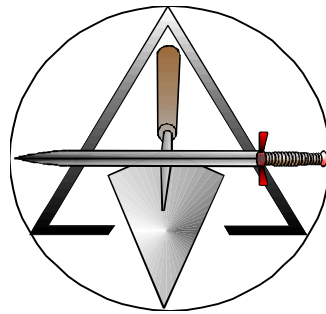


# 2015

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
NINETY-NINTH ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
**GRAND COUNCIL**  
**CRYPTIC RITE MASONS**  
**OF**  
**NORTH DAKOTA**



**GLADSTONE INN**  
**JAMESTOWN, ND**  
**APRIL 18, 2015**

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## PROCEEDINGS

### **GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC RITE MASONS OF NORTH DAKOTA**

Gladstone Inn – Jamestown ND  
Saturday, April 18, 2015

#### **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED**

The Ninety-Ninth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota was opened in due and ancient form at 8:30 AM, Saturday, April 18, 2015 in the Gladstone Inn in Jamestown ND by the Grand Officers. Most Illustrious Grand Master Craig A. Ramsdell presided over the Assembly.

#### **RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

The following distinguished guests, representing the General Grand Council, CMI, and Grand Councils in sister jurisdictions, were introduced at the Public Reception on Friday:

**Iowa:** Ronald W. Guthrie, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Cryptic  
Masons International, Mason City.  
Wade Sheeler, Grand Captain of the Guard, Newton; Personal Representative  
of Kurt Hoffman, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select  
Masters of Iowa.

**South Dakota:** George E. Bauder, North Central Deputy General Grand Master, Rapid City.

#### **ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS**

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell directed the Recorder to call the roll of the seven Constituent Councils in the state. The following five had representatives registered:

Fargo #1	Rae #5	Twin City #7
Damon Anderson #11	North Dakota, U.D.	

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell declared a quorum present and the Ninety-Ninth Assembly of Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota was opened and charged with the responsibility of completing such business as comes before it, under the usual Masonic restrictions.

#### **ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS**

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell directed the Grand Recorder to call the roll of Grand Officers. The following Grand Council Officers were present:

Most Illustrious Grand Master Craig A. Ramsdell  
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Ed Samuelson  
Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Wendel VanWechel  
Most Illustrious Grand Recorder/Treasurer Chris Christianson  
Most Illustrious Grand Chaplain Richard D. Hansen  
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard Cory R. Lien  
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council Stanley H. Whicker  
Illustrious Grand Marshal Ronald L. Penfold  
Illustrious Grand Steward David Bickel  
Illustrious Grand Sentinel George H. Vettel

## **GRAND SESSION CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWED**

Grand Recorder Chris Christianson reviewed the following communications for all three York Rite Bodies regarding attendance at our Grand Session:

- Message from Prince D. Selvaraj, Sovereign Grand Master, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada, expressing regrets of not being able to attend. Companion Selvaraj had earlier indicated an interest in attending our Grand Session this year.
- Kevin Jones of Grand Rapids, Minnesota had called and reported that he had come down with pneumonia and would not be able to attend. Kevin and his wife have been regular guests at our Grand Sessions.
- John Bridewell of Grand Forks sent a note saying that a commitment as faculty advisor for the Alpha Eta Rho aviation fraternity prevented him from attending the Grand session. He expressed wishes for a most productive Session.

## **APPROVAL OF YEAR 2014 PROCEEDINGS**

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell called for approval of the 2014 Proceedings. It was moved by Companion Ohrt and seconded by Companion Selberg that the proceedings of the Ninety-Eighth Assembly of the North Dakota Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons held in Fargo ND in 2014 be approved as printed and distributed. **Motion carried.**

## **BALLOT BOX DECLARED OPEN**

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell declared the ballot box opened at 9:00 AM and closed at 9:30 AM. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee were as follows: Ed Samuelson for Illustrious Grand Master, Wendel VanWechel for Deputy Grand Master, Stan Whicker for Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Chris Christianson for Grand Recorder-Treasurer, Ron Penfold for Grand Captain of the Guard, and David Bickel for Grand Conductor of the Council. Ramsdell appointed Companions Motis and Eck as tellers.

## **RECEPTION AND REMARKS OF GEOGE E. BAUDER, NORTH CENTRAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND MASTER, CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL**

Grand Master Ramsdell asked the Grand Marshal to escort North Central Deputy General Grand Master George Bauder west of the altar. Companion Bauder was given the Grand Honors of Masonry and called on for remarks. The following are highlights of his remarks:

- Companion Bauder his colleagues from the General Grand Chapter, the North Central Region, and the Department Commander for being such outstanding representatives of Cryptic Rite Masonry. He mentioned that it had been a blessing to have Companion Ramsdell as our leader.
- He pointed out that we were bringing to a close the first century of Cryptic Rite Masonry in North Dakota.
- He encouraged us to attend the North Central Conference in Sioux Falls on October 23 & 24. He promised a great program this year, with the emphasis on developing younger leadership.
- He encouraged us to continue support, and to learn more about the Cryptic Rite Medical Foundation and its works. He thanked us for the courtesies extended to a standing ovation.

**RECEPTION AND REMARKS OF RONALD W. GUTHRIE, GENERAL GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK, CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL**

Grand Master Ramsdell asked the Grand Marshal to escort General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Ronald W. Guthrie west of the altar. Companion Guthrie was given the Grand Honors of Masonry and called on for remarks. The following are highlights of his remarks:

- Companion Guthrie brought greetings and regrets from General Grand Master Weaver.
- He encouraged that we nominate an honoree for the Columbia award program.
- He encouraged more visitations between Councils and jurisdictions.
- He pointed out that the General Grand Council is a service organization, and they would like to know how they can improve their service.
- He encouraged us to consider the compilation of old lectures “As It Was In The Beginning”, the Jeremy Cross book “Father of Cryptic Masonry”, and the \$20 Alpha/Omega challenge coin.
- He congratulated and thanked Comp. Ramsdell and asked us to give him more support as our Editor. He retired to applause and a standing ovation.

**RECEPTION AND REMARKS FROM DAVID BICKEL, GRAND MASTER OF NORTH DAKOTA GRAND MASONIC LODGE, A.F. & A.M.**

Grand Master Ramsdell asked the Grand Marshal to escort Brother/Companion David Bickel, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of North Dakota, A.F.& A.M. west of the Altar. Bickel was given the Grand Honors of Masonry and asked to give some remarks. The following are his remarks:

- Most Worshipful Brother & Companion Bickel brought greetings from the Grand Lodge and thanked us for receiving him.
- He mentioned that he had been a Mason for 35 years and, therefore, in North Dakota, a York Rite Mason for 35 years.
- He pointed out that he was not wearing our usual purple Cryptic Rite jacket; instead he was wearing our Grand Lodge uniform – black suit, red tie, white shirt. He mentioned that it the uniform was an innovation of Companion Ed Samuelson, and that Mrs. Bickel thought it made the Grand Lodge Officers look like pallbearers. He retired to laughter, applause and a standing ovation.

