

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH
GRAND ASSEMBLY OF THE
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS OF COLORADO**

A.D. 2023

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OPENING

The one Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado was held on Friday, September 8, 2023 at the Golden Masonic Temple, Golden, Colorado. Companions from several Colorado Councils opened a Council of Select Masters in regular form at 10:00 A.M. Most Illustrious Grand Master Lyle Wilkes was escorted to the East and introduced to the assemblage, received Grand Honors and was tendered with the gavel. Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called for a roll call of Grand Officers. The following responded:

Most Illustrious Grand Master	Lyle Wilkes
Right Illustrious Dep Grand Master	Bruce E. Lawrence
Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work	Lee Miller
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Thomas M. Thompson
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder	Grover L. Sardeson
Illustrious Grand Lecturer	Ralph E. Newby
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	Rick Benish
Illustrious Capt. of the Guard	Clinton Keithline
Illustrious Conductor of the Council	Craig Fabec
Illustrious Grand Marshall	Mike Brewer
Illustrious Steward	Danny Tomlinson
Illustrious Herald	John Francis (excused)
Illustrious Sentinel	Don Shearer
Illustrious Musician	Robert C. Trezise

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called for the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee. Mike Brewer, chair of the Committee reported that there was present a sufficient number of representatives of constituent Councils to constitute a quorum for the conduct of business by the Grand Council.

TELLERS APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes appointed a teller committee composed of Companions Greg Harris, Joe Magoffin, Tim Lambert and J. Randy Penn, and then declared the ballot open for election of officers.

APPROVAL OF PRE-PRINTED REPORTS

Most Illustrious Companions Bruce Lawlor moved that all pre-printed reports except for those containing financials be approved. The motion was seconded by Clinton Keithline. There being no discussion offered, Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called for a vote and the motion passed.

LIVING PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called for the roll call of Living Past Grand Masters and the following responded:

James C. Crenner	2021-2022	Ricky L. Benish	2013-2014
Bruce J. Lawlor	2019-2020	Norman C. Lane	2008-2009
Thomas M. Thompson	2018-2019	Steven L. Hubbard	1999-2000
Ralph E. Newby	2017-2018		

Led by Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes, Grand Honors were given, after which Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Steven L. Hubbard was called on to speak for the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters present.

RECIPIENTS OF GRAND COUNCIL MERIT AWARD

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called for the roll call of Living Recipient of the Grand Council Merit Award and the following responded:

David L. Reynolds	2022	Stephen P. Davis	2011
David Reitan	2021	Clinton G. Keithline	2009
Bruce E. Lawrence	2017	Donald E. Nichols	2006
Ross A. Allen	2014		

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes greeted the Awardees and thanked them for their continued service to Cryptic Masonry.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes requested the roll call of sitting Thrice Illustrious Masters of constituent Councils and the following responded.

Joseph B. Surek	Zabud # 8	Tim Lambert	Jefferson #24
Danny Tomlinson	Tyrian #11	Lyle Wilkes	Eastlake #27
Michael Briscoe	Grand Junction #16		

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes greeted them and thanked them for their service.

RECORDERS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes requested the roll call of Recorders of constituent Councils and the following responded.

Grover L. Sardeson	Denver # 1	Robert Trezise	Alpha #13
Ralph E. Newby	Pueblo #6	Ron Garrett	Salida #20
Vincent Johnson	Zabud #8	Lee Miller	Jefferson #24
Stephen P. Davis	Tyrian #11		

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes greeted them and thanked them for their service.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

Companion Craig Fabec offered a motion to eliminate the Grand Representative program. The motion was seconded by Companion Greg Harris. After some discussion the motion was tabled.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes tendered the gavel to Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Bruce E. Lawrence and gave his Address. Following the Address, he offered a motion to accept the Address and refer it to the Jurisprudence Committee. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called for a motion to approve the Proceedings of the 128th Grand Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Companion Rick Benish made a verbal report of the Jurisprudence Committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address, commending Most Illustrious Companion Wilkes and confirming his actions as stated in the Address. He followed by offering a motion to approve the verbal report. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

TREASURER EMERITUS DESIGNATION

Right Illustrious Companion Bruce Lawrence made a motion to designate and title Companion Jerry Fenimore as Treasurer Emeritus of the Grand Council in honor of his services for many years. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

The Grand Recorder offered his report and moved that it be received and the financial portions referred to the Finance Committee. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

The Grand Treasurer offered his report and moved that it be received and referred to the Finance Committee. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

BALLOT CLOSED

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes asked if any Companions present had not yet cast their ballots for the election of officers. None responded and Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes declared the ballot closed and called for the Tellers to perform their duties and report back the results of the election.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A verbal report was given by Finance Committee chair, Lyle Wilkes, noting that the records of both the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were accurate and in good form and thanked them for their excellent service. He moved for acceptance of the verbal report and the motion was seconded by Companion Clinton Keithline and passed.

