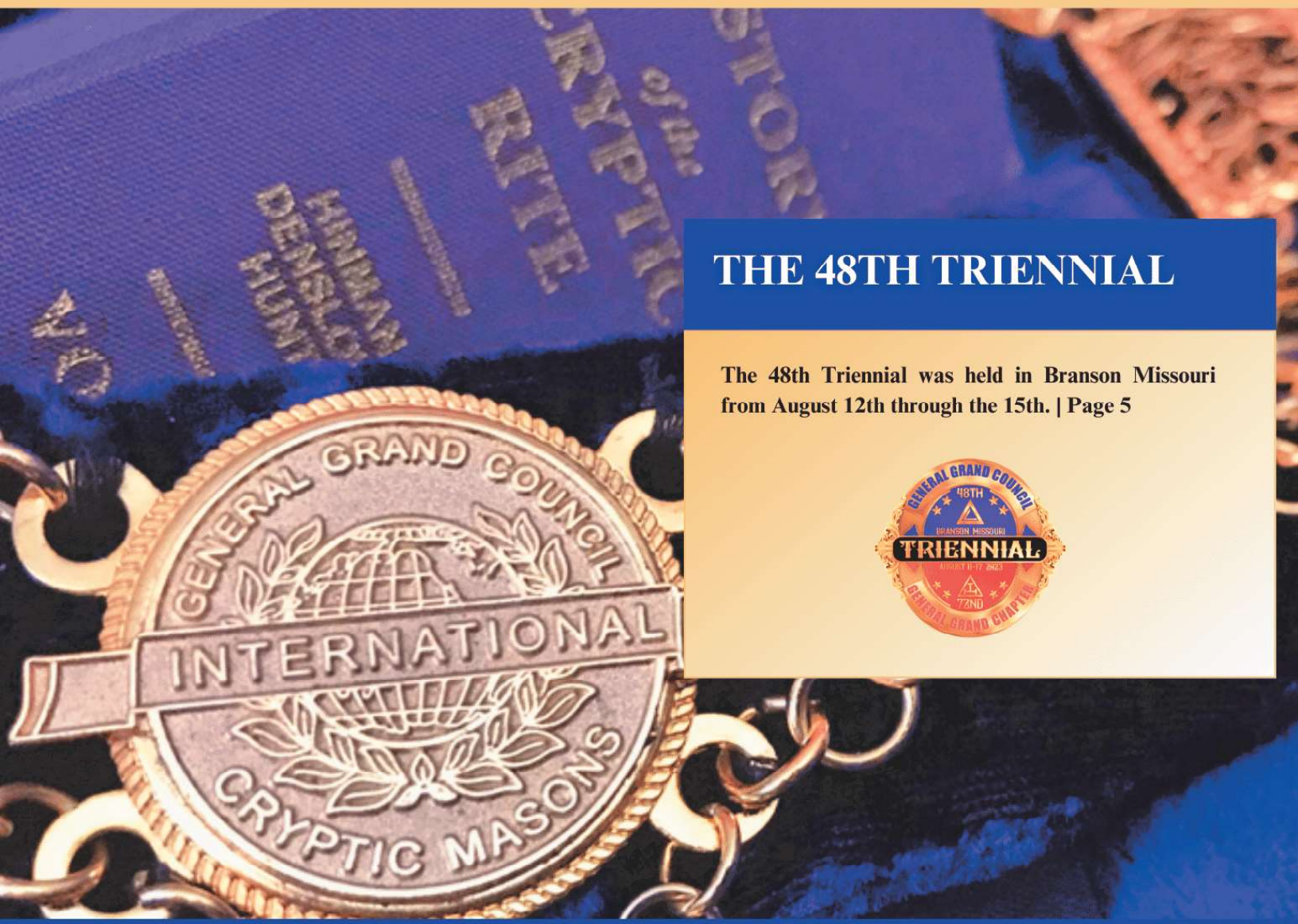


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## From The M.I. Grand Master

### EMERGENCY

I wanted to place this article up front due to its critical nature. During our Triennial this week, we had the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Hawaii Dustin T. Verity in attendance. It was heart wrenching to hear his story and to see photos of the death and destruction that fell upon the Island of Maui. Many lost everything. They left their homes with the shirt on their back; no money, no credit cards, and nowhere to go. It is easy to help our brothers because they need anything and everything. No matter what you do to aid them, it will help. I have attached a "QR" code to help you get into their relief site. Just remember the outpouring of help from our Brothers after the many hurricanes that strike Florida. Let's reciprocate. Contributions should also go through the Grand Lodge of Florida.