**INTRODUCTION OF PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS**

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell asked that all the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of the Grand Council of North Dakota to the Altar. The following were given the Grand Honors of Masonry:

Edward “Ted” Bolte (7)	1981
Donald J. Laschkewitsch (7)	1983
Donavan J. Eck (7)	1990
Merle L. Huhner (1)	1996
Chris Christianson (1)	1999
H. Allen Ohrt (1)	2001
Charles P. Beeber (1)	2008
Tony E. Telken (11)	2010
Richard D. Hansen (7)	2012
Lon W. Kvasager (11)	2013

## RECOGNITION OF APPENDANT BODIES

The following Appendant Bodies were then recognized:

York Rite Colleges:

Jeffrey N. Nelson, ND Grand Governor

Tim Dawson, Governor, Mandan York Rite College #191

Ron Cooper, Governor, Wild Prairie Rose York Rite College #56

Allied Masonic Degree Councils:

George Kwitka, Sovereign Master, Capitol Council #226

Wendel VanWechel, Sovereign Master, Red River Council #193

## ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the roll call of Grand Representatives the following were present at the Session and were given a round of applause:

Ed Samuelson -	Alabama & New Hampshire	Lon W. Kvasager - Louisiana & Greece
George H. Vettel -	California & Missouri	Ronald L. Penfold - Massachusetts
Mark J. Motis -	Colorado	Charles P. Beeber - Mississippi
Cory R. Lien -	Delaware	Merle L. Huhner - Nebraska
Richard D. Hansen -	Georgia	Craig A. Ramsdell - New Mexico
Donald J. Laschkewitsch -	Illinois	David Bickel - New York
Chris Christianson -	Indiana & North Carolina	H. Allen Ohrt - Ohio
E.F. "Ted" Bolte -	Iowa	Tony E. Telken - Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
John K. Grubb -	Kansas	Donavan J. Eck - Western Canada
		Wendel VanWechel - Portugal

## RECOGNITION OF RECIPIENTS OF "CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell asked the recipients of this medal to assemble west of the Altar. The following from North Dakota were present and all were given a round of applause:

Chris Christianson (1) -	1993	Jeffrey Nelson (7) -	2007
Mark J. Motis (ND) -	1997	Craig Ramsdell (1) -	2009
Charles P. Beeber (1) -	2000	Cory R. Lien (11) -	2011
Lon W. Kvasager (11) -	2004	Tony Telken (11) -	2012
Stanley Whicker (11) -	2006		

## APPROVAL OF ADVANCE REPORTS

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell called for a motion to approve the Advance Reports distributed at registration. It was moved by Companion Selberg and seconded by Companion Ohrt that the following pre-printed Advance Reports be approved. **Motion carried.**

**GRAND RECORDER'S ADVANCE REPORT AND  
ANNUAL RETURNS COMMITTEE ADVANCE REPORT**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Council Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Companions.  
The Grand Recorder's work during 2014 included:

- Completion and distribution of the 2014 Annual Proceedings for the Grand Council.
- Receiving and auditing annual returns from Constituent Councils.
- Annual reports to the General Grand Council.
- Correspondence regarding Grand Representatives.
- Handling registration and preparation of reports for annual Grand Assembly.

The following is a summary of the 2014 Annual Returns from the seven constituent Councils in North Dakota:

Council	2013										2014
	Mmbrs	Grtd	Affld	Rnstd	Err	Gain	Dmtd	Died	Susp	Loss	Mmbrs
Fargo #1	63	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	3	62
Rae #5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Twin City #7	61	3	0	1	0	4	0	0	3	3	62
Tyrian #8	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	12
West River #10	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Damon Anderson #11	44	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	1	2	45
ND Council UD	31	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	30
Totals	225	7	0	2	0	9	1	3	6	10	224

The membership figures for 2014 indicate that our membership in the Grand Council has essentially stabilized. Now it is our goal to get the membership numbers to increase. We must continue to aggressively recruit new members in all parts of the state.

We would again encourage the Recorders and all officers of the constituent Councils to take all means necessary to keep members from demitting or being suspended. Special letters, personal contacts, and selling Paid-up Life Memberships are methods to reduce these numbers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merle L. Huhner, Grand Recorder  
Donavan J. Eck, Committee Chairman

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE ADVANCE REPORT**

The Constitution & By-Laws of the Grand Council were up-dated in 1991 and need to be up-dated again. Drafts of a revised Constitution and By-Laws have been submitted to the Committee. Work should be completed so that a new revised Constitution and By-Laws can be presented to the 100th Assembly for approval in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merle L. Huhner, Chairman

## GRAND TREASURER'S ADVANCE REPORT

To Most Illustrious Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Officers, and Companions. The following financial statement is for calendar year 2014:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Account Balance – 1/1/2014 -	\$ 1,144.75		
Income:			
Dues & Fees -	<u>\$ 2,276.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,250.00</u>	101%
Total Income -	\$ 2,276.00	\$ 2,250.00	101%
Expenses:			
Grand Master T& E -	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	150%
Grand Master Apron & Apron Case -	0.00	250.00	0%
Grand Recorder T& E -	400.00	400.00	100%
General Grand Council Dues -	24.00	250.00	10%
Proceedings -	200.00	200.00	100%
Office Supplies & Expense -	52.37	75.00	70%
Postage -	52.18	50.00	104%
Storage -	100.00	50.00	200%
Grand Assembly Expense -	335.92	200.00	168%
Share of Bond -	149.00	150.00	99%
Share of PO Box Rent -	24.67	25.00	99%
Webmaster Fee -	100.00	100.00	100%
Meeting Expense -	<u>67.10</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Expenses -	\$ 2,255.24	\$ 2,250.00	100%

Account Balance – 12/31/2014

    ND Grand York Rite Checking Account,  
    Wells Fargo Bank, Fargo -

\$ 1,165.51

Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters Account – 12/31/2014

    ND Grand York Rite Savings Account,  
    Wells Fargo Bank, Fargo -

\$ 516.32

    Total -

\$ 1,681.83

Grand Chapter/Council Paid-Up Life Membership Fund:

(Portfolio Value as of 12/31/2014)

