.24	\$ 89.76
16	Equipment & Software Purchases	\$ 250.00	\$ 12.19	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
17	Bonnie Blink Church Service			\$ -		
18	Award & Recognition	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
19	Membership/Degree Teams	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00	\$ 119.88	\$ 230.12
20	Youth Group/ Hersey Trip	\$ 500.00	\$ 51.73	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
21	Web Site	\$ 100.00		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
22	Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
23	SEM Degree			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,335.11	\$ (1,335.11)
24	Insurance	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,478.66	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,879.00	\$ (79.00)
25	Anniversary	\$ -		\$ -		
26	Table Council			\$ -		
	TOTAL	\$ 14,475.00	\$15,751.64	\$ 17,275.00	\$ 8,957.00	\$ 8,118.00

9. Grand Lecturer

M.I. Comp. Randall L. Watson, MIPGM

MIGM and Companions,

No Companions have completed Degree Certifications since the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly in May, but we believe that there are a few Companions who plan to be ready by Spring of 2023.

The updated Ritual formatted similarly to that adopted by the Grand Chapter is not ready for submission. I will turn over the electronic version I've been working on to the new Grand Lecturer and have offered to assist him in completing this project.

This report of the Grand Lecturer is respectfully submitted for the Annual Grand Assembly,

Randall Watson, MIPGM

Grand Lecturer

10. Accounts & Finance

R.I. Comp. William C. Hare, RIDGM

MIGM,

The Annual Budet for 2022-2023 was approved at the Semi-annual Grand Assembly in May. Records have been examined to date and are within the budget for the year so far. An audit will be performed at the end of the fiscal year and the results will be reported at the Semi-annual Grand Assembly in May 2023.

I move this report be adopted and spread upon the Proceeding; seconded by MIPGM Naegele and passed unanimously.

11. Dispensation & Charters

R.I. Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas, RIGPCW

MIGM,

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

Respectfully submitted,
Spyridon G. Treklas RIGPCW

12. Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) Comp. Andrew Martinez

MIGM,

CMMRF donations this year are down slightly compared to the previous year, coming in at \$1181.80 in 2022 compared to \$1274.89 in 2021.* That's less than \$100 per Council in Maryland. It is hoped that each Council next year can at least donate \$100 for this valuable research going forward. There will be a new program this year to help bolster the donations that are normally brought in by the raffle. Information and resources on CMMRF can be found on their website (www.cmmrf.org) If you need materials sooner than that, please do not hesitate to give me a call. CMMRF works to address many medical conditions including arthritis, stroke, cancer, diabetes, and heart failure to name a few. We all know someone who either suffers or has suffered from these and by helping provide donations to this worthy cause you just might save a life. I hope everyone can find it in their heart to donate even a little. I know these are trying times economically, but they are more trying for those facing a medical hardship in addition. Thank you all who continue to donate to this worthy cause.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Andrew Martinez
Grand Conductor of the Council
CMMRF Chairman

I move this report be accepted and spread upon the Proceedings; seconded by MIPGM Davids, and passed unanimously.

13. Super Excellent Master Degree

M.I. Comp. Randolph S. Disney, MIGM

The content of this report is included in the Report of the MIGM earlier. The reckoning of costs is included in the Grand Treasurer's Report.

14. Doings of the Grand Officers

M.I. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert MIPGM

MIGM

The only report that was given to me was the attendance of the RIDGM in New Hampshire. This extemporaneous remark required not motion.

15. Fraternal Relations

R.I. Comp. William C. Hare, RIDGM

MIGM,

No contact with other Grand Jurisdictions except for Notices of their Annual Sessions.

I move this report be accepted and spread upon the Proceedings; seconded by R.I. Comp. Spyridon Treklas and pass unanimously.

16. Grievance

M.I. Comp. Gordon A. Davids MIPGM

MIGM:

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

I move this report be accepted and spread upon the Proceedings; seconded by MIPGM Naegele and passed unanimously.

17. Jurisprudence & Constitution

M.I. Comp. John R. Rafine, MIPGM

Most Illustrious Grand Master Disney,

Our Grand Treasurer received a check from Samuel Clemons Council for its remaining checking account balance per requirements within Article XIV "Surrender of Charter" Section 6: "The funds and property of such extinct Council becomes the property of the Grand Council." Our Grand Recorder advised this committee that the effective date of surrender was

August 31, 2022 and its members have through December 31, 2022 to affiliate or join another Council. While no timeframe appears in our Grand Constitution, such timeframe is reasonable provided each companion who was a member of Samuel Clemons Council was or is duly notified.

No provisions have been made regarding membership after December 2022. We recommend our Most Illustrious Grand Master to consider specifying a Council that the former Samuel Clemon's members will be made a member of should they fail to affiliate or join another Council as of the end of this calendar year as this affects Maryland Commandery membership and reporting requirements of the General Grand Council.

No By-laws revisions or dispensations were provided to this committee for review.

It has been our pleasure to serve on this committee and we wish you continued success.

Fraternally,

John Rafine, MIPGM, Chairman
Edward A. Foreman, MIPGM
W. Michael Boughman, PTIM

18. Long Range Planning

MIGM,

The committee was unable to get together. However, it would be highly recommended that each of the three York Rite Bodies assign three members (total of nine companions) to create a uniform long range committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Spyridon G. Treklas RIGPCW

19. Membership

Comp. Arthur G. Hebbeler

No Report was submitted to the MIGM for this Grand Assembly. Membership data is seen in the Summary Report of the Grand Recorder of the Council Annual Reports.