BUDGET

The pre-printed budget was presented, and Companion Bruce Lawrence moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Companion Lee Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION RESULTS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called on the Teller Committee for their report. The report was that the ballots had been properly counted and the elected officers of the Grand Council for 2023-2024 are:

Most Illustrious Grand Master	Bruce E. Lawrence
Right Illustrious Dep Grand Master	Lee Miller
Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work	Clinton Keithline
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Thomas M. Thompson
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder	Grover L. Sardeson

The newly elected officers were polled and each agreed to serve.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

A motion was made to withdraw the motion to discontinue the Grand Representative Program. The motion to withdraw was seconded and passed.

REPORT OF THE COLORADO YORK RITE LIFE MEMORIAL FUND

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called on Companion Jerry Fenimore for the report of the Colorado York Rite Life Memorial Fund. Companion Fenimore presented the report on the financial condition of the Fund. He then called for an election for Trustee of the fund to represent the Grand Council for a three-year term. Companion Greg Harris was nominated and after there were no further nominations, Companion Michael Briscoe moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Companion Clinton Keithline and passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called on the Time and Place Committee. They reported that they had not yet determined place and would determine that at a later date and inform the bodies.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called for the final report of the Credentials Committee. Chairman Mike Brewer reported verbally that 9 Councils were represented at the Assembly and a quorum had been established and maintained.

VISITING DIGNITARIES

Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes called on several visiting dignitaries for remarks. Responding to his request were Companion Gerald McCoy of Missouri, Companion James Flanagan, Grand Organist of Pennsylvania, Companion Richard W. Fessler of Idaho, and lastly, our Grand Master of Masons of Colorado, MW Brother Ross A. Allen. Grand Honors were offered to our Grand Master.

CRYPTIC MASONS' MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

CMMRF Awards were presented to several Councils and two individuals.

RECESS OF 129TH ASSEMBLY

At 1:38 P.M. Most Illustrious Grand Master Wilkes declared the Grand Council Assembly at recess until called for the Public Installation of the 2023-2024 Officers.

INSTALLATION

The Public Installation of the 2023-2024 Officers of the Grand Council of Colorado was conducted by Most Illustrious Companion Thomas M. Thompson, Most Illustrious Companion James Crenner, Right Illustrious Companion Grover L. Sardeson, and Illustrious Companion Ron Birely. Installed were:

Most Illustrious Grand Master	Bruce E. Lawrence
Right Illustrious Dep Grand Master	Lee Miller
Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work	Clinton Keithline
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer	Thomas M. Thompson
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder	Grover L. Sard
Illustrious Grand Lecturer	Rick Benish
Illustrious Grand Chaplain	Joe Kier
Illustrious Capt. of the Guard	Craig Fabec
Illustrious Conductor of the Council	Mike Brewer
Illustrious Grand Marshall	Danny Tomlinson
Illustrious Steward	John Francis
Illustrious Herald	Don Nichols
Illustrious Sentinel	Greg Harris
Illustrious Musician	Robert C. Trezise

Following the Installation, newly installed Most Illustrious Grand Master Bruce Lawrence introduced the Ladies, made a few announcements, thanked all in attendance and declared the 129th Annual Assembly closed.

/s/ Bruce E. Lawrence
BRUCE E. LAWRENCE
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Attest: */s/ Grover L. Sardeson*
GROVER L. SARDESON
Grand Recorder



Agenda
Grand York Rite Sessions 2023

Thursday – Evening – September 7th

6:30 pm – 9:00pm Degree Ceremonies and KYCH Business Meeting

Friday – September 8th

6:30am – 7:30am Past Commander's Degree 1.0 hrs.

7:45 am – 8:10 am Lodge room starts setup 1.0 hrs.

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registrations/Credentials 1.0 hrs.

9:00 am – 10:00 am Memorial Service 1.0 hrs.

10:00 am – 11:30 am Council opens 1.5 hrs.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Lunch – Catered 1.5 hrs.

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm Council ends the day 3.0 hrs.

4:30 pm – Installation of Council Officers

Friday – Evening

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm GYR/KYCH Banquet Dinner

Saturday – September 9th

7:00 am – 9:00 am Registrations/Credentials 2.0 hrs.

8:00 am – 9:00 am Commandery Opens with Youth Groups

Greeting of Masonic Bodies

Out of State Dignitaries 1.0 hrs.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Grand Commandery ends 3.0 hrs.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch – Catered 1.0 hrs.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Installation of Commandery Officers 1.0 hrs.

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm Break ¼ hrs.

2:15 pm – 5:15 pm Chapter Starts and concludes the day 4.0 hrs.