    Stifel Nicolaus, Bismarck -

\$ 32,947.99

Respectfully submitted,  
Merle L. Huhner, Grand Treasurer



## FINANCE, BUDGET, AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ADVANCE REPORT

The following is the **2015 Budget** for the ND Grand Council which was reviewed and adopted in December at a Grand Line Officer meeting in Carrington and which the Committee is now presenting for approval:

Income:	Dues & Fees – (223 members @ \$10.00) -	\$ 2,230.00
	Total Income -	\$ 2,230.00
Expenses:	Grand Master T& E -	\$ 250.00
	Grand Master Emolument -	250.00
	Grand Recorder T& E -	400.00
	General Grand Life Membership (8 @ \$25.00) -	200.00
	Proceedings -	200.00
	Office Supplies & Expense -	55.00
	Office Equipment -	250.00
	Postage -	50.00
	Storage -	50.00
	Grand Session Expense -	205.00
	Share of Bond -	150.00
	Share of PO Box Rent -	25.00
	Webmaster Fee -	100.00
	Contingencies -	<u>45.00</u>
	Total Expenses -	\$ 2,230.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Tony Telken, Chairman

## TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE ADVANCE REPORT

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Companions. Your Committee on Time and Place makes the following recommendations concerning the 100th, 101th and the 112th Annual Assemblies:

### **100th Annual Assembly, Mandan ND, April 15-16, 2016**

Baymont Inn and Suites  
2611 Old Red Trail, Mandan ND

### **101st Annual Assembly, Grand Forks ND, April 21-22, 2017**

Red Roof Inn TownHouse  
710 1st Ave N, Grand Forks ND

### **102nd Annual Assembly, Fargo ND, April 20-21, 2018**

Baymont Inn and Suites  
3333 13th Ave S, Fargo ND

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Ramsdell, Chairman

## ADVANCE REPORT OF THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Recorders, and Companions. The following is the 2014 reimbursement to local Chapters and Councils for the per capita dues which are paid on their Life Members. The distribution is done on the calendar year basis so the amount of distribution depends on the Life Membership Fund's portfolio value as of the end of the year (\$32,947.99).

Our distribution this year is based on a total of 296 Life Members with total deposits of \$24,360.70. A new Life Member was added this year for Missouri Chapter #1 and Twin City Council #7. The following distribution was made as of January 1, 2015:

Missouri Chapter #1-	20	\$ 138.84
Twin City Council #7-	21	99.52
Corinthian Chapter #3 -	18	261.24
Damon Anderson Council #11 -	6	132.43
Keystone Chapter #5 -	49	495.59
Fargo Council #1-	38	328.85
Grafton Chapter #9 -	5	42.18
Rae Council #5 -	13	85.44
Dickinson Chapter #11 -	3	16.67
Land O'Buttes Chapter #25 -	12	46.35
West River Council #10 -	6	25.77
ND Chapter UD -	68	469.71
ND Council UD -	<u>37</u>	<u>163.77</u>
Totals -	296	\$ 2,306.36

Respectfully submitted,  
Donavan Eck, Chairman  
Tony E. Telken, Financial Advisor

## NECROLOGY ADVANCE REPORT

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Companions. The Necrology Committee reports the following deaths reported since our last Necrology Report. The following Companions were memorialized in the Memorial service held Friday morning:

Fargo Council #1:	Louis S. VanSlyck	9/26/2014
	Glen G. Symons	1/17/2015
Twin City Council #7:	Donald O. Barber	3/24/2013
Damon Anderson Council #11:	Miles L. Christianson	1/11/2014

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Motis, Chairman

**ADVANCE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

CMMRF supports the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine, (ICVBM), located at the Indiana University School of Medicine and the Richard Roudebush Veteran's Administration Medical Center located at Indianapolis Indiana.

Because blood vessels are important in maintaining the health or repairing almost all tissues, practically all diseases turn out to have a vascular component connected to their origin or remediation. Diabetes, stroke, poor circulation, heart failure, wound healing, and many other diseases share the common denominator of blood vessels. Centering our contributions to an organization that addresses so many different health concerns allows our supporters to share in the medical advancements, regardless of geography.

Through the basic and clinical research, conducted by ICVBM and supported by CMMRF, advancements are being made to discover cures for many of today's health problems, prevent major diseases, and finally to save lives. We invite you to become a part of this team and join our partnership in discovery. Let's do something great together!

The following are contributions made during the past year from North Dakota:

Share of 2014 Memorial Service Offering -	\$ 58.00
Share of 2014 Silent Auction proceeds -	\$ 85.00
Members of Twin City Council #7 -	<u>\$ 53.00</u>
Total -	\$ 196.00

A General Grand Master's Plaque will be awarded to Jeffrey N. Nelson for 2014. Jeff is member of Twin City Council #7 in Mandan-Bismarck.

Ted Bolte, Committee Chair

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE ADVANCE REPORT**

Our long range planning is going to need to take into consideration the signs that we see of a resurgence in Freemasonry in North Dakota. In particular, development in the northwest and the needs in the western part of the jurisdiction need to be taken into consideration in our planning.

We have to recognize that throughout North Dakota, the only product the Grands offer to the membership is service. Before we can effectively serve our members, we must know what their needs are. In order to do that, we must communicate! The Cloud Age that we find ourselves in makes communication so much easier, and so much faster for many of our constituency. We just need to get started at sharing information, files, questions, answers; and, once the lines of communication are open, then we can get to the nitty-gritty of effective festival planning and successful fundraisers; shared Orders of the Temple, and all the other ideas we can use to make our Fraternity better.

Adam and his team; Craig and his team; David and his team are all skilled communicators, and there is no reason for us to fail as long as the membership in general supports us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Christianson, Chairman

## PRESENTATION OF RESTORED ALPHA COUNCIL #9 CHARTER

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell called on the members of the restored Alpha Council #9 and presented with a Charter. The following is the text of the restored Charter:

***ACKNOWLEDGING** the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of the State of North Dakota, I, Craig A. Ramsdell, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, hereby authorize and empower Alpha Council No. 9, Royal and Select Masters, headquartered in Minot, North Dakota, to be restored as such.*

