

2022



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Deputy Masters Plan

**TOGETHER
WE CAN
GROW**

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Companions,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you for having the character and leadership skills to lead your respective Council. It is through the dedicated work of Companions like yourself that will keep Cryptic Masonry thriving for future generations.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve you in the Grand Council over the years. As I approach my upcoming year as your Grand Master, I see lots of work that must be done. I am a reasonable individual and understand that it will take several years to accomplish this task. That is why it is very important to work together. Last year at Grand Council the per capita was increased. We need to position ourselves to be able to handle this additional financial burden. This may be as simple as increasing our local dues, but more importantly we need to increase our membership, whether that is through retention or new advancements. As I travel through this great State, I see signs of a great population that is untapped. We must work closely with our Blue Lodges in trying to increase the number of Brethren in search of Light. There are several steps that can be taken one of which is having an ambassador in every Lodge in the state. I will get into that in more details later. We must also work to improve our ritual work. Most importantly we need to make every effort to make our new Companions to feel welcomed are part of a great fraternity.

Theme

Together We Can Grow

Together we can grow is to remind us that we must work together to better Cryptic Masonry. Whether it is working together with your fellow Companions of your own Constituent Council or working with other Councils in your Arch and State. This is vital in portraying the best degree work that we can for the new Companions. It is been seen throughout my career in Masonry that if a new candidate sees good to exceptional degree work, they are for more enthused to become part of something that takes that much pride in what they do, and likewise if they received bad or poor degree work (e.g., reading from the ritual) they will be more likely not to return. Also, there is nothing more rewarding than going home from a portrayal of a degree knowing in your heart that you gave it 110%.

Together we can grow also reminds us to work closely with our appendant bodies especially Blue Lodge. We can do this by helping your Blue Lodge or a neighboring Blue Lodge with a community outreach project. We must get those individuals interested into Blue Lodge before we can get them into York Rite. We need to meet with the Blue Lodges' Worshipful Masters and ask for a few minutes to explain the advantages of joining the York Rite. Ask if you can arrange put on a skit designed to get them interested. I will be implementing the Ambassador program to help get Companions involved in this.

Remember the only way that a Council can thrive is if the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery thrive.

The Advocate Program- Credit to MIC James Parker

Each Illustrious Master should appoint an advocate to each Blue Lodge that is in their area. If a Lodge overlaps into another Council's area communication should be established with that Council so that they can work together and no Lodge is left untapped. Many Lodges out there have become "Scottish Rite" Lodges. There is nothing wrong with that, but more light can be received if those members had a choice.

These Advocate reports back at the stated assemblies and it is reported in the minutes.

The Advocate's task is to work with the Lodge Worshipful Master and LEO officer to schedule a time to present a program on the York Rite story. Make sure to take petitions.

1. Each Illustrious Master selects an Advocate for each Lodge in the Council's service area. Note: we are not asking for volunteers, because volunteers just hang on and are difficult to replace when they are not doing what is expected. A selection can be easily replaced, because, after all you selected them.
2. The Advocate's job is simple. Working with the Worshipful Master and the Lodge Education Officer, he is asking for a few possible dates to make a presentation, usually 20 or 25 minutes. Make sure they give their membership enough warning that good attendance will be had. "The York Rite Story" is an excellent video to use. Or a cast may be used to perform a skit. Your Arch Inspector can help you arrange these.
3. At each Stated meeting a report should be given and reported in the minutes.
4. Once the date options are available, the team should pick the date. The team consists of three or four preferable State level officers, but not necessary. There should be a different Companion represent each York Rite Body to explain the number of different degrees, the fees and dues and the charitable cause of each body.
5. These programs should only be done in tiled Lodges in order to keep potential members from leaving.
6. The Closer should be prepared to ask pointed question to the officers of the Lodge to generate their thought process. They should be asked of non-York Rite members. These questions are to get the members and especially the officers to realize their knowledge of Freemasonry is incomplete.
 - a. Beginning at the Junior Warden station, ask him why he says what he dutifully reports at the opening and closing of the Lodge, no matter what degree. Asking the remaining members, have you ever seen the Junior Warden tell you the time? Then turning to the Junior Warden, ask if you don't tell time why do you say it? Almost always after some prodding, he will respond "**because it is in the book**".
 - b. Moving to the Senior Warden, ask him why he says what he dutifully reports at the opening and closing. Asking the other members if they have ever been paid by the Senior Warden? Then turning to the SW, ask, if you don't pay anyone why do you say it. Once again you will probably get a "**because it is in the book**".