5:15 pm – 6:15 pm Installation of Chapter Officers

6:15 pm – Chapter closes the GYR Sessions

**AGENDA FOR THE 129th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF COLORADO
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

10:00 AM Formal opening

Introductions of Distinguished Guests

Roll Call of Grand Council Officers

Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee

Declare ballot open for election of officers. Ballot will be open until (time)

Approve pre-printed reports except for those with financials

Roll Call of Living Past Grand Masters

James C. Crenner.....	2021-2022
Keith A. Benbow.....	2020-2021
Bruce J. Lawlor.....	2019-2020
Thomas M. Thompson.....	2018-2019
Ralph E. Newby.....	2017-2018
Richard N. Brown.....	2015-2016
Larry L. Childs.....	2014-2015
Ricky L. Benish.....	2013-2014
Dexter D. Koons.....	2011-2012
Michael L. McMillan.....	2010-2011
Norman C. Lane.....	2008-2009
Gerald R. Thorndyke.....	2007-2008
Robert D. Elsloo.....	2006-2007
DeVerne C. Lehman.....	2005-2006
R. Roger Stene.....	2002-2003
Steven L. Hubbard.....	1999-2000
Richard W. Schmidt.....	1996-1997

Roll Call of Living Recipients of the Grand Council Merit Award

David L. Reynolds.....	2022
David Reitan.....	2021
Cleat Young.....	2020
Nicholas A. Newby.....	2019
Greg Allen.....	2018
Bruce E. Lawrence.....	2017
Rocco Eastridge.....	2016
Aaron Heizer.....	2015
Ross Allen.....	2014
R. Bruce Koons.....	2013
M. Scott Wilson.....	2012
Stephen P. Davis.....	2011
Clinton G. Keithline.....	2009
Donald E. Nichols.....	2006
R. Roger Stene.....	1999

Roll Call of Constituent Thrice Illustrious Masters

Roll Call of Constituent Recorders

Roll Call of Grand Representatives

Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address

Motion to Approve All Preprinted Reports except those with financials

Report of Grand Recorder

Report of Grand Treasurer

Report of the Finance Committee

Presentation of 2023-2024 Budget

Report of Grand York Rite Life Memorial Fund and election of Trustee

Report of Legislation and By-laws Committee

Report of Jurisprudence Committee

Report of the Committee on Time and Place

Report of Teller Committee

Final Report of Committee on Credentials

Comments from visiting dignitaries (time permitting)

Remarks by representative of General Grand Council

Recess

Installation of 2023-2024 Officers



GRAND MASTER ADDRESS

It has truly been a wonderful year for Masonry in Colorado. We have now been three years post that nasty COVID-19 virus and our York Rite brothers have been coming back to their respective Chapter, Council and Commandery meetings.

I would like to express my overwhelming appreciation to all my officers for their support and companionship. Each one of my officers, whether they realize it or not, supplied me with their knowledge of the craft. That knowledge and helpful insight allowed me to guide and support the entire organization of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado.

My most sincere thanks go out to my appointed officers – first, for saying ‘yes,’ and then for showing their enthusiastic participation when called upon. Thank you to Illustrious Grand (Dad) Lecturer, Ralph E. Newby (MIPGM), Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Rick Benish (MIPGM), Illustrious Grand Herald, John. W. Francis, and Illustrious Grand Sentinel, Don “Doc” Shearer.

The performance of my elected officers surpassed my expectations. To my Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, a “bulldog” of a workhorse if there ever was one. The year wouldn’t have been as successful if it weren’t for Bruce Lawrence. He conducted massive amounts of coordination with all the degree teams, insuring that people, places and support were where they were supposed to be, and filled in degree parts where needed. I say, thank you, Bruce.

As I announced at the beginning of my year, my theme was Companionship. My first thought of companionship leads me to my wife. I would like to thank the first lady of Cryptic Masonry, Honored Lady Mary Wilkes, for putting up with me for the past twenty years, and more so for this past year. If it wasn’t for her, the success of my flag would have never flown as high as it has on my “battlefield” of today.

Companionship! I spread the word by asking our Companions to start contacting members of their councils who haven’t attended meetings and ask them why they haven’t attended. Do they need rides? Are they embarrassed that they do not know the signs, grips, or words upon entering the council? Start up a “Rusty Triangle” so they will not be embarrassed. Companionship is also about re-energizing members and discovering what they think the Council should do to press forward. I see Companionship as a movement, and I urge you to continue to seek out your brother companions and bring them back to the Council. Keep the Companionship movement going.

My travels started right off the bat by representing Colorado at Wyoming’s Grand York Rite Sessions in Cheyenne. It was truly an honor to share and exchange ideas from the current and incoming Grand Masters. Next would have been the official visit to the Pikes Peak time capsule, however, Kansas was unable to attend formally. I did take a holiday day trip with the family to the summit where I visited the time capsule, took pictures, and made a report. It was sent to the Kansas Grand Master as a courtesy. The report is on file with our Grand Recorder.

Training this year was held by three Regional Official Visits (ROV). The first was Metro which was held in Denver, the second ROV was South, located at Pueblo, and lastly the final ROV was West at Grand Junction. In addition to these visits, I traveled and made four additional unofficial visits to Alpha, Sterling, Jefferson, and Eastlake Councils. A total of 88% of the Councils had visitation from the Grand Council during 2023.

Our Grand Council's last official visit concluded on June 12th by visiting Alpha Council #13 where we honored Robert Roeder with a Council Plaque. The citation read, "*Alpha Council #13, The Highest Council in America at an altitude of 10,158 feet, Leadville, Colorado. In grateful appreciation for allowing the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado to convene at the "Robert Roeder Cabin" for 30 consecutive years. Your generosity fosters great Cryptic Zeal and exemplifies Superior Masonic Conduct.*" It was truly an honor to be part of that legacy of celebrating the 30th anniversary with Alpha-13 and the Grand Line Officers.

