



Office of  
the  
Most Illustrious Grand  
Master Cryptic Masons of  
Colorado

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**Memorial to Gilbert W. Carlton,**

**Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in 1994-1995**

Gilbert W. Carlton became a Master Mason on January 12, 1957, in Harmony Lodge No. 61 and presided over his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1986. Gil further served that lodge as its Treasurer for many years and guided much of the charitable giving of the Lodge. He was active in the Denver Masonic Officers Association, serving as its president and also in the Denver Masonic Service Association where he was an officer for many years. He promoted the Research Lodge of Colorado and served as its Worshipful Master in 1996, and showing his devotion to his home state, was also a proud member of Texas Lodge of Research and urged other Colorado masons to join there as well. Gilbert further served the fraternity by being a District Lecturer for the Grand Lodge, overseeing Greenleaf, Joppa and Jacques de Molay lodges.

Gilbert started his journey through the York Rite of Masonry in 1962, joining Montview Chapter and leading his chapter as High Priest in 1968. Montview Chapter later merged with two other Chapters to become Triad Chapter No. 42. He entered Cryptic Masonry in Denver Council No. 1 in 1962 and demitted to join Aurora Council No. 25, presiding over that Council in 1986-1987. He later joined Gaines Greene Council. On May 25, 1962, he was knighted in Coronal Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar and lead that Commandery in 1973-1974. Gilbert continued his leadership in the York Rite, serving as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Colorado, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Colorado and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado for many years.

Gilbert lead the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1994-1995. He was instrumental in establishing the four-state Great Plains Rendezvous Festival that has brought many new members into the Cryptic Masons. Gilbert was honored with membership in Pikes Peak Priory No. 21, Knights of the York Cross of Honour in 1987. He also belonged to Centennial York Rite College, where he served as Governor in 1990 and was awarded the highest honor of Order of the Purple Cross by the Sovereign College of North America. He was a member of Pikes Peak Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees and served as its Sovereign Master in 1994. He was an early member of He also was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland' Gilbert was honored as a member of Crown of Thorns Tabernacle No XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests where he served as Preceptor.

In the Scottish Rite, Gilbert was also extremely active. He served as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 1994, and was honored with the 33rd Degree Honorary in 2007.

Gil was also a member of El Jebel Shrine.

While Gilbert Carlton was recognized as a leader and honored many times for his accomplishments within the Fraternity, he always remained an unassuming and humble man and mason, friendly and open to all brethren, and ready to support, aid and assist in promoting his beloved Fraternity.



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October 23, 2022

**TO:** All Councils of Cryptic Masons of Colorado

**RE:** Passing of Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Gilbert Watson Carlton, Jr.

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing on October 14., 2022, of our beloved Most Illustrious Companion Gilbert W. Carlton, who served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado in 1994-1995.

It is my order that, at the next Assembly of each Council, their Charter be draped in his honor for thirty days and the accompanying memorial be read.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, October 28, 2022, at 1:00 P.M. at Horan & McConaty Funeral Home at 11150 E. Dartmouth Ave, in Aurora, Colorado. A reception will follow the service.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lyle Wilkes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lyle Wilkes  
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