***I DO HEREBY**, by these Presents, grant a Restored Charter unto the following Worthy Companions:*

*Donald G. Akins, Jr.*

*Adam E. Fedler*

*Gregory D. Gunderson*

*Rodney Landers*

*Ronald L. Penfold*

*Larry Torres, Jr.*

*Edward F. Bolte*

*Alexander J. Grubb*

*Gregory D. Gunderson II*

*Brian D. Miles*

*Gerald Raughton*

*David E. Witter*

*Nicholas Clum*

*John K. Grubb*

*Merle Halvorson*

*Jeffrey N. Nelson*

*Tony E. Telken*

*Ray F. Webb*

***I DO HEREBY**, also authorize, empower, and ordain by this my Sovereign Decree, that the above named Companions may elect an Illustrious Master, a Deputy Illustrious Master, a Principal Conductor of the Work, a Recorder-Treasurer, a Captain of the Guard, and a Conductor of the Council. The Illustrious Master shall appoint a Chaplain, a Steward and a Sentinel of said Council of Royal and Select Masters so restored. The said elective officers and their successors in office, are hereby respectively duly authorized and directed, by and with the assistance and consent of the majority of the said Worthy Companions hereinbefore named, and of such as may be regularly Received and Greeted or affiliated by said Council of Royal and Select Masters, to do and transact all business pertaining to said Council, in a manner and form as is or maybe prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota.*

***AND FURTHER**, said Council is hereby invested with full power and authority to assemble upon proper and lawful occasions, and to Receive as Royal Masters and Greet as Select Masters, Worthy Companion Royal Arch Masons; to admit members and also to do and perform every and all such acts and things pertaining to said Degrees as have been or ought to be done for the honor and advancement thereof, conforming in all of their proceedings to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota; otherwise this Charter and the powers and privileges, hereby granted, will cease and be of no further effect.*

## ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S BIOGRAPHY



**Craig A. Ramsdell**

Craig A. Ramsdell was born on July 31st 1954. He attended grade school in a two room school house in Norma, North Dakota and graduated from Kenmare High School in 1972. He joined the regular Army and served in the 101st Airborne, and was one of the founding Rangers of the 1st Ranger Battalion, and served on a NATO team in Europe. After his discharge in 1979, he joined the National Guard, and went on to have three infantry commands in Minnesota.

Craig was a deputy sheriff for Bottineau and Pembina county before going to college. He has one son Tim, two stepchildren, Amanda Clary, Jarred Frisco and is married to Jeanette Ramsdell for twenty years. Craig has a masters degree in Political Science and taught at NDSU and North Dakota State College of Science.

He is a disabled veteran. He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion. Craig is a member of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

Craig is a past master of Moorhead Lodge 126, Moorhead MN and Daylight Lodge No. 135, Fargo ND. He is a 32° KCCH, and active in the Valley of Fargo, North Dakota Scottish Rite. He is a Past Sovereign Master of Red River Council No. 93 and currently secretary, secretary and registrar of Walter Lincoln Stockwell Priory No.53 Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and celebrant of North Dakota College– SCRIF. He is also Deputy Governor of Wild Prairie Rose York Rite College No. 56, member of Holy Royal Arch Templar Priests Spirit of the Lord Tabernacle No. LXIV, St Felix Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Fargo North Dakota, Knight Masons North Dakota Council No. 90, Grand College of Rites, and Quatour Coronoti Lodge No. 2076, . He is editor of the North Dakota supplements of Knights Templar Magazine and the Royal Arch Magazine.

Ramsdell is currently Most Illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of North Dakota, and Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota. He currently a member of Sunrise Lodge No 130 and Moorhead Lodge No 126, Moorhead, MN. Craig takes Freemasonry seriously.

Craig enjoys fishing with his wife Jeanette, family time, metal detecting and rock hunting and shooting. In the winter months, he enjoys researching Masonic subjects, writing and ancient and American history and philosophy. He also collects, cleans, and identifies ancient coins primarily from ancient Rome, Greece, and Palestine. He has one grandson Wyatt and another on the way.

## ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Most Illustrious Masters, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, Grand Council Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Companions: It is my pleasure to welcome you to the North Dakota 99th Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of North Dakota. I hope you find your stay and our company pleasurable while you are in our great state.

Once again I would like to thank those who put their faith in me as their Illustrious Grand Master. It has been a fun, exciting, and fast year. Travelling to the west, meeting some of the new members from the Northwest, and Bismarck and the companions from Grand Forks, and my home Fargo, I believe that we have turned the corner on recruitment. In Minot we have restored a Council, and just last week six candidates finished the Royal Arch Degrees and are ready to start the Cryptic Rite Degrees.

At the same time I saw a need for us to consider and implement some practical and philosophical changes. At times we look at the Cryptic Degrees as a step in between the Council Degrees on the way to receive the Order of the Temple when in fact it is far from the case. The website for the Council gives you an idea of all it does in the area of research. Secondly Jeremy Ladd Cross had a profound vision in creation of the Council to fill out the York Rite story through further allegorical lessons.

In areas of practicality, where lodges have embraced technology we have seen a large number of candidates growth through in Bismarck and the Northwest. All are using Facebook and have websites. This is what we have to embrace in the rest of the state to increase our numbers from only ten percent of masons joining the York Rite to a more reasonable number.

Secondly we need to let our members know what is being said in the degrees just as the Master Craftsman program does for the Scottish Rite. To that end, I have used the Royal Arch Magazine for that purpose as much as I could but we need to implement it in the York Rite in general so that our members do understand what the allegories mean.

Philosophically, Masonry and society in general is at a crossroad. Both our nation and masonry are products of the Enlightenment. Our institutions of higher learning are teaching the students that the Enlightenment idea was false and that it doesn't exist today. They are wrong. Freemasonry and the Enlightenment embraces the idea that we are able to practice and live our religion as it was meant free from societal and governmental pressures. Both also taught us that natural rights exist and that we have free exercise of speech and have inalienable rights embraced through a constitution. Theories are taught today that remove morality from the practice of government and society.

It becomes our duty to inculcate the ideas of our forefathers into our new members so that they understand what our forefathers believed and when necessary fought to protect. We can do that it just takes a little extra class time which can be fun as well as informative. Not only will we have more knowledgeable members but as in old we will have better citizens.

## ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS (continued)

In the same vein, when I looked at our past state by-laws, I wrote a new set of by-laws for consideration that take into account one, we are a separate organization with the right if necessary to dispense justice and secondly, the correct way to do it with the rights of accused to be considered as was meant in by our national constitution. In a sense it is a lesson in good government. Lastly from a practical standpoint, we are no different than a grand lodge in what we should expect of our officers therefore embodied in the work is duties for each of the grand line officers and officers throughout the state that not only will foster a closeness in the fraternity but also a mechanism for professional development.

Thank you for a wonderful year and may God bless each and everyone one of you.