I would like to take a moment to let all the members of the Grand Council know that a special plaque was presented to a companion who has shown compassion and love to this craft. For his 20 years of dedicated service to the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons from 2002-2022, our Grand Musician, Robert Tresize, was honored. He is truly a wonderful, dedicated, and humble man. Everyone should take the time to seek him out and shake his hand.

The Grand Pathways Rendezvous was held in Grand Junction with outstanding achievement. All Candidates that attended successfully completed the degree work and were eligible to move on to the Commandery Outdoor degrees following the next month.

The Grand Council was honored to be part of the Youth Awards program for the Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, and the DeMolay Boys. While presenting the awards to these young ladies and a young gentleman, it was good to see the strong, dynamic leadership these promising individuals have given to their communities. This year's recipients of the GM's Service Awards were Miss Evelyn Campbell, Jobs Daughters International, Miss Kayla Cabbage, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and Mr. Andrew Minkel, Colorado DeMolay International.

As Grand Master, I had the sad duty to announce the passing of three historic Grand Companions. First, MIPGM Gilbert W. Carlton; second, MIPGM Dave Salberg; and third, Illustrious Grand Sentinel Walter J. Cooley. Three of the finest York Rite Masons this state has ever known. Our association with these companions has made us better men. They will surely be missed and are a huge loss to the craft.

So, what's new on the horizon for the Councils? This year, I signed us into contract with the Masonic Membership Solutions, which is commonly called MMS software. Once all the Council's databases have been updated and converted into the MMS system, record keeping will be easily facilitated and transparent at Council, Grand Council, and General Grand Council locations. This project is being done in conjunction with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter's conversion. When this major project is complete, the Grand York Rite of Colorado will all be using the MMS database software, independently by organizations.

Finally, CMMRF. I've often thought that masons showing support in a fight to help propel medical research, was much like the fight a military soldiers face. I wanted my CMMRF campaign to reflect the heroic deed of raising money for medical research. That's how the 2023 Colorado CMMRF Medal was born. The Medal is a symbol to identify those men and women who fight for the needs of others. It was designed by my wife, Mary. I authorized the Colorado CMMRF Medal to be worn on the Council jacket. This is something that not only the Companion could wear, but his spouse and others as well. Now, not wanting to steal Chairman Companion Bob Gregory's thunder, I'll let him report how much was made during the campaign drive. Let's just say, we had an OUTSTANDING year.

This year flew by so quickly. In the span of three deep breaths, I'm approaching the end of the year prepping for the grand session. Plans are being made, reports are being filed for the Grand Recorder, and I'm wondering, "Where did the time go?" Serving as your Grand Master was a fantastic journey. One I will never forget. I will always say I was proud to have led the men – no, my brothers – who were COMPANIONS of the Cryptic Craft of Colorado.

With Respect,

Lyle Wilkes

Motion to accept
& refer to Jurisdiction
Committee

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado.

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report reflecting the financial condition of your Grand Council for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

Assets on Hand at July 1, 2022 per Year End Report:

Vectra Bank	\$48,699.99
Janus Fund	15,080.55
Balance on Hand as of July 1, 2022	<u>\$63,780.54</u>

Receipts:

Received from Per Capita	\$12,778.39
Interest Income Vectra	5.26
Ritual and Mailing Income	0.00
Sessions Income	0.00
CMMRF income	1140.00
Other Income	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Receipts	18,923.65

Disbursements:

Grand York Rite	\$10,140.53
Grand York Rite	\$1,465.00
Allowances	0.00
Awards	546.74
Bank Fees	0.00
Donations - CMMRF	1140.00
Regalia	684.50
Ritual Expense	0.00
Postage	0.00
CMMRF fundraising exp	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	<u>13,976.77</u>

Vectra Bank Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$53,646.87
Janus Government Money Market as of June 30, 2023	<u>15,574.38</u>
Balance on hand as of June 30, 2023	<u>\$69,221.25</u>

Fraternally submitted:

/s/ Thomas M. Thompson
Thomas M. Thompson, Grand Treasurer

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Treas. Emer*

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS
OF COLORADO.

JULY 1, 2022 –JUNE 30, 2023

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Colorado, Grand Council Officers
and all Cryptic Masons of Colorado.

The Grand Recorder submits the following report reflecting the income received by the Recorder
and the membership report as submitted by the constituent Council Recorders.

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$12,778.39
CMMRF Income.....	1,140.00
Interest Income.....	5.26
Other Income.....	5,000.00
Dispensations.....	0.00
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$18,923.65

MEMBERSHIP AS OF JULY 1, 2022.....610

Gains:

Greeted.....	22
Admitted.....	33
Reinstated.....	3
Adjustment	7
Total Gains.....	65

Losses:

Demitted.....	44
Deaths.....	26
Suspended/Expelled.....	15
Adjustment	0
Total Losses.....	85

MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 2023.....590

Plural memberships: 34

I move that this report be approved and made a part of the proceedings.

