

ADVANCE REPORTS

FOR THE 158TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF KANSAS

Friday, May 1, 2026

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Manhattan, Kansas

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Report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master

Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas,
As I present this final report at the close of my year as Most Illustrious Grand Master, I do so with a heart full of gratitude. It has been one of the highest honors of my Masonic life to serve this Grand Council and the Cryptic Rite in Kansas. This year has been one of labor, fellowship, instruction, and reflection.

From the beginning of my term, I have emphasized the importance of education, ritual, and esoteric study. I have long believed that our Rite is far too rich in symbolism and spiritual meaning for us to simple be the "purple guys". Our Cryptic degrees speak to preservation, faithfulness, and the preparation of the hidden treasures of the soul. Throughout the year, I encouraged our Companions to look more deeply into the lessons of the Royal and Select Master degrees and to rediscover the spiritual and philosophical foundations of our work. Through my monthly communications, my goal has been to inspire reflection on the inner meaning of our Rite and the sacred trust placed in our hands.

Good ritual is more than memorization; it is reverence for the divine made visible. When our degrees are conferred with care and dignity, they impress the candidate and renew the hearts of those who witness them. I found this to be true as a young mason receiving my York Rite degrees at the Wichita York Rite building in 1998. The attention to detail that those companions and Sir Knights showed to the York Rite, is something I still remember today.

One of my regrets is that I didn't visit as many Councils as I would have liked. Work, personal, and family issues prevented me from completing this goal. I sincerely apologize to the companions for this. This year, I appointed Arch Masters to serve as deputies and points of contact. Their role was to visit Councils, listen to concerns, observe needs, and report back so that our Grand Council could better assist the constituent bodies. I believe this effort has helped us remain more connected as a jurisdiction and has reminded each Council that it is a valued part of the greater whole. I would encourage grand masters going forward to continue this strategy.

Throughout the year, I also sought to uphold the dignity and customs of our Rite. This included reminding Companions that proper decorum and proper clothing in Council are not small matters, but outward signs of inward respect. The wearing of the apron, whether the Council apron or the apron of a Master Mason, reflects our understanding that Masonic labor is honorable labor. Such observances help preserve the solemnity of our assemblies and reinforce the seriousness of the work before us. In a world where formality and reverence are often neglected, we do well to remember that the forms of Masonry help teach the spirit of Masonry. While this edict expires at the end of my term, I hope the companions will make it a by-law amendment.

This year's Pike's Peak Cryptic gathering proved to be one for the history books. This year, a ragtag group of three Cryptic Masons loaded up in my car and made the trip West to Colorado to uphold a tradition that has connected us not only to one another but to the living memory and

traditions of Kansas Cryptic Masonry. I would like to thank Companions Juanito Ernacio and Robert Haynes for accompanying me on this trip. I will always have the fond memory of clawing my way back up the mountain. It was by the grace of God that Robbie and Juanito didn't have to bury me on that mountain top.

This year, communication was an important part of our York Rite strategy. Through monthly letters and articles, I attempted to keep the Companions informed about upcoming events, highlight the work of our Councils, encourage attendance, and share thoughts on the meaning of our Rite. I hope these messages helped create a greater sense of unity and continuity across the state. A Grand Council cannot thrive in silence. It must speak with clarity and purpose. If my words during this year helped even a few Companions feel more connected to Cryptic Masonry, then I count that effort worthwhile.

Finally, no Grand Master serves alone. I owe my sincere thanks to the Grand Officers, the appointed officers, the Illustrious Masters of our constituent Councils, the Grand Recorder, and all who labored faithfully for the good of this jurisdiction. I am especially grateful for the friendship, counsel, and support that so many of you extended to me during this year. Your dedication to Cryptic Masonry in Kansas gives me confidence that our future is secure, provided we continue to invest in our ritual, our education, our fellowship, and our spiritual understanding of the Craft. I would also like to thank Most Illustrious Leonard for seeing something in me when he appointed me to the grand line.

As I conclude this report, I do so with hope. The future of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas will be strong if we remain faithful to the treasures we have received. Let us continue to build up our Councils, instruct our Companions, preserve our ritual, and cherish the profound lessons of the Cryptic Rite.