Craig A. Ramsdell,  
Most Illustrious Grand Master

It was moved by Companion Hansen and seconded with applause that the Illustrious Grand Master's address be adopted and entered into the 2015 Proceedings. **Motion carried.**

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell called on the Credentials Committee for a report. The following report was provided by Companion Huhner:

Councils represented -	5
Grand Officers present -	10
Past Illustrious Grand Masters present -	10
Grand representatives present -	19
Distinguished guests -	13
ND Members present -	28
Total registered -	41

It was moved by Companion Selberg and seconded by Companion Kvasager that the Credentials Committee Report be approved. **Motion carried.**

## TELLERS COMMITTEE REPORT

Grand Master Ramsdell then called for the Tellers Committee Report of the 2015-2016 officer election. Companion Eck reported the following results:

Ed Samuelson (1)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Wendel A. VanWechel (11)	Right Illustrious Grand Deputy Grand Master
Stanley H. Whicker (11)	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor o/t Work
Chris Christianson (1)	Most Illustrious Grand Recorder-Treasurer
Ronald L. Penfold (9)	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
David Bickel (7)	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council

All the newly elected officers accepted their offices.

It was agreed to give immediate past Grand Recorder-Treasurer Merle L. Huhner "Emeritus" status.

## 2015-2016 GRAND OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

Newly elected Illustrious Grand Master Ed Samuelson made the following appointments for the coming year:

George H. Vettel (1)	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Gregory B. Taylor (11)	Illustrious Grand Steward
Adam E. Fedler (9)	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Richard D. Hansen (7)	Most Illustrious Grand Chaplain

## HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE GIVEN

An Honorary Membership Certificate to the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota was given to the following Companions:

- Wade Sheeler, Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Iowa, Newton, Iowa.

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Craig Ramsdell Grand Council Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Companions all. Your Jurisprudence Committee wishes to commend you for a successful year and on a well-run and enjoyable Grand Council Assembly.

We have reviewed your report and find all actions taken during the year and at this 99<sup>th</sup> Grand Assembly to have been in order. You have served us well.

We have also reviewed Most Illustrious Recorder/Treasurer Merle Huhner's reports and find them to be in order. We wish to extend our complements and our thanks to him for his untiring efforts and cooperation in continuing with the responsibilities of the office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald J. Laschkewitsch, Chairman

It was moved by Companion Ohrt and seconded by Companion Penfold that the Jurisprudence Committee Report be approved. **Motion carried.**

## CLOSING

It was moved by Companion Hansen and seconded by Companion Kvasager that all actions taken during this 99<sup>th</sup> Grand Assembly of Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota be approved and ratified. **Motion carried.** There being no further business on the trestleboard before the Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota, it was closed in due and ancient form with peace and harmony prevailing.



Craig A. Ramsdell, Grand Master

Attest: Chris Christianson, Grand Recorder



## 2015-2016 GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS



The 2015-2016 Grand Officers of the North Dakota Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons are shown here (left to right): Adam E. Fedler, Illustrious Grand Sentinel; Gregory B. Taylor, Illustrious Grand Steward; Ronald L. Penfold, Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard; Wendel VanWechel, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master; Ed Samuelson, Most Illustrious Grand Master; Stanley H. Whicker, Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; Chris Christianson, Most Illustrious Grand Recorder-Treasurer; Richard D. Hansen, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain; George H. Vettel, Illustrious Grand Marshal; and David Bickel, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council.

### GRAND YORK RITE BANQUET HELD SATURDAY EVENING

The General Grand Council Cryptic Mason Awards were presented to the following:

- Cryptic Mason of the Year Award – Charles E. Selberg was nominated for the award by Most Illustrious Grand Master Craig Ramsdell. Chuck is a member of Fargo Council #1 in Fargo and through the years has served as Illustrious Master twice. He has always volunteered his services and has proved to be a great asset to the York Rite in Fargo. He is also a wealth of knowledge on Masonry and his advice is always sound. Chuck's service has been above and beyond that required of a Companion.
- Youth Leadership Award – Tyler Hall of Mandan was nominated for the award by Most Illustrious Grand Master Craig Ramsdell. Brother Hall has diligently worked for the past year to start a DeMolay Chapter in the western part of the state. He has attended Lodges in the area giving a presentation on DeMolay and is in the process of compiling a list of all boys who are interested in joining DeMolay. He has also managed to get financial support from many of the Lodges. Our Masonic brethren in western North Dakota reported that even when odds were down, Tyler kept his eye on the goal. This is the kind of leadership that a great Mason exhibits and is a role model for all.
- Mordhurst Award - Illustrious Grand Master Ramsdell and Right Puissant Ronald Guthrie presented Merle L. Huhner, Immediate Past Recorder-Treasurer, the Mordhurst Award acknowledging his fifteen years of service as Recorder-Treasurer.

## APPENDIX

### RECIPIENTS OF THE “CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD”

(\* - Deceased; # - Demitted; s - Suspended)

* Charles A. Johnk (1)	1976	* Virgil W. Carmichael (7)	1996
* Jesse Stabenow (3)	1977	Mark J. Motis (6)	1997
* Thomas H. Rappley (3)	1978	Nathaniel E. Knudson (8)	1998
* James C. Stark (7)	1979	* Charles H. Peterson (5)	1999
* Peter S. Hichuk (1)	1980	Charles P. Beeber (1)	2000
# Virgil E. Brogren (1)	1981	# Steven A. Friedrich (1)	2001
* Vicente Rodriguez-Mattei (9)	1982	# Shawn O. Hanson (1)	2002
* Ben E. Lyons (3)	1983	Richard E. Suggs (5)	2003
* Gerald J. Kettleson (7)	1984	Lon W. Kvasager (11)	2004
# Leonard F. Eckland (7)	1985	Jon L. Brudvig (7)	2005
* Miller H. Robinson (5)	1986	Stanley H. Whicker (11)	2006
* James H. Pfau (1)	1987	Jeffrey N. Nelson (7)	2007
* Adwolt Scott (3)	1988	s Matthew Quesada (8)	2008
James K. Well (7)	1989	Craig A. Ramsdell (1)	2009
Raymond Dunham (5)	1990	George Kwitka (7)	2010
* George J. Toman (7)	1991	Cory R. Lien (11)	2011
# George A. Stark (5)	1992	Tony E. Telken (11)	2012
Chris A. Christianson (1)	1993	Loren G. Eikanas (7)	2013
* Raymond E. Brown (5)	1994	David U. Collins (11)	2014
* Harvey G. Vreugdenhil (1)	1995	Charles E. Selberg (1)	2015

### RECIPIENTS OF THE “YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD”

(\* - Deceased; # - Demitted)