Fraternally,

Grover L. Sardeson, Grand Recorder

*Plural 2 was
Approved*

CM GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT - SUMMARY OF RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

COUNCIL	Membership 7-1-2022	Greeted	Admitted	Reinstated	Total Increase	Deaths	Dimits	Suspended	Expelled/adj	Total Decrease	Membership 6-30-2023	No. Plural Members
Denver #1	168	14	30	0	44	10	2	0	0	12	200	6
Rocky Mountain #2	19				0					0	19	
Durango #3	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Pueblo #6	31	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	33	0
Hiram #7	53	1	0	0	1	0	3	5	0	8	46	3
Zabud #8	61	3	1	0	4	5	2	4	0	11	54	1
Telluride #10	29	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	27	6
Tyrian #11	41	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	42	13
Alpha #13	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	19	1
Grand Junction #16	25			2	2	2	1		2	5	22	
Sterling #19	24	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	24	2
Salida #20	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	25	1
Larimer #21	19				0					0	19	
Robert C. Haas #23	31				0		31			31	0	
Jefferson #24	32	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	4	29	1
Eastlake #27	27	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	6	21	0
TOTALS	617	22	33	3	58	26	44	13	2	85	590	34

no report
Merged

LINE ITEMS	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES
DUES AND RECEIPTS	\$13,768.00	
GRAND YORK RITE LLC		\$9,968.34
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL PER CAPITA		\$1,647.50
GRAND MASTER		\$0.00
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER		\$0.00
GRAND LECTURER		\$0.00
REGALIA		\$800.00
AWARDS		\$300.00
RITUAL/TRAINING/EDUCATION		\$1,400.00
Postage		\$0.00
CMMRF fundraising expense		\$300.00
MISCELLANEOUS		\$352.16
TOTALS	\$13,768.00	\$14,768.00

Motion:
 Bruce Anderson
 2nd Lee Miller

REPORT OF THE GRAND YORK RITE LIFE MEMORIAL FUND, INC

To the Officers and Members:

This year the fund lost almost all of the gains from the previous year. New contributions have slowed to a crawl even though the Life Memorial purchase is still 20 times annual dues and per capita. For the 20 times life members, the fund pays increases in dues and percapita.

The following officers elected for the 2021-2022 year:

President	Bruce Lawlor
Vice President	Ron Birely
Secretary	Grover L. Sardeson
Treasurer	Jerry L. Fenimore

The Trustees for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado are:

Jerry Fenimore	Term expires Sept 2023
Miles Tripp	Term expires Sept 2024
Ron Birely	Term expires Sept 2025

The Trustees for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado are:

Greg Harris	Term expires Sept 2023 2026
Bruce Lawlor	Term expires Sept 2024
Jered Minter	Term expires Sept 2025

The Trustees for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado are:

Grover L. Sardeson	Term expires Sept 2023
Ben Williams	Term expires Sept 2024
David Reynolds	Term expires Sept 2025

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
SETS							
Shwab MM			\$8,000.00	\$8,016.78	\$11,223.43	\$11,806.18	\$11,823.41
Bank of the West	\$12,592.14	\$10,611.92	\$11,342.15	\$8,394.83	\$3,017.85	\$15,728.77	\$16,944.78
Edge & Cox	\$99,287.57	\$117,485.0	\$109,173.2	\$136,276.0	\$146,030.7	\$192,362.3	\$178,464.22
Rock		1	4	6	5	2	
US Global	\$16,071.66	\$18,692.02	\$17,194.17	\$20,611.56	\$22,264.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
come							
Guard Energy	\$31,429.10	\$32,426.88	\$26,864.57	\$22,028.58	\$8,196.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
Guard GNMA	\$73,693.79	\$72,088.34	\$64,573.91	\$59,976.17	\$62,273.41	\$61,635.54	\$55,023.74
Guard 500	\$146,018.3	\$177,657.0	\$169,619.6	\$222,865.5	\$263,781.0	\$339,393.0	\$258,673.81
dex	4	9	0	5	1	6	
	\$379,092.6	\$428,961.2	\$398,767.6	\$478,169.5	\$516,787.7	\$620,925.8	\$520,929.9
	0	6	4	3	0	7	6

	Beginning Market Value 12/31/2021	Contribution	Income Received	Increase (Decrease) in Market Value	Transfer s	Distribution	Ending Market Value 12/31/2022
Bank of the West	15728.77	700			22000	-21483.99	16944.78
Chwab MM	11806.18		17.23				11823.41
Hodge & Cox Stock	192362.32		9370.98	-23269.08			178464.22
Vanguard GNMA	61635.54		1329.34	-7941.14			55023.74
Vanguard 500 Index	339393.06		21396.76	-80116.01	-22000		258673.81
	620925.87	700	32114.31	-111326.23	0	-21483.99	520929.96

Respectfully Submitted:
Bruce Lawlor
 Bruce Lawlor, President
Ron Birely
 Ron Birely, Vice President
Grover L Sardeson
 Grover L. Sardeson, Secretary
Jerry L Fenimore
 Jerry L. Fenimore, Treasurer

To the Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado:

I propose the following change to the Constitution And Laws Of The Grand Council Of Cryptic Masons Of Colorado

Currently:

Article VIII - Membership

SECTION 3. - PLURAL MEMBERSHIP. A member of a Colorado Council who is in good standing may be admitted to plural membership in any Council in this Grand jurisdiction. The petition must be accompanied by documentation from the Council of which the petitioner is a member. He shall have all the rights, benefits and obligations of membership as any other companion but he shall be eligible to hold a dais office in only one council in Colorado at the same time. He shall be exempt from the payments of such amounts as the council is required to pay the Grand Council as dues in the subsequent council of membership.

