



GRAND COUNCIL  
of  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER MASONS  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

January 9, 2024

Illustrious Companions:

I am pleased to announce that the “Region C” Assembly is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at the Scranton Masonic Temple & Cultural Center, 420 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18503. Scranton Council #44 will be the host Council with IC Chavez Lill, TIM presiding. I hope that you will continue your Cryptic journey and renew your Council proficiency by attending this unique Regional Assembly.

This Regional Assembly will be a first as only the Royal and Select Master Mason Degrees will be conferred, but for the first time, the TIM Degree will also be conferred that day. Any Council who does not have the ability to confer the TIM Degree on their newly elected TIM in March during their regular election and installation of Officers can have this Degree conferred on their TIM at this Regional by the Grand Council Officers.

Our PDDGM for District #6, PC Alan Raab, recently passed thru the white veil, however, the ICs of this District are looking forward to “stepping up” and holding this Regional Assembly in Alan’s honor. District’s #8 and #9 will be conferring the 2 Cryptic Degrees with the assistance of the Regional Ritualistic Instructors. IC Matthew D. Mackie, III, Acting Recorder of Scranton Council #44 will serve as the Host Recorder for the day.

All candidates & TIM elects must be registered through him prior to the event.

A lite lunch (soup & sandwiches, etc.) will be served and reservations are required. Please complete the registration form and follow the instructions below.

Recorders; The Grand Recorder will be holding a Grand Recorders Seminar again in the morning. If you have not attended a Grand Recorders Seminar yet or simply want a “refresher”, please plan to attend this important meeting. If you are a new Recorder, this session is a definitely “a must” for you to attend.

Please attend this joint Regional Assembly in the spirit of Cryptic unity.

Fraternally,

*PC Matthew D. Mackie, III*

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PTIM/Acting Recorder- Scranton Council #44

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Dear Illustrious Companion Recorder:

The Annual “Region C” Regional Assembly comprised of Districts No. 6, No. 8 and No. 9 will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at the Scranton Masonic Temple & Cultural Center, 420 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18503. Scranton Council #44 will be the Host Council. Only the Royal & Select Degrees will be conferred, however the TIM Degree will be conferred for the first time at a Regional Assembly.

**All Recorders are responsible for certifying, in writing, the names of their Council’s candidates & their TIM elect’s (if applicable). This certification shall arrive no later than March 18, 2024.**

Mail to:  
**IC Matthew D. Mackie, III, PTIM/ Acting Recorder**  
**PO Box 179 Waverly, Pa. 18471**  
(570) 650-5136  
[mdm9703@gmail.com](mailto:mdm9703@gmail.com)

***THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE READ & PUBLISHED IN IN YOUR MONTHLY / BI-MONTHLY NOTICES:***

**ANNUAL “REGION C” REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Annual “Region C” Assembly, comprised of Districts No. 6, No. 8 and No. 9, will be held on Saturday March 30, 2024, at the Scranton Masonic Temple & Cultural Center, 420 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18503. Members are encouraged to support their candidates, District, Region and Grand Officers by attending the conferrals and by joining the fellowship at the Luncheon. Remember, a Regional Assembly is ritualistic work for members and Cryptic fellowship for all members and their Ladies, not just the candidates and officers.

Appropriate attire for Officers is tuxedo, and for members (business suit or coat & tie). Attire for Grand Council officers is tail coat & black tie. Current officers of visiting Councils are encouraged to wear their regalia

**THE SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY IS AS FOLLOWS:**

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration (w/ continental breakfast)
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Short Opening of Regional Assembly
9:30 AM – 10:40 AM	Royal Master Mason’s Degree
9:30 AM – Lunch	Grand Recorders Seminar; Lodge Meeting Room
10:50 AM – 12:00 PM	Select Master Mason’s Degree
12:15 AM – 1:15 PM	Lite Luncheon with the Ladies (Social Room)
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	TIM Degree & MPMG closing Council

The luncheon will cost \$15.00 and requires a reservation.

Parking will be “on the street metered parking”, or there is a Parking Deck (pay to park) available located at 305 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18503

Reservation forms - ***which should arrive no later than March 18, 2024*** - are to be mailed to:

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**Payment, by check made payable to “Scranton Council No. 44”, must accompany all reservations.**

**No reservations will be accepted after March 18, 2024, or at the Regional Assembly.**

Contact your Recorder for specifics about the luncheon reservation forms, and/or directions.

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# ANNUAL "REGION C" REGIONAL ASSEMBLY Luncheon Reservation Form

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MAIL THE COMPLETED RESERVATION FORM  
TO ARRIVE **NO LATER THAN** March 18, 2024

Checks are to be made **payable to: "Scranton Council No. 44"**. Reservations not accompanied by payment will be returned. No reservations accepted after this date, or at the Regional Assembly.

I would like to place a reservation for individual(s) for the luncheon to be held at the Annual "Region C" Regional Assembly on Saturday, March 30, 2024.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ .00 for \_\_\_ luncheon reservation(s) at \$15.00 per person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Council name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for Degrees  TIM Elect

Lady's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make copies of the enclosed information and send it to all of your Council candidates that are eligible to receive the 2 Council Degrees: Royal Master Mason's Degree & the Select Master Mason's Degree.

Please encourage **all** Officers and members to support the "Region C" Assembly  
on Saturday, March 30, 2024.

**Remember, if your Council has candidates attending the Regional Assembly, it is important that at least one of the Elected Officers of your Council or Recommenders be present. Also, please let your candidates know that there is a luncheon and that advance meal reservations are required.**

Your Council should demonstrate support for your candidates going to the Regional Assembly. Do you remember when you received your Cryptic degrees, and how special it made you feel to know that your degree conferral was just as meaningful to your Council's members sitting in the audience and in the cast, as it was to you?

**For those that require lodging, please see below recommendations;**

Hotels in the area include:

Hilton Scranton & Conference Center  
100 Adams Ave.  
Scranton, PA 18503  
Ph.: 570 343-3000  
.4 Miles from Masonic Temple

Radisson Lackawanna Station  
700 Lackawanna Ave.  
Scranton, Pa. 18503  
Ph.: 570 342-8300  
.3 Miles from Masonic Temple

Hampton Inn @ Montage Mountain  
22 Montage Mountain Road  
Scranton, PA 18507  
Ph.: 570 342-7002  
2.9 Miles from Masonic Temple