* Urban C. Blaisdell (1)	1985	Chad McCabe	2001
Dale Sandstrom (7)	1986	Nels E. Backman	2002
* Gordon Hansen (3)	1987	Debra Hennagir	2003
# Leonard F. Eckland (7)	1988	Nancy Malm	2004
# Donald O. Johnson (1)	1989	Brian E. Burkett (7)	2005
* Milton Dohn (7)	1990	Diane Lavalley	2006
Fred G. Larson (7)	1991	Ross D. Mushik (7)	2007
* Orlando V. Ellingson (7)	1992	Mary Krogh	2008
Mark Holman	1993	Gary M. Spicer	2009
H. Allen Ohrt (1)	1994	Chris A. Christianson (1)	2010
Curtis Mertz	1995	Janice Sather	2011
Michael J. Hennes	1996	Charles “Bob” Higgs	2012
James Savaloja	1997	Heater Buriak	2013
* Donald L. Baker (7)	1998	Pam White	2014
Wayne Ruzicka (7)	1999	Tyler Hall	2015
James Vandenburg	2000		

### RECIPIENT OF THE “MORDHURST AWARD”

(\* - Deceased)

* Orlando V. Ellingson (7)	1996
Merle L. Huhner (1)	2015

### GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL “LADY OF THE COUNCIL” RECIPIENTS

2005 – Lisa Hay  
2006 – Alice Burnett

2010 – Linda Beeber  
2010 – Rita Acker

## REGISTRY OF COUNCILS IN NORTH DAKOTA - 2015

<b>Council</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Master</b>	<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Stated Assembly</b>
Fargo #1	Fargo PO Box 9544 Fargo ND 58106	Charles Selberg	Merle Huhner	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays
Rae #5	Grafton PO Box 9544 Fargo ND 58106		Merle Huhner	Third Thursday
Twin City #7	Mandan 316 E Capitol Ave Bismarck ND 58501	Ronald Penfold	Donavan Eck	Fourth Thursday
Tyrian #8	Dickinson PO Box 266 Killdeer ND 58640		Nathaniel Knudson	On Call of the Illustrious Master
West River #10	Hettinger PO Box 804 Hettinger ND 58639	James Stippich	James B. Hallen	On Call of the Illustrious Master
Damon Anderson #11	Grand Forks 1720 Belmont Road Grand Forks ND 58201	Michael Bakken	Lon Kvasager	1st & 3rd Mondays
North Dakota, U.D.	Fargo PO Box 9544 Fargo ND 58106	Craig Ramsdell	Merle Huhner	-

## PAST GRAND MASTERS OF NORTH DAKOTA

(\* - Deceased; # - Demitted; ^ - Suspended; + - Honorary)

- \* Eben G. Guthrie (1) 1916
- \* John H.G. Turner (2) 1917
- \* Walter H. Murfin (3) 1918
- \* Alexander B. Taylor (1) 1919
- \* Alexander G. Burr (2) 1920
- \* Walter L. Stockwell (1) 1921
- \* Adolph M. Christianson (7) 1922
- \* Frank C. Falkenstein (7) 1923
- \* Richard E. Wenzel (7) 1924
- \* Finley D. Cameron (1) 1925
- \* William T. Johnston (1) 1926
- \* Olaf L. Rusley (4) 1927
- \* John A. Graham (7) 1928
- \* William A. McClure (8) 1929
- \* Ralph L. Miller (1) 1930
- \* Willis L. Dickey (7) 1931
- \* Henry B. Senn (2) 1932
- \* Albert G. Johnson (1) 1933
- \* Carl B. Craven (4) 1934
- \* Albert G. Tverberg (5) 1935
- \* Gustav A. Huss (9) 1936
- \* Vine D. Lord (6) 1937
- \* Emil G. Bloedow (3) 1938
- \* Alfred O. Henderson (7) 1939
- \* Carl M. Ness (1) 1940
- \* Harold Kivley (4) 1941
- \* Fred H. Goldstone (5) 1942
- \* Guy R. Van Sickle (9) 1943
- \* Donald M. Paul (3) 1944
- \* Ole A. Braseth (1) 1945
- \* Olafur W. Johnson (2) 1946
- \* Clarence C. McDonald (1) 1947
- \* Roscoe H. Sherman (3) 1948
- \* Clifford E. Miller (1) 1949
- \* Herman E. Fowler (7) 1950
- \* Charles C. Rand (5) 1951
- \* Walter E. Beisecker (1) 1952
- \* Cleveland A. Armstrong (1) 1953
- \* George H. Dunham (4) 1954
- \* James F. Ulmer (7) 1955
- # Cale Dickey (7) 1956
- \* Hugh Putnam (4) 1957
- \* Joseph A. Jameson (1) 1958
- \* Harley R. Kingsbury (5) 1959
- \* Alex Paper (1) 1960
- \* Delbert J. Miller (6) 1961
- \* C. Eugene Dresser (3) 1962
- \* Raymond C. Caylor (4) 1963
- # Arthur H. Davis (10) 1964
- \* James G. Fogle (7) 1965
- +\* Charles C. Titus (1) 1966
- \* James C. McCormick (6) 1966
- \* Dan M. Hemmesch (9) 1967
- \* Albert W. Rabehl (3) 1968
- \* Neil J. Tillepaugh (4) 1969
- \* Glen M. Robertson (8) 1970
- \* Bernard R. Rognlie (6) 1971
- \* Arthur H. Bird (9) 1972
- \* Helmer Mohagen (5) 1973
- \* Palmer L. Hallquist (1) 1974
- \* Urban C. Blaisdell (1) 1975
- \* Oscar C. Nottveit (10) 1976
- \* Dorsey H. Doyle (3) 1977
- \* Joseph L. Klesalek (7) 1978
- \* Virgil H. Garwood (6) 1979
- \* Clayton S. Christianson (1) 1980
- E.F. "Ted" Bolte (7) 1981
- \* Karl H. Erickson (8) 1982
- Donald J. Laschkewitsch (7) 1983
- \* LaVerne L. Stippich (10) 1984
- \* Norris W. Nelson (5) 1985
- \* Edwin R. Anderson (1) 1986
- \* W. Durward Koll (3) 1987
- \* Milton Dohn (7) 1988
- +\* Orlando V. Ellingson (7) 1988
- Loren G. Eikanas (7) 1989
- Donavan J. Eck (7) 1990
- \* Paul A. Torgeson (5) 1991
- Roald E. Satherhagen (1) 1992
- \* James F. Moris (5) 1993
- \* Norman R. Byers (1) 1994
- Andrew R. Caylor (7) 1995
- Merle L. Huhner (6) 1996
- James K. Well (7) 1997
- \* Arden N. Grundvig (5/7) 1998
- Chris A. Christianson (1) 1999
- \* Damon E. Anderson (5) 2000
- H. Allen Ohrt (1) 2001
- ^Gregory J. Zietz (7) 2002
- \* Harvey G. Vreugdenhil (1) 2003
- Jeffrey N. Nelson (7) 2004
- Bob G. Noblin (5/11) 2005
- +\* Gerald J. Kettleson (7) 2005
- Neill C Burnett (7) 2006
- Nathaniel E. Knudson (8) 2007
- Charles P. Beeber (1) 2008
- \* James V. Acker (1) 2009
- Tony E. Telken (11) 2010
- John B. Bridewell (11) 2011
- Richard D. Hansen (7) 2012
- Lon W. Kvasager (11) 2013
- Craig A. Ramsdell (1) 2014
- +\* Lawrence W.O. Holmes (1) 2014