To be Amended to:

Article VIII - Membership

SECTION 3. - PLURAL MEMBERSHIP. A member of a Colorado Council who is in good standing may be admitted to plural membership in any Council in this Grand jurisdiction. The petition must be accompanied by documentation from the Council of which the petitioner is a member. He shall have all the rights, benefits and obligations of membership as any other companion but he shall be eligible to hold a dais office in only one companion, **except he shall not be eligible to hold the office of Thrice Illustrious Master in more than** one council in Colorado at the same time. He shall be exempt from the payments of such amounts as the council is required to pay the Grand Council as dues in the subsequent council of membership.

Reasoning:

Colorado RAM and Colorado Knights Templar both restrict plural membership office in more than one body to the head position, not the DAIS. It does not make sense that Colorado Cryptic is more restrictive.

Fraternally submitted,

Ralph Newby

MIPGM of Colorado

*Motion to Approve
Ralph Newby
Tim [unclear]
Proceed*

**LEGISLATION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-2023**

Legislation and By-Laws Committee Report

30 June 2023

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado and Delegates,

During this Cryptic year there was one proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado to be decided at the 2023 Grand Session, as follows:

Article VIII – Membership, Section 3 – Plural Membership

...membership as any other

~~DELETE: companion but he shall be eligible to hold a dais office in only~~

~~ADD: companion, except he shall not be eligible to hold the office of Thrice Illustrious Master in more than one council in Colorado at the same time.~~

Fraternally,

/s/

Lyle A. Wilkes
Most Illustrious Grand Master

/s/

James C. Crenner
Most Illustrious Past Grand Master

**COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-2023**

Dispensations and Charters Committee Report

30 June 2023

To the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado and Delegates,

There were no requests presented to this committee which required action during this past year.

However, there were three Dispensations granted during the Cryptic year. They were:

Dispensation No. 01-01-30-23 granting Telluride Council #10 to move their Charter from 437 Main Street, Delta, Colorado to 178 East Hotchkiss Ave, Hotchkiss, Colorado. This Dispensation is given a blanket approval until such time the Council's By-Laws have been approved by the Legislation and By-Laws Committee of the Grand Council.

Dispensation No. 02-04-21-23 granting Larimer County Council #21 authorization to pay bills since no meetings had been held since November of 2022. This authorization came under Article VII, Section 1 – Government of the Council of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council.

Dispensation No. 03-06-07-23 granting Pueblo Council #6 to move their start time to 6:30, vice 7:30 as stated in their By-Laws, for the purpose of their annual meeting on June 20th. By opening an hour earlier, it would help keep the meeting from going late into the night. In addition, they would be conducting their annual elections/installation of officers and annual reports on that specific night.

Fraternally,

/s/

Lyle A. Wilkes
Most Illustrious Grand Master

/s/

Craig Fabec
ILGCOG

Annual Report for the Great Plains Rendezvous Committee

On June 24, 2023, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado participated in the Great Plains Rendezvous at the Masonic Lodge in Hays Kansas. RIDGM Bruce Lawrence sat in for MIGM Lyle Wilkes who couldn't attend due to schedule conflicts, and opened the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado in ample form for the purpose of work. There were over 40 candidates for the degrees, of which *(Grover: please fill in the names or number if you know them, I think we had 3)* came from Colorado.

The Grand Council of Colorado exemplified the Select Master degree with the following cast members:

King Solomon	IC Ron Birely
Hiram King of Tyre	RIC Grover Sardeson
Hiram Abif	IC Al Ulibarri
Adoniram	IC Clinton Keithline
Azariah	IC Jaymie Vaughn
Ahishar	MIC Tom Thompson
Historical Lecture	RIC Bruce Lawrence
Apron Lecture	RIC Bruce Lawrence
Charge	RIC Bruce Lawrence

Sideliners were "volunteered" into participating as guards at each arch as the candidates advanced through the first 8 arches. One candidate was "volunteered" to participate in the Apron Lecture because the class was large and there were an insufficient number of aprons available. At the conclusion of the Charge, all the cast members shook the hands of the candidates.

The presentation of the Select Master degree was superb and the cast received much acclaim, some saying it was the best they had ever seen!

At the conclusion of the festival, RIDGM Bruce Lawrence declared the Grand Council of Colorado closed.

Respectfully submitted,
RIDGM Bruce Lawrence, Chairman

**REPORT OF PIKES PEAK PILGRIMAGE
2022**

The annual pilgrimage is normally made on or around September of each year to coincide with Colorado's Annual Grand York Session. However, Kansas did not indicate their intention to inspect the time capsule, so no date was finalized.