20. Recognition & Awards

MIGM,

The General Grand Council Awards were nominated directly by you as the MIGM. The Order of the Secret Vault was nominated by MIPGM Richard Naegele. Both these nominations will be included in your report as the MIGM. However, I would like to take this opportunity and list all the awards available from the General Grand Council. For more information you may visit the General Grand Council page at <https://www.crypticmasons.org/category/resources/awards/>

1. Columbian Award – This is a triennial award given by the GGC to an outstanding Cryptic Mason for exemplary service to the Council.
2. Past Most Illustrious Grand Master – This award is given to the succeeded Grand Master of a Grand Council.
3. Mordhurst Award – This award is given to an individual who served as Grand Recorder of the Grand Council. This award is tracked by the office of the General Grand Recorder and is awarded upon verification of election, installation, service and completion of ten terms of office as a Grand Recorder.
4. Cryptic Mason of the Year – This award is given to an individual for exemplary service to his Council.
5. Ronald L. Thomas Ritualist Award – This award is given to an individual who has shown proficiency and exemplified the work for Royal Master, Select Master and the Super Excellent Master
6. Adult Youth Leadership Award – This award is given to an individual for his (her?) service to the Masonic Youth Groups.
7. 10% Gain Certificate – This award/certificate is awarded to the Council whose members strived and increased their membership by creating More Royal and Select Masters.
8. Veterans Medal – This award is given to any Companion who has served in the Armed Forces.
9. First Responder Award – This award is given to any Companion who is/was Fire Fighter, EMT, Law Enforcement, 911 Operators, Doctors, Nurses and any other profession that is considered as First Responder.
10. Lady of The Council – This award is given to a Lady, sponsored by a Cryptic Mason, for her outstanding dedication and support to Cryptic Masonry

Respectfully submitted,
Spyridon G. Treklas RIGPCW

I move this report be accepted and spread upon the Proceedings. Seconded by MIPGM Watson and pass unanimously.

21. Time & Place Committee

R.I. Comp. William Hare, RIDGM

Grand Sessions for 2023 will be in Frederick, MD at the Clarion Hotel. The details are included in the Semi-annual Proceedings.

22. Sessions 2022

R.I. Comp. William Hare, RIDGM

Thanks to all who worked on the preparations especially M.I. Comp. Randy Watson for handling the registrations and to the Social Order of the Beauseant for handling the Registration Desk and Hospitality Suite.

23. Youth Relations

M.I. Comp. Randall Watson, MIPGM

MIGM and Companions,

This year the Grand Commandery organized a dinner outing at Medieval Times in Arundel Mills instead of hosting a Hershey Park Trip, which had been held for the past several years on behalf of the York Rite. This trip was not only 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. Because of the location, no buses were needed this year, so the Medieval Times event was significantly less costly than a trip to Hershey Park. As the Grand Council was not needed to assist in funding this activity, our financial support for the three Maryland Masonic Youth Groups as provided for in the 2021-2022 Budget will be in the form of donation checks presented at the York Rite Banquet.

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

Randall Watson, MIPGM

Chairman

I move this report be accepted and spread upon the Proceedings, seconded by RIDGM Hare and passed unanimously.

24. Unfinished Business

R.I. Comp. Spyridon Treklas, RIGPCW.

MIGM,

There is no unfinished business for this Capitular year

Respectfully submitted,
Spyridon G. Treklas RIGPCW

25. New Business

M.I. Comp. Randolph S. Disney, MIGM

A motion was made by R.I. Comp. Vernon Huebschman that Zabud Council of Cambridge, MD be merged into Jeshua Council of Easton, MD; Seconded by M.I. Comp. Gordon A. Davids, and Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by M.I. Comp. Robert B. Lumbert, that the Grand Council of R&SM of Maryland fully endorse and support the candidacy of M.I. Comp. Mark Irwin for the office of General Grand Recorder of

the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. Seconded by MIPGM Naegele and passed unanimously.

26. Installation of the 2022 – 2023 Officers

M.I. Comp. Richard P. Naegele, MIPGM

The following Companions were presented for installation into their respective offices:

M.I. Grand Master	William C Hare, Jr.
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	Spyridon G. Treklas
R.I. Grand PCW	Dennis Ewing
R.I. Grand Treasurer	John Rafine, MIPGM
R.I. Grand Recorder	Vernon H. Huebschman
Grand Captain of the Guard	G. Andrew Martinez
Grand Cond of Council	Stephen W. Twomey II
Grand Marshall	Gary J. Kennedy
Grand Steward	William Wickham
Grand Sentinel	John Patrick Mitchell
Grand Chaplain	A. Dean Burt III
Grand Lecturer	Randolph S. Disney, MIPGM
CMMRF Chairman	G. Andrew Martinez
Gen Gr Council Ambassador	Robert B. Lumbert, MIPGM

27. Closing Remarks

M.I. Comp. William C. Hare, MIGM

MIGM William Hare thanked all who expressed their confidence in him by his election as Grand Master.

He ask the TIM's in each Council to focus on the development of a plan to further fundraising for CMMRF.

Comp. A. Dean Burt III offered a closing prayer in grateful for work done this day, and in blessing for those called to serve in the coming year.

MIGM Hare declared the Grand Assembly closed at 3:25 p.m

Respectfully submitted

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