The Grand Master thanks you for any help you can extend to a Worthy Brother and GOD BLESS you for your kindness.

*Thomas Olsen*

M.I. Grand Master, R&SM Florida



## From The M.J. Grand Master

### AUGUST ACTIVITIES

During the month of August, I had the opportunity to visit the Companions at Heartland Council in Avon Park. Everyone was so nice and were very receptive to my ideas for this year. I discussed the “E” for the Councils with the Illustrious Master with a Blue Card. They assured me that they would be in the mix by year end. So much so that Jeffrey Lawrence has agreed to help me make the “E” I will be presenting. My next meeting was to Ft. Myers Council. The turnout was great and I even had the opportunity to visit with our Grand Steward and the Past Illustrious Grand Master from Alaska, Jim Hogg. It is always great fun when you are around him and his wit. The meeting went well, and the meal was out of this world. The trip to Branson is a subject for a movie. We stopped in Tupelo to see the birthplace of Elvis. When we got there it was closed: but on our way out, we met the curator and what a tour he gave us. From there we went to Hot Springs. Saw all the sites but did not see Hillary nor Bill; guess they stay in New York. From there we travelled to Branson up route 7. Returned from Branson by way of Alabama. I somehow took every dirt road in the State. As soon as I returned, I attended a Table Council. What a fantastic meeting it turned out to be. I had to take care of a little business; I presented Joshua Shutts with his District Deputy lapel pin and his “Blue Card” proficiency card and pin. He thought the pin was great looking. As a blue card holder and the Illustrious Master of Union Council, they qualified for the “E” to be draped on their Charter. Their table set up was unique. It was a broken triangle.



## From The M.I. Grand Master

### AUGUST ACTIVITIES

So on the 19th I was in Pensacola and on the 21st I travelled to West Palm Beach to visit the Companions of Zabud Council. This was my first time to this Council but can assure you that it won't be my Palm Beach last. I was very impressed with the members there and how they made me feel at home. What a great group of guys. We had a very open discussion of my plans and their concerns. I think we all enjoyed the evening. It was well worth the 4 hours to get there. Our District Deputy for District 1 was unable to attend; he was on vacation in Europe. He sent me great pictures of Masonic Lodges over there. Boy are they ever nice. I hope he will show these pictures to his Councils. By the way, it is about 650 miles from Pensacola to West Palm Beach. My last activity for the month will be our second area meeting of the year. It will be the meeting for Districts 2 & 3. It was held in Tampa. Can't believe how organized it was. Everything went perfectly. We were completed by 1:55 pm with 5 minutes to spare. We had 6 or 7 Past Grand Line Officers there just to make me a little more nervous. I had the opportunity to present M.I. Gene Lance with his Grand Master's Award for his support of C.M.M.R.F. By the way for those still hosting an area meeting, the meal doesn't have to be this costly menu. We had a great meal, and it was home cooked. We even had a special cake for Henry Adams and me.

## Next Year's Convention

It's not too early to start planning on attending our convention this May. My goal is to have every Dais officer there (Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principal Conductor of the Work, Treasurer, and Recorder). It is critical they be in attendance. This was part of the vow they took on the altar when being sworn into their office. They have almost nine months to make arrangements. I would hope the Past Illustrious Masters, Past District Deputies, and newly raised Companions be there.



## The 48th Triennial

The 48th Triennial was held in Branson Missouri from August 12th through the 15th. What a convention it was. We had 492 registered members. They represented 23 foreign Countries and 41 States. I had the privilege of bringing in the State flag of Kansas and the flag of Saskatchewan. How great is that. Corey Kosciuszko stole the Florida flag from me. He got there before I did. It was moving to see the flags set in place and the representation grew before our very eyes.



This was my first Triennial, and I was humbled by the quality and accomplishment of the Companions representing their States and Appendant Bodies. I met and saw more Grands here than at the Grand Olde Opey, a very impressive gathering. Most everybody who was somebody was there. I had the opportunity to talk to them about Florida and to learn about issues in their State. I learned many things that we need to do to become a front-runner in the Council. I think the thing that bothered me the most was that there 23 Foreign Countries represented here and only 41 State. If the 23 Countries could make the effort to be here, why not the other nine states. Why did Florida have only 9? Corey, Sheldon, and I had dinner with the two representatives from Romania. They traveled 24 hours by plane and bus to get here. More on them later.