**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY AND MEMBERSHIP DATA  
NORTH DAKOTA GRAND COUNCIL**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Members</u>
Fargo	1/18/1917	328	Mandan	3/30/1967	759
Fargo	1/17/1918	475	Dickinson	3/29/1968	754
Fargo	1/16/1919	505	Carrington	3/21/1969	715
Fargo	1/15/1920	601	Fargo	3/20/1970	690
Grand Forks	1/27/1921	619	Mandan	3/19/1971	663
Fargo	1/26/1922	712	Devils Lake	3/17/1972	646
Grand Forks	1/25/1923	763	Jamestown	3/23/1973	627
Fargo	1/24/1924	827	Grafton	3/22/1974	641
Bismarck	1/22/1925	848	Dickinson	3/21/1975	613
Fargo	1/28/1926	861	Mandan	3/26/1976	603
Fargo	1/27/1927	871	Minot	3/25/1977	628
Fargo	1/26/1928	898	Jamestown	3/31/1978	636
Fargo	1/24/1929	906	Grand Forks	3/23/1979	641
Fargo	1/30/1930	936	Dickinson	3/27/1980	650
Fargo	1/29/1931	838	Fargo	3/26/1981	698
Fargo	1/28/1932	777	Grand Forks	3/18/1982	693
Fargo	1/26/1933	697	Bismarck	3/24/1983	695
Fargo	1/25/1934	651	Bismarck	4/5/1984	691
Fargo	1/24/1935	650	Bismarck	3/21/1985	666
Fargo	1/23/1936	574	Fargo	3/21/1986	667
Grand Forks	1/27/1937	563	Fargo	3/27/1987	655
Fargo	1/26/1938	548	Jamestown	3/24/1988	632
Fargo	1/26/1939	529	Bismarck	3/30/1989	599
Fargo	1/25/1940	520	Fargo	3/30/1990	628
Fargo	1/23/1941	533	Grand Forks	4/19/1991	619
Fargo	1/22/1942	505	Fargo	4/2/1992	612
Fargo	1/19/1943	484	Fargo	4/1/1993	586
Fargo	1/18/1944	494	Bismarck	3/24/1994	582
Fargo	1/16/1945	503	Bismarck	3/30/1995	575
Fargo	1/15/1946	569	Fargo	3/21/1996	551
Fargo	1/21/1947	653	Jamestown	4/17/1997	545
Fargo	1/20/1948	688	Bismarck	4/2/1998	539
Fargo	1/18/1949	727	Fargo	3/26/1999	549
Fargo	1/17/1950	772	Fargo	4/14/2000	507
Fargo	3/13/1951	838	Grand Forks	4/6/2001	453
Fargo	3/11/1952	861	Bismarck	3/22/2002	402
Devils Lake	3/10/1953	881	Mandan	3/29/2003	395
Minot	3/12/1954	820	Mandan	3/20/2004	348
Jamestown	3/11/1955	806	Mandan	3/19/2005	323
Fargo	3/14/1956	788	Fargo	3/25/2006	302
Mandan	3/13/1957	786	Mandan	3/24/2007	290
Jamestown	3/12/1958	770	Fargo	3/15/2008	286
Devils Lake	3/12/1959	811	Mandan	3/28/2009	272
Grand Forks	3/17/1960	812	Fargo	3/27/2010	259
Wahpeton	3/9/1961	815	Grand Forks	4/15/2011	249
Devils Lake	3/29-30/1962	769	Mandan	4/21/2012	231
Jamestown	3/28-29/1963	789	Grand Forks	4/20/2013	229
Grand Forks	3/19-20/1964	773	Fargo	4/26/2014	225
Dickinson	3/25-26/1965	749	Jamestown	4/18/2015	224
Jamestown	3/24/1966	759			

## GRAND REPS NEAR NORTH DAKOTA AND OTHER GRAND COUNCILS

### Grand Reps near North Dakota

### Grand Council

### Grand Reps near other Gr Councils

#### UNITED STATES:

Ed Samuelson, Jr. 832 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave E West Fargo ND 58078	Alabama	James O. Tidmore 7450 Weems Road Pinson AL 35126
Nelse Grundvig 9418 Ancient Oak Ln Verona WI 53593	Arizona	William L. Jenny PO Box 673 Sierra Vista AZ 85635
Drew Combs 1706 N 6th St Bismarck ND 58501	Arkansas	Bill A. Jones 135 Dawn Circle Russellville AR 72802
George H. Vettel 3201 20 <sup>th</sup> St S Apt 225 Fargo ND 58104	California	Clyde W. Holtsman II 617 Lucy Lane Roseville CA 95678-4327
Mark J. Motis 701 B Ave S Minnewaukan ND 58351-5200	Colorado	Larry L. Childs PO Box 812 Trinidad CO 81082
Jeffrey N. Nelson 3112 Tyler Parkway Bismarck ND 58503	Connecticut	Richard V. Travis 15 Greenridge Dr Brookfield CT 06804-1613
Cory R. Lien 1434 South 15 <sup>th</sup> St Grand Forks ND 58201	Delaware	Maurice C. Barnes 700 Pecan Ave Milford DE 19963
David A. Hanson 902 19th St NE Jamestown ND 58401-2749	District of Columbia	Kenneth L. Foran 5001 Seminary Rd Alexandria VA 22311
Raymond E. Dunham 5011 Belmont Rd Grand Forks ND 58201-8045	Florida	Robert F. Scott, Jr. PO Box 37524 Jacksonville FL 32236
Richard D. Hansen 2801 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE #104 Mandan ND 58554	Georgia	Harry E. Copeland 207 Claire St Rossville GA 30741
Bob G. Noblin 1720 Belmont Rd Grand Forks ND 58201	Idaho	Howard A. Smith 2610 Weaver Circle Boise ID 83704
Donald J. Laschkewitsch 1810 7th St N Bismarck ND 58501	Illinois	Robert J. Hoeckelberg 2211 E Minor Arlington Heights IL
Chris Christianson 2614 South Bay Dr Fargo ND 58103-5062	Indiana	Rodney A. Mann 903 Oak Park Dr Shelbyville IN 46176
E.F. "Ted" Bolte 1601 University Ave W Minot ND 58703	Iowa	James A. Fischer 2322 Nye Ave Muscatine IA 52761
John K. Grubb PO Box 642 Tioga ND 58852-0642	Kansas	Maurice L. Blackman 5911 Melstone Dr Arlington TX 76016-2760
Roger A. Schmitz 619 9 <sup>th</sup> St S Grand Forks ND 58201	Kentucky	Carroll M. Curtis PO Box 20 Frankfort KY 40601
Lon W. Kvasager 627 24th Ave S Grand Forks ND 58201	Louisiana	Jesse J. Hollingshead 1128 Dewey St Westlake LA 70669