Gary Strout, Ed.S.
Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas

2026

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

EDICT FROM THE GRAND MASTER

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Officers and Companions of the Constituent Councils of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Cryptic Masonry to display proper Masonic attire at all tiled functions:

NOW, THEREFORE, I Gary B. Strout, the duly elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, do hereby declare that all Companions shall be properly clothed at all tiled meetings by wearing either a Council Apron or, a White Masonic Apron.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 4th day of May, 2025, A.I. 2525.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

Gary B. Strout

Allan D. Jackson

Gary B. Strout

M.I. Grand Recorder

M.I. Grand Master

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

EDICT TO MOVE CHARTER

To Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principle Conductor of the Work, and the Companions of Leavenworth Council #1 Cryptic Masons of Prairie Village, Kansas:

WHEREAS, there is a need to move the Charter of Leavenworth Council #1 Cryptic Masons of Prairie Village, Kansas to Overland Park, Kansas and:

WHEREAS, it having been made to appear that the resident members of said Council are in agreement with the proposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Gary B. Strout, the duly elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, do hereby declare the charter of the above named Council be moved, and be known as Leavenworth Council #1 Cryptic Masons of Overland Park, Kansas.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that such move be effective on August 1, 2025.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Recorder, or member acting officially in such capacity, of Leavenworth Council #1 Cryptic Masons of Overland Park, Kansas file all reports and correspondence as Leavenworth Council #1 Cryptic Masons of Overland Park, Kansas.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all properties, accounts, books, and records solely belonging to Leavenworth Council #1 Cryptic Masons be moved from Prairie Village, Kansas to Overland Park, Kansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 5th day of July, 2025, A.I. 2525.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
M.I. Grand Recorder**

Gary B. Strout

**Gary B. Strout
M.I. Grand Master**

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kansas

From the Grand East of the Sanctuary

EDICT TO MOVE CHARTER

To Illustrious Master, Deputy Master, Principle Conductor of the Work, and the Companions of Jericho Council #26 Cryptic Masons of Hays, Kansas:

WHEREAS, there is a need to move the Charter of Jericho Council #26 Cryptic Masons of Hays, Kansas to Russell, Kansas and:

WHEREAS, it having been made to appear that the resident members of said Council are in agreement with the proposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Gary B. Strout, the duly elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, do hereby declare the charter of the above named Council be moved, and be known as Jericho Council #26 Cryptic Masons of Russell, Kansas.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that such move be effective on September 1, 2025.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Recorder, or member acting officially in such capacity, of Jericho Council #26 Cryptic Masons of Russell, Kansas file all reports and correspondence as Jericho Council #26 Cryptic Masons of Russell, Kansas.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all properties, accounts, books, and records solely belonging to Jericho Council #26 Cryptic Masons be moved from Hays, Kansas to Russell, Kansas.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas to be affixed in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 1st day of September, 2025, A.I. 2525.

Attest:

Allan D. Jackson

Allan D. Jackson
M.I. Grand Recorder

Gary B. Strout

Gary B. Strout
M.I. Grand Master

Office of the Grand Master of the Most
Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
of Kansas

SPECIAL DISPENSATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2-104 Relating to Constituent Councils, states “No officer of a Council shall be permitted to hold more than one office in the Council at the same time.”

WHEREAS, Application has been made to me by Lawrence Council #14 of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, under our Jurisdiction, for a Special Dispensation to allow the same Companion to hold the office of Recorder and Treasurer,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary B. Strout, Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby grant this, my Special Dispensation, authorizing the above mentioned Council to:

Elect and Install M.:l.: Allan D. Jackson as both Recorder and Treasurer for the remainder of the 2025 cryptic year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the

City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 15th day of May, 2025, A.I. 2525

ATTEST:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
M.:l.: Grand Recorder**

Gary B. Strout

**Gary B. Strout
M.:l.: Grand Master**

Office of the Grand Master of the Most
Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
of Kansas

SPECIAL DISPENSATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Application has been made to me by Leavenworth Council #1 of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, under our Jurisdiction, for a Special Dispensation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary B. Strout, Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby grant this, my Special Dispensation, authorizing the above mentioned Council to:

Move their meeting location from Overland Park, Kansas to Baldwin City, Kansas for the October 7, 2025 meeting, for the purpose of a Joint Degree conferral.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the

City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 6th day of September, 2025, A.I. 2525

ATTEST:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
M.:l.: Grand Recorder**

Gary B. Strout

**Gary B. Strout
M.:l.: Grand Master**

Office of the Grand Master of the Most
Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
of Kansas