## The 48th Triennial

I was so honored when the Deputy Grand Master on the Grand International Council; William Snider attended my installation and more honored to attend his installation as the Grand Master of the General Grand Council International. We are blessed to have his leadership and support for the next three years. One of his initiatives is to have Councils here in the U.S. sponsor Council abroad to improve understanding between the two Councils. At our dinner on Thursday, Corey, Sheldon and I asked if we could be a sister Council with the Council of Romania. Gheorhe Vilceanu and Christian Alexandru Iordache were excited to accept. Corey was so excited to meet people with harder names to say than Kosciuszko. They will be sending us information on how to get and keep in touch. I will encourage all to stay in touch with them.



I would like to give a special thanks to Charles Hollinger, Larry Gillespie, Carl Gilmore, Henry Adams, Corey Kosciuszko, Charle Harper, Harry Eisenburg, and Sheldon Arpad for representing the Grand Council of Florida. We had nine. Just a note: You don't have to be the Grand Master to attend. There were many here who were not in any line and still attended. They came to learn and be a part on this the 48th Triennial and to usher in the 49th. It is rumored that there will be another Triennial in three years. For those who could not make this one, you have three years to plan to attend the next. I know I will be there.



## The 48th Triennial

In addition to attending meetings, we had a dinner cruise board the Branson Belle. Fantastic trip. Breakfast at the Silver City Theme Park. Sheldon and I were able to escape all the roller coaster rides except one. Good thing most of the drops were in the dark. That evening we had dinner at the Dolly Parton Stampede, too much food and NO silverware. The Ladies had the Top of the Rock Canyon Cave Tour. All the ladies loved it and felt their husbands would have enjoyed it as well. This tour is done on golf carts so very little walking was involved. “Too much to do and so little time.” That night we had an Aloha Banquet. You can’t imagine how many different Hawaiian shirts there are. After dinner we had a performer do impersonations of 60’s, 70’s and 80’s singers: from Mick Jagger to Neil Diamond, Jerry Lee Lewis to Johnny Cash, and James Taylor to Michael Jackson. What a show he put on for us. Everyone had a blast. Our banquet was on Tuesday and was a formal dinner. It was nice to see all the guys and their ladies all dressed up. Nothing looks better than a crowd of gentlemen in a tux with their collars.

Every night there was a hospitality room. The greatest place to meet other Companions and for the ladies to meet other ladies. This kept us out of trouble and allowed us a good time. I hate to say that Florida closed down the hospitality Room on Monday; but in our defense, we solved most of the problems in Masonry and most of the world problems. What a great night. It was decided that night that Chuck Harper would get his much-awaited apron.

My point of this entry on this was to let you all know what a great time WE had and what YOU missed. See you ALL at the next Triennial.



# “Faith, God, and Freemasonry”

By M. J. Glenn E. Chandler, Sur. KUGCH  
Grand Historian

**THE FIRST REQUISITE** in Freemasonry is the belief in a Supreme Being. This involves consideration of the words “belief”, “Supreme”, and “Being”. To believe, of course, is to have the utmost confidence in the existence of the thing in which you believe, or faith, and Paul has said that “faith is substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things unseen.” “Supreme” or “Highest” infers or allows for the existence of others not so high. “Being” is defined as “existence in the widest sense, one that exists in actuality, has existed or may exist or may be conceived. The two words “Supreme Being” taken together mean God.

Men throughout the ages have tried to prove that God actually does exist, but none has been able to do so. Probably Descartes, early in the seventeenth century, produced the most famous of all such efforts. He awakened to the fact that what he had termed “knowledge” was something that was necessarily based on the evidence of his senses and these same senses, he believed, had played him false from time to time so that he could not rely on their evidence as being the truth and therefore he could not prove that anything did exist. One thing, however, he did know, and that was that at least he, himself, existed for he was capable of thinking. “Cogito ergo sum;” I think; therefore I am.” Another thing he knew was that he was not perfect, for if he were perfect, he would know of knowledge and not be in doubt.

Hethen assumed the axiom that something cannot come from nothing, and that an idea was certainly something, and he had an idea of perfection; hence, somewhere, something existed which was perfect, and hence his presumed proof of the existence of God, i.e., perfection.

If I might sum up all the foregoing, it is that there is but one Supreme Being who of necessity must exist, and everything perfect is an attribute of Him.