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<u>Grand Reps near North Dakota</u>	<u>Grand Council</u>	<u>Grand Reps near other Gr Councils</u>
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>		
Louis I. Larson 2214 7th St N Fargo ND 58102	Maine	Richard T. Hagan RR 1 Box 1930 Windsor ME 04363
Bob G. Noblin 1720 Belmont Rd Grand Forks ND 58201-7311	Maryland	Donald M. Miller 7705 E Baltimore St Baltimore MD 21224
Ronald L. Penfold 411 11 <sup>th</sup> St NW Minot ND 58703-2156	Massachusetts	Roland Sidney Packard 17B Worcester Ave Turners Falls MA 01376
Edward L. Choate 2118 E Charles St Republic MO 65738	Michigan	Louis D. Scott 6509 Hamburg Rd Brighton MI 48116-9165
Timothy Ramsdell 915 32 <sup>nd</sup> Ave S Apt 106 Moorhead MN 56560	Minnesota	Robert W. Stauff 203 4th St White Bear Lake MN 55110
Charles P. Beeber 1726 14 1/2 St S Fargo ND 58103	Mississippi	Frederick H. Stephens 229 Argyle St McComb MS 39648
George H. Vettel 3201 20 <sup>th</sup> St S Apt 225 Fargo ND 58104	Missouri	Lester J. Brown 1214 Scott Dr Liberty MO 64068
Nathaniel E. Knudson 1601 Towne Crossing Blvd #1312 Mansfield TX 76063	Montana	Robert J. Leete 210 Adirondak Hamilton MT 59840
Merle L. Huhner 3001 34th Ave S #1128 Fargo ND 58104-5115	Nebraska	James A. Clark 896 County Road 2350 Crete NE 68333-5003
Daniel B. Gartner 115 Hwy 38 Alice ND 58031	Nevada	W. Wayne Perkins 1850 Allen Rd Fallon NV 89406-8850
Ed Samuelson, Jr. 832 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave E West Fargo ND 58078	New Hampshire	William F. Curtis 13 Morrill Ct Epping NH 03042-2522
James Stippich PO Box 670 Hettinger ND 58639	New Jersey	Donald W. Burdick 10 Laurel Dr S Somerville NJ
Craig A. Ramsdell 924 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave N Moorhead MN 56560	New Mexico	Kermit K. Schauer 675 Farney Ln Las Cruces NM 88005-3314
David Bickel 613 West Ave C Bismarck ND 58501	New York	
Chris Christianson 2614 South Bay Dr Fargo ND 58103-5062	North Carolina	Billy W. Canupp 2312 Hollybrook Ln Monroe NC 28110
H. Allen Ohrt 2812 27th St SW Fargo ND 58103-5033	Ohio	Louis S. VanSlyck 770 Stinson Dr Columbus OH 43214
James K. Well 1014 Constitution Dr Bismarck ND 58501	Oklahoma	Joseph Lusk 4929 Smoking Oak Dr Yukon OK 73099

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<u>Grand Reps near North Dakota</u>	<u>Grand Council</u>	<u>Grand Reps near other Gr Councils</u>
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>		
James B. Hallen PO Box 804 Hettinger ND 58639	Oregon	David Fuller 11533 River Road NE Gervis OR 97028
Neill C Burnett 12751 Gateway Park Rd Poway CA 92064	Pennsylvania	William L. Bryan 209 9 <sup>th</sup> St E Watsontown PA 17777
Tony E. Telken 2642 Augusta Dr Grand Forks ND 58201	Rhode Island and Providence Plantations	Ernest E. Widergren, Jr. 160 Cumberland Rd Warwick RI 02886-8712
Troy D. Eck 1026 Haggard Dr Clarksville TN 37043	South Carolina	Hal Gregory PO Box 246 Ft Lawn SC 29714
Fred G. Larson 506 F Ave West Bismarck ND 58501-3427	South Dakota	George Emmett Bauder 8020 Alfalfa Ct Rapid City SD 57702
Raymond M Hornung 50042 Leek Lake Dr Vergas MN 56587-9433	Tennessee	David T. Hart 5520 Hwy 49 W Vanleer TN 37181-5058
Loren G. Eikanas 1613 Porter Ave Bismarck ND 58501	Texas	Clarence Ray McKown 10056 Farmers Branch St Fort Worth TX 76108
Ivan H. Hamilton 15317 Saratoga St Omaha NE 86116	Utah	Michael D. Cannon 164 Pebblewood Ln Centerville UT 84014
George Kwitka PO Box 2203 Bismarck ND 58504	Vermont	Willis J. Morse RR 2 Box 1265 Waterbury VT 05676
Lonnie Stippich PO Box 670 Hettinger ND 58639	Washington	Alfred J. Luberts, Jr. 14613 81 <sup>st</sup> Ave E Puyallup WA 98375
Armun D. Jones 600 S Mission Ridge Rd Colby KS 67701-3255	Wisconsin	James Long
Richard E. Suggs 2618 10th St S Grand Forks ND 58201	Wyoming	Gregory K. Shiek 859 W 5 <sup>th</sup> St Sheridan WY 82801
<b>CANADA:</b>		
John B. Bridewell 7551 South 25th St Grand Forks ND 58201-9232	Eastern Canada	Darrell K. Thurber 101 West Lane Moncton, New Brunswick Canada E1C 6T8
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**MASONIC CALENDAR**

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the work, calling it Anno Lucia (A.L.) meaning "In the year of Light".

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the Second Temple was completed by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.I.) meaning "In the year of Discovery".

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.Dep.) meaning "In the year of the Deposit".

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their Order, Anno Ordinis (A.O.) meaning "In the year of the Order".

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, Anno Beneficio (A.Beo.) meaning "In the year of the Blessing".

**RULES FOR MASONIC DATES**

Ancient Craft Masons - Add 4000 to the current year.

Royal Arch Masons - Add 530 to the current year.

Royal and Select Masters - Add 1000 to the current year.

Knights Templar - Subtract 1118 from the current year.

## GRAND COUNCILS AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND RECORDERS

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