- c. Turning to the East, Worshipful, during the MM while raising the candidate, you whisper something in his ear. What does it mean? You don't know, then why do you say it? I know **"because it is in the book"**
 - d. As a general question, where in the three degrees is the purpose of King Solomon's Temple explained.
 - e. The answer to these questions and more is explained in the York Rite Degrees.
- The Closer should end facing the alter and say: We all have been here a number of times, think carefully, have you ever asked for Final Light? Like myself, the obvious answer is no! We know Freemasonry is an educational system, therefore we know as a Mason, we never end our search for More Light.

This is only an abbreviated program that I only hope that can be expanded on in the future.

I would also like to touch on the importance of communicating with our current members. Try to reach out to them at least by phone to see if they need anything and that they are doing well. Tell them that it would be great to see them at the monthly meeting.

Try to keep the meeting informative and interesting.



Michael L Terry
Deputy Grand Master

General Guidelines for Illustrious Masters

2022-2023

1. Inspections and SEM dates to be submitted to the Arch Inspector no later than May 31, 2022. This will give the Inspector time to check the calendar and inform Grand Council.
2. Remember the Code only provides for the Arch Inspector to set inspection dates. To avoid conflicts with Commandery Inspections, please try to avoid scheduling Inspections on Saturday after the first of the year. All Inspections and SEM Reviews should be completed by May 31, 2023.
3. Only the Arch Inspector has the authority to cancel or reschedule an Inspection with the approval of the Grand Master.
4. The Arch Inspector makes all appointment for the Arch on behalf of the Grand Council.
5. The Arch Inspector makes all recommendations to the Grand Master for Grand Council appointments.
6. The Illustrious Master should be covered when presiding.
7. Illustrious Master should confer the degree. This is your year make it special.
8. Major speaking parts must be done by the Council being inspected. (Royal and Select degrees)
9. SEM must have the majority of the speaking parts done by the Council being inspected.
10. Every effort must be made to secure a first- time candidate for the Inspection.
11. Encourage all of your officers to attend the Arch School of Instruction.
12. Each degree must be conferred at least once during the Cryptic year.
13. Support your Arch and their activities. Attend your Arch Reunion. If you cannot attend, send someone to represent your Council.
14. Set a goal for the Diabetic Kids Fund that your members can help to accomplish.
15. Plan an outing for your Council in the summer time this is a great opportunity for fellowship.
16. Encourage travel within your Arch. This will help to improve your degree work and provide an opportunity to fellowship with other Companions in the Arch.
17. Assure that you and your top officers have completed the Cell Courses.
18. Most importantly, enjoy your year.

Grand Master's Award 2022- 2023

The Grand Illustrious Master's Award for 2022-2023 will be presented at the Annual Grand Assembly in 2023 to those Illustrious Masters who have excelled in their Councils in the Cryptic Year. The Criteria to receive this award is that Council must achieve 8 of the 15 goals listed below.