## **“Faith, God, and Freemasonry”**

**But man can only falteringly understand perfection, can only vaguely imagine these attributes, for man after all can only know those things that come to him through his senses; he is a creature of his own particular environment; his thoughts, aims, hopes, desires, are all based upon his past history, are all affected by his upbringing, and yet these thoughts, these aim, these hopes, these desires combine to make him what he is: Man is the product of all his yesterdays. In one way it may be truly said that man of necessity has created God in his own image, and man, equally of necessity, sees as through a glass darkly.**

**The Israelites were originally a nomad people. Their social unit was the clan. Their highest authority was their own tribal leader. Hence the earliest conception of God that the Israelites could have was as a sort of glorified desert chieftain, a Jehovah who was God only of the Israelites. And this super-leader was one who tired from labor and rested when his work was completed, who loved quietly to walk in the garden in the restful cool of the evening.**

**But as Israel developed so did their conception of their Deity become enlarged. No longer walking and talking with man. He appeared only in visions. No longer walking and talking with man, He appeared only in visions. Finally, He appeared to Moses at a most momentous time on Mount Sinai and Jehovah was held to be a righteous God who had delivered His chosen people from a condition of social injustice. But still the Jehovah of Moses was an austere figure, demanding obedience and inflicting His just wrath even to the third and fourth generation of those who did not follow His commandment.**

**Gradually the Israelites became a settled people with an ever-widening social outlook; gradually they grew in what we might call “civilization” and as they progressed so did their conception of Jehovah expand.**

**To a series of remarkable men, Elijah, Elisha, Samuel (Prophets – Revealers); reformers, statesmen, leaders of the thought of their day and generation, we owe a record of this altering view of God.**

## **“Faith, God, and Freemasonry”**

**When we come to Amos, and particular to Hosea, the old conception of Jehovah immeasurable broadened. From one who jealously and austere guarded His own prerogatives, He changed to one who desired loving kindness and not sacrifice; knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings; redemption of the sinful. No longer an autocrat demanding submission, He became one who was loving, reasonable. Hosea conceived the truth that mercy and love are the essence of all true religion, and in Hosea “mercy and truth are met together.” Moses had proclaimed that God would show mercy, but that was only toward those who loved Him. Hosea, whose relationship with his sinful wife, Gomer, is of decided interest, preached divine mercy and forgiveness to all. Soon the old visitation of sin changed into the responsibility and opportunity of the individual regardless of heredity.**

**Those immortal chapters of Isaiah, dating from the end of the exile, now tell of a God who disregards all barriers of race and space and time; omnipotent all-seeing, all-rightness Creator, Ruler and Saviour of the world. And Micah says; “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.”**

**Truly the Bible and the Apocrypha are the expression of the increasing growth of the religious consciousness of a religious people. The Christian belief concerning God started from this highest point reached in Judaism. Jesus taught that God is a personal, a universal Father, a Father of all mankind, as distinct from Jehovah of a group only of “them that fear Him.” He taught that God forgives sin, not merely upon condition of personal repentance but upon the condition that the sinner himself forgives all who may have done wrong to him, even his enemies.**

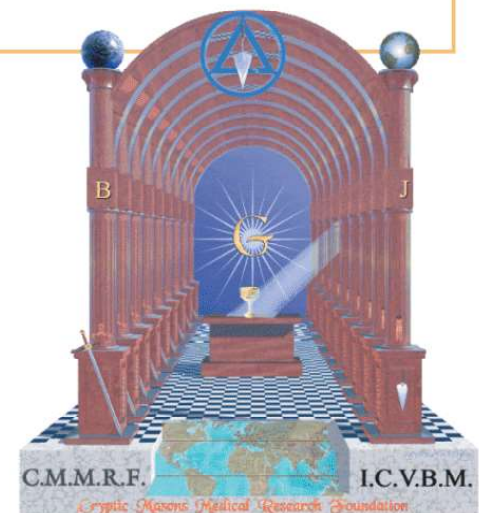
**The Christians, naturally, ascribe to God all of the attributes which were exemplified in the life of Him who lived a life of love and service and forgiveness, who was the light, the way, the truth, the life. This is the aim, that is the hope, that is the faith of Masonry.**

**Source: The Philalethes Magazine, October 1954.**



## C.M.M.R.F. Standings

We started the month of June with only \$5,000 in our coffers and with a plan of \$52,105 and just 6 months to cover the difference. I have been informed that we are currently over \$33,000. We surpassed last year's amount but still have \$19,000 to go. Let's keep up the fantastic work. We are very close on finishing the Gun Raffle which should generate another \$5,000. The Grand Master's challenge to the DD's, DI's, CMMRF reps, and Grand Line should generate another \$3,000. The Coins should generate \$1,000 and I hope to receive another \$5,000 from Council and personal contributions. This will put us about \$5,000 short. We do have time to make this up with a year end push. I can't thank the CMMRF reps and your personal commitment to this worthy cause enough. I am sending Dayle Schrock a check for \$1,000. October starts the final quarter for this year's contributions. Everyone must push hard for the next 90 days.