Since no formal arrangements to inspect the time capsule were made between Kansas and Colorado, when my schedule permitted, I inspected the time capsule in conjunction with a family outing to the Pikes Peak summit. I visually inspected the time capsule location, took pictures of the two new \$10 million dollar trains that were purchased, and toured the newly built visitor's center. I summarized my findings in a report directly to the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Kansas for his records.

In response to receiving my after-action report, the MIGM of Kansas stated he was grateful for my efforts, but informed me that in October, he and his officers also took it upon themselves to venture up to Pikes Peak and conduct an inspection of the time capsule. Kansas officers conducted this visit without coordinating or notifying The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado.

Fraternally,

/s/
Lyle A. Wilkes
Chairman

/s/
Bruce E. Lawrence
Co-Chairman

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Delegates;

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances is pleased to report that there were no Appeals or Grievances to come before this committee during the year 2022-2023.

Ralph Newby MIPGM, Lee Miller RIGPCW, James Crenner MIPGM

GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS

Custodians of the Work Committee Grand Council of Colorado, 2022-2023

The committee reviewed some suggested changes to the 2019 version of the Council ritual and approved those changes. The Grand Lecturer will be keeping a running list of changes in an errata sheet that will be presented each year at the grand sessions, which will be a part of the proceedings for Councils to refer to. That errata sheet is given below. Formatting and diagram changes are being made to the ritual for a future release but will not be included in the errata sheet.

MIGM, it has been suggested that a new ritual be released that includes the changes in the errata sheet. It is our recommendation that a vote be taken at these sessions to determine if a new release will be done.

Fraternally Submitted:

/s/ Ralph E Newby

Ralph E. Newby, GL

/s/ Craig Fabec

Craig Fabec, ILCofC

/s/ Lee Miller

Lee Miller, RIGPCW

Errata Sheet

2021

- Page 13, second line of last response of officer 2 is 'chains or friendship', S/B 'chains of friendship'
- Page 56, line 11 of part given by officer 7 is 'I though', S/B 'I thought'
- Page 63, last word in line one is 'and', S/B 'an'.
- Page 64, Paragraph 4, line 4 is 'ail', S/B 'all'.

2022

- Page 15, third line from the bottom is 9, S/B 8
- Page 41, parenthesis direction has IDM, S/B IDM
- Page 68, second line is 2, S/B 5

2023

- Page 75, Replace this section in parentheses at the bottom of the page:

(NOTE: Council of Super-Excellent Masters may now be closed by the Illustrious Master declaring: "Waiving further ceremony, I now declare this Council of Super-Excellent Masters duly closed. Companions, you are dismissed." This will be used only as an optional short form of closing, because of the lateness of the hour, the presence of guests, etc. If returning to the Secret Vault for further work, proceed with the following:)

with this:

(If returning to the Secret Vault for further work, skip down to the next section "Continue with meeting"), otherwise the following will be used only as an optional short form of closing, because of the lateness of the hour, the presence of guests, etc.)

1 – Drop hands. Companion Conductor of the Council, arrange the altar.

Done

1 - Waiving further ceremony, I now declare this Council of Super-Excellent Masters duly closed. Companions, you are dismissed."

(Continue with meeting)

- Page 96, where the Marshal is introducing the TIM elect, add an underline area after Illustrious Companion to indicate the Companions name so it looks like ...Illustrious Companion _____ to be installed...
- Page 97, where the Marshal is introducing the IDM elect, add an underline area after Companion to indicate the Companions name so it looks like ...Companion _____ to be installed...

Note: It should be noted that the TIM and IDM are the only ones introduced during the installation and perhaps this should be looked at more closely as other bodies tend to only introduce the individual who is the head of the body and no others. Also, Councils should bear in mind that titles should be adjusted appropriately based on previous offices the companion has held. For example, if the IDM served as IPCW then he is an Illustrious Companion and not just a Companion.

CRYPTIC MASON'S MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

REPORT OF DONATIONS

7/1/2022 -- 6/30/2023

COMPANIONS:

The donations received for the Cryptic Mason's Medical Research Foundation for this past year came to a total of \$ 10,856.00. This is a decrease of \$913.87 from the donations received last year. I want to give a shout out to Denver Council #1 which ranks #5 in the nation for their donations. This is a great effort on behalf of our Companions. I want to thank and congratulate all of the Companions, Councils, Lodges, and the various Masonic Bodies throughout Colorado for this very impressive increase and for their most generous contributions.

Any donor may contact Bob Gregory if you would like to know your donation amount.

If you would like to learn more about the CMMRF Foundation, go online to CMMRF.org and view the research projects that the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine is undertaking. You will be impressed with the research they are doing and the progress they are making.

The following Councils will receive their extender bars for their donation plaques from the CMMRF Foundation for the 2022-2023 year:

Denver Council #1
Telluride Council #10
Larimer County Council #21
Robert C. Haas Council #23
Jefferson Council #24
Eastlake Council #27

Fraternally submitted,

Robert W. Gregory
Chairman

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF COLORADO
GRAND COUNCIL OF ISH-SODI REPORT
2022-2023**

This highest award that the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado can confer upon members of our Councils. This year, six candidates received this distinctive honor at the Golden Masonic Hall on August 19th, 2023.