Must achieve 8 of the 15 following Goals

1. Council must have no suspensions for the 2022-2023 year.
2. Reinstate 5 Companions who have demitted or been suspended.
3. Increase membership in your Council by 5%
4. Increase Diabetic Kids Fund contributions over the last year by a minimum of 10%.
5. Advance a new member at your Annual Inspection.
6. Start an advocate program in your Council and portray a video or skit at a Blue Lodge (must be documented)
7. Have a Council involved in a community event.
8. Top 3 platform officers of you Council successfully complete the Cell program.
9. Attendance at 2022 Grand Assembly by 2 of the 3 Platform Officers. (No Proxies)
10. Provide a copy of newsletter (mail or email) showing that the events of the Council are being communicated with the membership.
11. Portray the SEM Degree with 80% or more of the cast being from your Council.
12. Illustrious Master and at least 2 Companions attend the Arch School of Instruction.
13. Have an official visitation (5+ Companions at a minimum of three inspections in your Arch.
14. Have a social event with ladies and family invited.
15. Have a lady's program at your Inspection.

Goal achievement must be submitted directly to the Arch Inspector, by June 15, 2023, who will verify and submit to the Illustrious Grand Master by June 30,2023.

Council Name and Number: _____ **Arch** _____

Goals achieved:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

Submitted by _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Arch Inspector Signature _____

DEPUTY MASTER PLAN

Council _____ No. _____ City _____

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address (including zip code) _____

Email Address _____

Wife's First Name _____

Requested Inspection Date: 1. Choice _____ Dinner? Yes/No _____

Inspection Degree _____ 2. Choice _____ Dinner Time _____

Degree Time _____ 3. Choice _____ Ladies Invited? _____

Requested S.E.M. Date: 1. Choice _____ Dinner? Yes/No _____

Degree Time _____ 2. Choice _____ Dinner Time _____

3. Choice _____ Ladies Invited? _____

Identify the Blue Lodges you normally work with _____

How many **new** members do you expect to advance next year? _____

What Chapters in your area do you work with? _____

How many Council Inspections do you plan to attend? _____

How many S.E.M. degrees do you plan to attend? _____

What special Council activities do you plan? _____

Are you planning a special project for the Benevolent Fund? _____

If yes, describe _____

Have you read last year's Inspection Report? _____

Have you prepared your budget for the year? _____

Have you seen the Inventory and Insurance Policy? _____

Have you selected your Welfare & Finance Committees as required? _____

Do you have a Council publication? _____ Frequency of Publication _____

How many Council officers are under age 40? _____

Additional Comments on how you will improve Cryptic Masonry _____

Illustrious Master Inspection Order of Business

- Opening in Select Master Degree is required for Inspection.
- Introduction of the Candidates
- Have the Arch President or a designate do the roll call of Councils and visitors.
- Introductions of Arch Officers and Past Arch Adjutants (in the west with a round of Applause)
- Introductions of KYCH, 33^{rds}, Past and Present District Deputies, Past and Present Grand officers of Other Bodies, MSA ECT. West of the Altar with Grand Honors.
- Past and Present Grand Council Officers Distinguished Service Award Recipients, Arch Adjutants West of Altar with Grand Honors
- Inspecting Officer West of the Altar with Grand Honors - Escorted to the East for Comments.
- Most Illustrious Grand Master (Presented *not introduced*) - West of the Altar with Grand Honors, escorted to the East for Comments.
- Most Worshipful Grand Master (*introduced West*) of the Altar. Escorted to the East for Grand Honors and Comments.
- Degree - If Royal Master or SEM is the inspection degree, suspend work in the Select Master degree, and the open the appropriate degree.
- Master to make final comments i.e. thanks to the council for their work and any visiting companions who helped, and inform if there are refreshments planned.
- Turn the Council over to the Inspecting Officer.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio

Distinguished Achievement Award Nomination Form

Companion

Council No. Years as Cryptic Mason

Service to Cryptic Masonry (explain in detail):

Service to community (explain in detail):

Recommended by: Illustrious Master

Deputy Master

P.C.W.

Arch Inspector

Please forward nomination form to the Arch Inspector *no later than* June 15th, and he will submit the form to the Distinguished Achievement Award Committee.