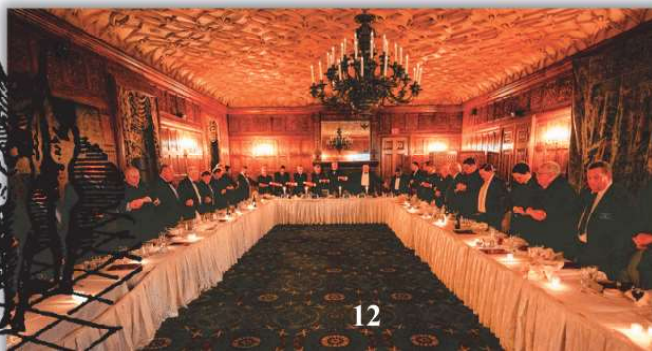
# Table Councils

Well, I have got to say it- "I hope the rest of the Table Councils are at least half as impressive." What a job they did. The first thing I noticed was the table arrangement. It was a broken triangle. The next thing to mention was that the Illustrious Master, Joshua Shutts and his lovely Lady did an outstanding job with the decorations and meal. Best Masonic meal I have ever had. The members and their Ladies were awesome; It was impressive to see Grands and Past Grands in attendance. We even had the Grand Aide to the Grand Master of Alabama there. Thanks to you for coming. The ritual was nicely done, and the toasts were on point. The presentation by the CMMRF rep was excellent. So good that I put his presentation in this issue for all to hear. We all had fun and raised funds for CMMRF. The ride home was less than stellar. There was a wreck on 10 and we were in a traffic jam for nearly an hour. The only good side to this was that Henry and Kate were in the car ahead of me and we have extra time to visit.

We have the following Table Festivals on the schedule. I would like to ask if there is a Table Council near you, please try to attend. Also please bring Blue Lodge Masons to this festival so they can see what we do. If Your district or Council is scheduling a Table Council, please let us know.

1. District 10 Table Council - August 19th.
2. Lauderdale Council - September 2nd.
3. Gainesville Council - September 8th.
4. Sanford Council - September 10th.
5. Tyrian Council - October 10th.
6. Jacksonville/Fernandina Councils - September 11th.
7. Leesburg Table Council - September 26th.
8. Tallahassee - October 11th
9. Ormand Beach Halifax Council No. 1 - October 13th, This will be a Halloween Theme. Should be a "Blast". Come and wear a costume. A prize to the winner. I am going as an old fat man; my costume is almost done. Just working on the old part.
10. Clearwater Council - November 6th.
11. YOUR COUNCIL HERE!!!

If you are not listed above, I don't know about your festival or if there is an error, I need to know.



## Festivals

1. Tallahassee had their festival on the 14th and 15th of July.
2. The West Central Districts will be holding their festival on September 30th and October 14th at the Tampa York Rite Masonic Center.
3. District 7 & 8 Joint Festival in Palatka Oct 21st & Jacksonville Oct 28th.

*If you are not listed above, I need you to let me know so I can try to make it there.*

Membership is the main purpose of conducting a Festival. Our objective is to Greet 205 new members. 204 members is our previous record set back in 1984. This is a record made to be broken and our PMEGHP Richard Wolfe has developed a tool to assist you in gaining new prospects for membership. This tool is a QR Code that delivers you to the film explaining York Rite Masonry. His plan is to follow through the Blue Lodge Trestle board; (1). the Masons receiving their Master Mason proficiency. (2). Give them your business card with the QR Code on it and tell them to take it home and review with their family. (3). Follow up with the prospect and give them a petition. If you have any questions about this process, please call Richard Wolfe of me. We are currently at 90 new members.

## Membership Development



Please scan this QR code with your phone. It will take you to a Google website that contains a York Rite video. Immediately after a newly raised Brother gives his Master Mason proficiency, he is wondering what is next. This video answers that question very professionally.

Go to your local Lodge and use your cell phone as a tool to advance your local York Rite Bodies membership. Show the video, let anyone copy it and take it home to show it to their family. We all need the support of our family's and so do our York Rite Bodies.