Those candidates are selected and nominated by their Thrice Illustrious Master, and then submitted to the District Lecturer for that Council under his jurisdiction and then selects one candidate. He then submits his name to the Most Illustrious Grand Master for appointment.

The Grand Council Officers of Ish Sodi gave an outstanding performance of degree work for the candidates who were ultimately selected, nominated, and appointed to receive the honor and title of Grand Companion Ish Sodi.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Lee Miller, RIPCW, Chairman

/s/

Bruce E. Lawrence, RIDGM, Co-Chairman

Report of the Grand Musician
2022-2023

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Colorado, The Most Illustrious Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Colorado, the Right Eminent Grand Commander Knights Templar of Colorado:

It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand York Rite Bodies as Grand Musician for the past year. I provided marching and inspirational music for the 2022 Grand Sessions. Also, I played appropriate music for the installation of the 2023 officers.

Outside of the Grand York Rite sessions I played seasonal music for the Knights of Columbus/Knights Templar Conclave in Leadville.

Serving as Grand Musician is a creative and enjoyable way to contribute to the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Fraternally,

/s/ Robert C. Trezise

Robert C. Trezise
Grand Musician

Memorial Report to the Grand York Rite of Colorado 2023

<u>Deceased Name</u>	<u>Deceased Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Commandery</u>
Robert L. Montgomery	07/20/2020			Georgetown Commandery #4
Richard Tinsley	05/28/2021	Denver Chapter #2	Denver Council #1	Denver-Colorado Commandery #1
Lester C. Grenz	09/05/2021	Denver Chapter #2	Denver Council #1	Denver-Colorado Commandery #1
Norman Condreay	11/16/2021			Georgetown Commandery #4
Mike Roberts	01/25/2022	Keystone Chapter #8		
Wayne Jones	03/03/2022	Delta Chapter # 38	Telluride Council #	Delta Commandery # 34
Wally Cooley	06/01/2022	Highlands Chapter #39	Eastlake Council #	Norman L. Hoff Commandery #42
Edward P. Singleton	06/21/2022	Triad Chapter # 42	Denver Council # 1	Coronal-Ascalon Commandery #31
Billy Thornburg	0710/2022	Colorado Sprgs Chapter #6	Zabud Council #8	Pikes Peak Commandery #6
Jurgen Hartman	07/29/2022	Denver Chapter #2	Denver Council #1	Denver-Colorado Commandery #1
Jon Wilkinson	08/17/2022	Cache la Poudre Chapter #11	Larimer County Council #	Demolay Commandery #
William Skewes	09/11/2022	Triad Chapter # 42	Denver Council # 1	Coronal-Ascalon Commandery #31
David Nuss	10/07/2022	Colorado Sprgs Chapter #6	Zabud Council #8	Pikes Peak Commandery #6
Gilbert W. Carlton	10/14/2022	Denver Chapter #2	Denver Council #1	Coronal-Ascalon Commandery #31
Russell L. Haughey	10/20/2022	Denver Chapter #2	Denver Council #1	Denver-Colorado Commandery #1
Harold Cook	11/12/2022	Sterling Chapter #47	Sterling Chapter #	Sterling Commandery #
Calvin O. Lapuyade	11/13/2022	Golden Chapter #5	Jefferson Council #27	Jefferson-Highlands Comm #30
Victor A. Olson	11/19/2022	Denver Chapter #2	Denver Council #1	St Bernard Commandery #41
William Ferrier	01/10/2023	Colorado Sprgs Chapter #6	Zabud Council #8	Denver-Colorado Commandery #1
Tim I. Miller	01/28/2023	Georgetown Chapter #4	Tyrian Council #11	Pikes Peak Commandery #6
Gene L. DeCroes	01/29/2023	Georgetown Chapter #4	Tyrian Council #11	Georgetown Commandery #4
				Denver-Colorado Commandery #1
				Georgetown Commandery #4

Memorial Report to the Grand York Rite of Colorado 2023 (Page 2)

<u>Deceased Name</u>	<u>Deceased Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Commandery</u>
Richard Lambert	01/31/2023	Colorado Sprigs Chapter #6	Zabud Council #8	Pikes Peak Commandery #6
John W. Davis	02/08/2023	Georgetown Chapter #4	Tyrian Council #11	Georgetown Commandery #4
Jerold Conyers	03/28/2023	Grand Junction Chapter #24	Grand Junction Council #	Temple Commandery #24
Royal Maxwell	05/12/2023	Triad Chapter # 42	Denver Council # 1	Coronial-Ascalon Commandery #31
Ervin Meacham	05/23/2023	Colorado Sprigs Chapter #6	Zabud Council #8	Pikes Peak Commandery #6
David L. Salberg	06/07/2023	Leadville Chapter # 10	Alpha Council #11	Mt of the Holy Cross Comm #
		Salida Chapter # 17	Salida Council # 20	Salida Commandery # 17
				St Bernard Commandery #41