If more space is needed to explain service, please use the back of this form.

Council Man-of-the Year Award

This is a certificate that may be presented to one Companion from your Council each year. There are many Companions who have served our Councils for years without fee or honors. This is an opportunity to express our gratitude to these "unsung heroes". This Companion may have secured many petitions, served faithfully as a Gible, visited the sick, taken care of your robes and property, assisted with refreshments, represented the Council on visitations, or supported the Council with loyal attendance. These are the reasons for recognizing this Companion. The following guidelines are to be followed:

- It may be presented to only one Companion during the year.
- The nominee must have been a Cryptic Mason for the past 10 years.
- He cannot be serving in a progressive line office in the Council.
- If a Past Illustrious Master, he must have earned the title at least five years ago.
- As noted above, the first consideration is to be given to those faithful members who have not served as officers.
- The Selection is to be made jointly by the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, and the P.C.W, no vote is required.
- The nomination is to be submitted to the Arch Inspector on this form. If approved by the Arch Inspector, the certificate will be supplied, by the Arch Inspector to the Illustrious Master.
- Plan the presentation to be a special occasion with refreshments. Could be as part of an dinner meeting with the Ladies.

Council _____ No. _____

Nominee's full name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

List of the activities and service the companion has given on behalf of the Council:

Signed:

I.M. _____ D.M. _____

P.C.W. _____ Date _____

Grand Council

ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Fee: One year plan at \$800.00 to Grand Council plus one year's dues paid to your local council
-or- Three year plan at \$267.00 paid to Grand Council plus three years' dues paid to your local council.



Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Council Name: _____ Number: _____ Location: _____

Check enclosed: \$800.00 \$267.00

Submit dues payment to your local council.
Make check payable to *Endowed Membership Fund* and mail to:
Grand Council R&SM of Ohio, P.O. Box 751538, Dayton, OH 45475

Grand Council Information

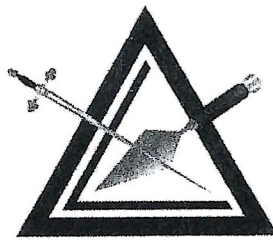
Check Number _____ Date payment or check received: _____ Amount: _____

Enrollment Number: _____ Date paid in Full: _____

1. Applicant must pay a total of \$800.00 plus one year's dues
(Three year plan applicants must pay dues until paid in full)
2. Endowed Membership remains with the member, not the Council
3. Council will receive payment even after the member is deceased
4. Member is exempt from paying dues for life.
5. Application funds are non-refundable.
6. Payment to the Council is based on investment income.

MAIL CHECKS TO:
Grand Council R&SM of Ohio
P.O. Box 751538 Dayton, OH 45475

Alpha



Omega

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of the State of Ohio

To all Royal and Select Masons throughout the Globe,

Greetings:

We, the Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, and Principal Conductor of the Work of
Findlay Council #50

Royal and Select Masons, held in the city of Findlay, and working under the authority of a
charter from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of the State of Ohio, by order of said
Council do hereby certify that our worthy Companion

Kenneth D. Chamberlain

whose name is signed in the margin hereof in his own proper handwriting, has regularly received
the Cryptic Degrees as follows:

Royal Master Degree the 5th day of May, 1979

Select Master Degree the 5th day of May, 1979

Super Excellent Master Degree the 7th day of May, 1982

That he is now a member in good standing of our said Council and we do hereby recommend him
to the favor and protection of all regular Cryptic Masons, wheresoever dispersed.

In Testimony Whereof, we have subscribed our names and caused the seal of our said
Council to be affixed this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____, A. Dep.

(seal)

Illustrious Master

Deputy Master

Attest _____ Recorder _____ PCW

This is to certify that _____ Council No. _____, R. & S.M., is a legally constituted Council under
the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of the State of Ohio.

Dated at _____, Ohio, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____, A. Dep.

Grand Recorder

Ne Varietur