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# Word of the Month

From the Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Work

Companions,

One of my initiatives is to increase engagement. In doing so, I wish to introduce you to the concept of the Fun-raiser. These are small group events, often family-friendly, where we may gather away from the formality of our tyled meetings. Think of things like a miniature golf outing, a Sunday afternoon at a craft brewery, heading to a pinball arcade, or booking a private room at a locally owned pizzeria.

The logic is as follows. If I cannot get you out to enjoy some pizza, wings, and beverage of choice with your Companions and families, then there is no sense in me haranguing you to attend ritual practices or fundraisers on your day off.

By no means should these events be restricted to just York Rite Masons. I would encourage synergies throughout our Masonic family as well as interested petitioners and Candidates. I urge you to plan these events with the following mantra: Bring A Mason or Friend – BAMOF!

If we increase fun, we can increase engagement, and therefore membership, the quality of our ritual, and fundraising.

I look forward to seeing many of you as we continue our Masonic travels, and Lady Cristal and I would be happy to collaborate with you on local and regional Fun-raisers. You may always reach me at [john.kraniou@gmail.com](mailto:john.kraniou@gmail.com) and 412.818.1754.

Yours in Cryptic Masonry,

*John A. Kraniou*

Right Illustrious John A. Kraniou





# **CMMRF – Will you buy in?**

**R.I. Jerry J. Miller, CMMRF Representative, District 10**

*The presentation below was given at the Union Table Council on 8/19/2023 and I felt it was worth printing so you all could hear the presentation. - M.I. Tom Olsen*

## **CMMRF - Will you buy in?**

**I appreciate being asked to share some thoughts and words with you tonight regarding our Council of Royal and Select Masters' principal charity, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, CMMRF. Thank you, Union Council, and Illustrious Master Joshua Schutts for organizing and hosting this event and for the opportunity to promote support for CMMRF through programs and financial contributions. Thank you, Most Illustrious Tom Olsen, for the honor to continue to serve as the CMMRF Representative for Florida District 10, composed of Union Council in Pensacola, Crestview Council in Crestview and Gulf Council in Fort Walton Beach, and your great leadership of Florida Cryptic Masons.**

**There are 3 primary charities supported by Florida York Rite Bodies. For the Chapter – Royal Arch Research Assistance. For the Council – Cryptic Masons Research Foundation. And for the Commandery – Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Each are IRC Section 501 (c) (3) tax exempt corporations.**

**Over my 45 years as a Mason, our composition and numbers have changed. Further, the dues levels have not kept current with inflation. This and perhaps other factors have resulted in masonic charities coming to hold a diminished standing in maintaining our masonic obligations. When we petitioned a lodge or other masonic body to join, we reported the ability and undertook the obligation to support its respective charities. We are obliged to do that. We, both individually and collectively, are fully responsible to do so to the extent of our ability. If we fail to do so we fall short of meeting our masonic responsibility.**



# CMMRF – Will you buy in?

Cryptic Masons Research Foundation, CMMRF, was established by American Cryptic Masons in 1986. CMMRF conducts research in pursuit of curing and /or alleviating medical conditions stemming from vascular disease. The foundation has two mottos:

- 1) If there isn't a cure – We will create one, and
- 2) There wasn't a treatment - So we created one.

In 2018 I developed my principal interest in Cryptic Masonry and adopted CMMRF as my primary non-secular charity. I was hooked in three ways. I was and continue to be fascinated by the work in our Cryptic degrees. At Grand York Rite that year, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Glenn Chandler conducted a distinctively most efficient Grand session. He really knows his way around a podium and gavel. Having served as a City Councilman and then having spent four decades in municipal meetings as a City Attorney for 9 Florida municipalities the evidenced skill was special to see. And the CMMRF work, as reported at that Grand York Rite session, relating to vascular disorders hit at the heart of many of my family and friends' health conditions. Heart health issues are as southern as turnip greens, black eyed peas, and corn bread.

The CMMRF research and development efforts are principally conducted at the Indiana University School of Medicine. Research is concentrated in Marrow Stem Cell uses by developing treatments for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms, Arthritis, Cancer, Type 1 Diabetes, Heart Failure, Pancreatitis, Peripheral Arterial Disease, and stroke treatment extending the window before permanent brain damage. The spin off discoveries have also benefited many other medical treatment and cure challenges.



