

MPC'S, RPC'S, PC, Illustrious Companions all,
GREETINGS:

I've completed my first year and I'm already fully engaged in my second trip around the State of Pennsylvania, I can't thank my friend and my brother PC Lewis P. Trexler, Jr. enough for his friendship and his enthusiasm for The Grand Council of Pennsylvania.

Also, Lady Carol and I have traveled to many out of state, Grand Assemblies and have appreciated all accommodations extended to us. We enjoyed our time with The Grand Council of Canada and all their lovely people, our time spent with The Prince Hall Cryptic Masons and their ladies will be treasured forever. Lady Carol and I, are so Honored to represent The Grand Council of Pennsylvania, through all our travels, I Thank You all, for offering me and my Lady Carol this opportunity.

I'm very optimistic for the Future of our Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania. We have selected a Vision & Mission Statement, now we as a Grand Body are working toward the same goals and aspirations.

Our June Region B Assembly has now been replaced by a Regional School of Instruction, which will rotate its location to the Central, West & East to make it accessible for all to attend in the near future. This Regional School of Instruction will review all ritual that is required to help you're Councils Officers become more competent and proficient in our Cryptic ritual.

A Leadership Seminar (DIM/PCW meetings) will be launched soon and it will travel to each of the nine districts in Pennsylvania and offer you Councils officers all the tools they will require to have a very successful year as they seek to become Thrice Illustrious Master of your Council.

In June, The New Cryptic Education Program of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Master Masons will be unveiled and ready to go; The New Cryptic Master Builders Award is a result of the planning of the Grand Council Leadership and IC Yasser Al- Khatib and his team.

The Membership Triangles that MPC Kerry J. Cashman, MPPGM had instituted have been re-created and are now The Gerald B. Cobb, MPPGM, Memorial Award Triangle, to bolster a new pride in our Ritual and to reward Councils that strive to increase their membership and to preserve our ritual and embrace our chosen charity. MPC Gerald and his Lady Amy would be so happy for the success of every Council.

To all our Illustrious Companions, support our Chosen Charity; Special Olympics. You will glad that you did! Remember, Embrace It and Put A Face to It. I'm so happy to see so many people come together, to participate in the Polar Plunges and 5 K runs to benefit others and give them a hand up, it does the soul good.

Membership Awards are increasing, I'm Presenting Membership Badges, Collar jewels, and soon a Membership Plaque! I can't wait to present the Grand Masters Apron, it will happen. Thanks Illustrious Companions for all your time and effort in helping grow our Appendant Body.

We are also excited to offer a new 25 and 50 year Lapel Pin & Certificate for our Members.

A Tri - State Degree Conferral is in the planning stages for our next Regional C Assembly, scheduled for next March. The States of Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Ohio want a piece of the action, I'm going to pray on this matter, all the glory goes to God.

The Grand Assembly for 2026 will be April 25-26 and will be held at The Best Western Central Hotel in Harrisburg, Pa. We will again be holding a Grand Table Council, and if you want one of my Lapel pins you'll have to attend.

Closings Thoughts;

I want to Thank, Sharon Council No. 48, for all its years of Operation and Service to the Community and for their Donation of 10 K, To The Special Olympics of Pennsylvania Grand Council Charity Fund, God Bless all its members.

To my friend and brother, IC Stu Konefsky, I hope you are successful in your efforts to constitute a new Council; I would absolutely love to be there that day.

I want to Congratulate our two new Puissant District Deputy Grand Masters, PC Alex A. Wolf and PC David L. Gerstenlauer and thank our two retiring Puissant District Deputy Grand Masters RPC Kenneth T. Seay and PC Rev. Nathan C. Minnich, for your years of Service to The Grand Council of Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to MPC Charlie C. Hoover, MPPGM and MPC Victor K. Crooks II, MPPGM, on receiving The Coveted Lee N. Whitaker Award. In Addition, Congratulations to IC Yasser Al- Khatib on being named The CRYPTIC MASON OF THE STATE of PENNSYLVANIA and IC Matheu Wilson on being named THE THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR, two Dynamic Individuals, very well deserved.

Special Note; To the Council of Anointed Kings, The Order of The Silver Trowel cast and to all their Officers and members, Illustrious King Roger Early you had a Great Year, it was an Honor and Privilege to serve as The Most Puissant Grand Master at the same time you served as the Illustrious King.

I'm so honored to serve as your Most Puissant Grand Master, I will Give It My Best, God Bless.

Zealously Submitted, MPC Mark David Gall, MPGM