## **CMMRF – Will you buy in?**

**Gulf Council has for the past few years worked diligently to increase meaningful financial support for our three York Rite charities. In 2021 Gulf Council was the largest gross producer of CMMRF contributions of any Florida Council. This was accomplished in competition with other Councils having membership triple that of Gulf. For the calendar year 2023, for the first time Gulf Council budgeted \$15.00 per member for each of the three charities. Those payments have been made to the respective charities for the present year. The draft for next calendar year's budget has been prepared by the Treasurer, approved by the leadership team, and again contains \$15.00 per member to each of the three charities from the Gulf Council budget. The three bodies will consider that approval at an upcoming meeting under our joint resolution procedure. The Fort Walton Beach Companions and Sir Knights have bought into meaningful support of our charities and the budgets for these charities will be again approved. The commitment has not stopped there for we companions and sir knights continue to individually support these important charities. I challenge Union Council and Crestview Council to also buy in by adopting similar budget obligations and sustaining that level of financial support to these important charities for years to come. This commitment collectively and joined by our individual further contributions will place District 10 at the pinnacle of charitable support leadership for the entire state.**

**CMMRF lapel recognition pins are awarded for individual contributions beginning at \$50 donations. Pin color, size and composition changes as higher contribution levels are attained. Please wear that emblem proudly. Evidence of good habits is contagious. Please spread the spirit of support for CMMRF at every opportunity.**

**Tonight, I have suggested to you the need for our commitment at a meaningful level in support of our charities, especially CMMRF. Individually we can matter. Collectively we can make a difference.**

**Thank you.**





# RAFFLE CONTEST

**\$20 PER TICKET**

60 TICKETS PER DISTRICT



**GRAND PRIZE**



## WINNER'S CHOICE:

**GLOCK 43 (9mm)**

**TAURUS 856 (38 Special)**

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The winning ticket will be drawn at random from all eligible raffle tickets received.  
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Proceeds are for the benefit of Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundations  
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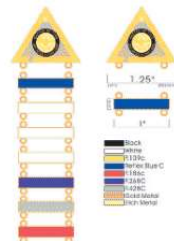
# Proficiency Cards

A SPECIAL PLAQUE WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL WITH THE MOST COUNCIL CARDS AND A SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR THE COMPANIONS WITH PROFICIENCY CARDS.



Chris Tolman received his Blue Card at the Area meeting in Tampa and has indicated that he plans on testing several others in his District for their Blue Card. The momentum is starting to build. I had the pleasure of presenting a “Blue Card “ to Joshua Shutts. He completed the requirements and received his proficiency lapel pin. He was excited to receive it and felt the pin made the effort worthwhile. Joshua is the Illustrious Master of Union Council No. 7 and as the Illustrious Master with a Blue Card, his Council qualifies to have the “E” draped over their Charter. If the Deputy Grand Master is elected to be the Illustrious Master next year and he fails to earn a “Blue Card”, he will have to remove the “E” from the Charter. However, the Deputy Master is Haskell Vest, the Grand Junior Warden and he has assured me that he will not be removing the “E”. The only other Council qualified to carry the “E” is Lawtey Council No. 39. I hope we can get two or three more qualified by the end of September. You District Instructor, you have your marching orders.

The origin of the “E” came from my time in the Navy. The ”E” was for ships that won a battle effectiveness competition and are authorized to paint a white “E” on their bridge wings or stacks to display evidence of the honor. It shows the overall readiness of the crew to execute its combat mission. Our mission is to improve proficiency within the Council and to attract new members.



# Grand Council Awards



## *CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR*

A nomination form should be completed and sent to the Grand Master by January 15th. The Grand Master will then select one of the nominations and forward it to the General Grand Council. This is awarded to one outstanding Cryptic Mason of the Year.

## *GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL YOUTH AWARD*

There is no form for this award. Nominations should be written to the Grand Master by January 15th. The Grand Master will select one and forward his selection to the General Grand Council. This award is intended for a member who has devoted time and energy in helping Masonic Youth Groups.

## *BROKEN TRIANGLE PLAQUE*

This award is decided by the Grand Recorder. The Council with the largest percentage of net gain in the past calendar year will win. There may be more than one winner if there is a tie.

## *GIBLIMITE PLAQUE:*

The District Deputy Grand Masters have a form for grading the Councils as to their proficiency and other factors in qualifying for this award. They will inspect the Councils and send their reports to the Grand Master for selection according to the points and recommendations. The first year of winning a plaques is given; then a plate for the plaque.

## *TEN PERCENT CERTIFICATES*

This award is decided by the General Grand Council to the Council or Councils with a ten percent or more net membership gain in the past calendar year. The Grand Recorder will provide this information to the General Grand Council.

## *ISH-SODI AWARD*

The Grand Master may present up to six awards per year. The Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Principal Conductor of Work, and/or Constituent Council Illustrious Masters may submit recommendations; but the Grand Master will make the selections. This award is for Companions who have exhibited a continuing willingness to devote their time and ability for the good of Cryptic Masonry. A draft recommendation form is provided.

## *WALTER I STEVENSON GRAND MASTER'S MEDAL*

This will be presented annually to the Companion selected by the Grand Master who has best demonstrated dedication to Cryptic Masonry.



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# Living Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters



<b>1992</b>	<b>ROBERT E. BURLESON</b>
<b>1996</b>	<b>PAUL W. FRIEND</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>RICHARD S. AGSTER</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>CHARLES L. HOLLINGER</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>STEPHEN H. CLARK</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>DONALD T. HARRIOTT</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>LOUIS A. KING</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>CARL E. GILMORE</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>M. DANNY FULLWOOD</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>LARRY R. GILLESPIE</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>DAYLE L. SCHROCK</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>BENJAMIN J. HOLLAND</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>ROBERT C. ST. JOHN, JR.</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>GLENN E. CHANDLER, SNR.</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>JOHN PICKFORD</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>THOMAS J. RAWSTHORNE</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>WILLIAM ALLEN SORBIE</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>GENE A. LANCE</b>



# M.I. Grand Master Official Visits

Official Visit	District One	Council Name
Aug 21st, 2023	Palm Beach	Zabud Council No. 17
July 17th, 2023	Ft. Lauderdale	Lauderdale Council No. 24
Oct 16th, 2023	Miami	Adoniram Council No.10
	<b>District Two</b>	
Aug 8th, 2023	Fort Myers	Ft. Myers Council No. 25
Sept 13th, 2023	Manasota	Bradentown Council No. 9
	<b>District Three</b>	
Sept 4th, 2023	Tampa	Tampa Council No. 8
Sept 1st, 2023	St Petersburg	St Ptersburg Council No. 14
Oct 4th, 2023	Clearwater	Clearwater Council no 34
	<b>District Four</b>	
July 5th, 2023	Lakeland	Polk Council No.11
July 3rd, 2023	Plant city	Tyler Council No. 4
Sept 1st, 2023	Highlands	Heartland Council No. 43
	<b>District Five</b>	
June 8th, 2023	Daytona Beach	Halifax Council No.1
Aug 2nd, 2023	Lake/Sumter	Golden triangle Council No. 28
June 13th, 2023	Sanford	Sanford Council No. 30
Sept 14th, 2023	Orlando	Orlando Council No. 5
	<b>District Six</b>	
July 12th, 2023	Cocoa	Hiram Council No.13
July 13th, 2023	Melbourne	Melbourne Council No. 38
Oct 10th, 2023	Ft Pierce	Tyrian Council No.36
	<b>District Seven</b>	
June 12th, 2023	Jacksonville	Hallmark Council No. 3
To be determ	Fernandina	Athelstan Council No. 46
June 6th, 2023	St Augustine	St Augustine Council No. 15
June 6th, 2023	Palatka	Palatka Council No. 18
	<b>District Eight</b>	
July 11th, 2023	Lake City	Lake City Council No 35
To be determ	Middleburg	Laetey Council No. 39
July 18th, 2023	Gainesville	Gainesville Council No. 27
	<b>District Nine</b>	
Sept 21st, 2023	Tallahassee	Seminole Council No.30
July 6th, 2023	Marianna	Union Council No.31
Aug 28th, 2023	Panama City	Panama City Council No. 26
	<b>District Ten</b>	
Dec 6th, 2023	Fort Walton	Gulf Council No. 29
Sept 19th, 2023	Crestview	Crestview Council No. 33
Sept 11th, 2023	Pensacola	Inion Council No. 7



## AREA MEETINGS

### Districts 7 & 8

September 9, 2023, at Palatka, Florida

(Palatka, St. Augustine, Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville, Lake City, Middleburg, and Gainesville York Rite Bodies)

### Districts 4 & 5

October 14, 2023, at Eola Lodge No. 207; Orlando, Florida

((Highlands, Plant City, Lakeland, Daytona Beach, Sanford, Lake/Sumter, and Orlando York Rite Bodies)