SPECIAL DISPENSATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Application has been made to me by Lawrence Council #14 of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, under our Jurisdiction, for a Special Dispensation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary B. Strout, Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby grant this, my Special Dispensation, authorizing the above mentioned Council to:

Move their meeting location from Baldwin City, Kansas to Overland Park, Kansas for the April 7, 2026 meeting, for the purpose of a Joint Degree conferral.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the

City of Spring Hill, Kansas, this 9th day of March, 2026, A.I. 2526

ATTEST:

Allan D. Jackson

**Allan D. Jackson
M.:l.: Grand Recorder**

Gary B. Strout

**Gary B. Strout
M.:l.: Grand Master**

2025-2026 York Rite Unity Committee

The committee would like to extend its sincere thanks to our Most Illustrious Grand Master Gary B. Strout for the appointment and for his confidence in the committee.

The preceding year in Kansas has shown continued growth of membership and activity within the York Rite bodies in Kansas, but most especially in its many appendant and concordant bodies. Once again, an ever growing number of our Cryptic members attended Masonic Week in Virginia again this year furthering the fraternal relationships of Kansas Cryptic Masonry that in turn bring back to Kansas ideas of how to create even more dynamic local councils in this state.

Plans are well underway for the Great Plains Rendezvous to be held in Kansas once again this year, with a new change of venue to Russell Lodge #177's facilities allowing for use of better costumes, props and lighting for the degree work. We look forward to joining our brethren from Colorado and Wyoming joining us in June for this event.

Finally, plans are also underway for the bi-annual Western Kansas York Rite Banquet to be held this year once again in November in Colby Kansas. This event brings together Chapter, Council and Commandery members from the three western most York Rite Bodies in Kansas, Hays, Goodland and Liberal where brothers not only have the opportunity to get to know each other but exchange success stories and build the bonds of mutual friendship that bear many much fruit for not only themselves but their home York Rite lodges.

Respectfully submitted;
Tom Krauss, Chairman

Chartered Councils and Councils UD

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand East, Distinguished guests, Companions All:

On behalf of the Chartered Councils and Councils U.D. Committee, it is my pleasure to share with you that there were no requests to the committee this year. As a result, we have nothing specific to report.

M:I:Grand Master and Companions all, thank you for allowing us to serve as your Chartered Councils and Councils U.D. Committee this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Companion L.Kent Needham, MIPGM–Chairman
Companion Michael K. Colbary
Companion Jamie L. Carwell

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Committee Report 2025-26

First off, we would like to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Gary B. Strout, for the appointment and opportunity to serve this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.

It truly has been a pleasure to work with CMMRF or Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and the Indiana University School of Medicine. They are doing some amazing things over there. The stem cell research is out of this world!!!!!!!

Another great thing is the new Liaison to the CMMRF, Companion Brian Reagen. He is really helping to bring the system together and make sure we get the information we need. He sends out monthly communication and is holding quarterly zoom meetings. This allows the state chairmen to share ideas and try to create ideas to get the work out. I want to say thank you to Most Illustrious Grand Master, Gary B. Strout for appointing 2 district chairmen under me. To assist in handling all things with this great charity. They are and their areas are as follows:

District #1 Comp. James Lyle- Leavenworth #1 Leavenworth, KS; Washington #2 Hiawatha, KS; Iola#8 Iola, KS; Lawrence #14 Lawrence, KS; Junction City #22 Junction City, KS, Goodland #24 Goodland, KS; Jericho #26 Hays, KS

District #2- Comp. Juanito Ernacio- Liberal #5 Liberal, KS; Wichita #12 Newton, KS; Independence ##15 Independence, KS; St John #23 Winfield, KS; Sliver Trowel #27 Pittsburgh, KS, Zabub #4 Topeka, KS; Ellsworth #9 Salina, KS;

If you can you also need to subscribe to the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons newsletter. There is explains the new, "Latte a day that you can donate". Please look to donate.

I am reporting that the donations to the CMMRF from the State of Kansas have decreased this year. We created a jewel that anyone can buy. We are stealing the idea for the Grand Chapter on a new jewel they created for the RARA. The

cost of the jewel will include \$20.00 for making the jewel and \$100.00 to the CMMRF in the name of the donator and council they are from. For a total cost of \$120.00, you can order them on the kansasyorkrite.org site.

We moved down to the #9 spot overall in lifetime donations to the CMMRF with a total of \$215,630.04. Since 2021, 2022 was \$10,534.00, 2023 \$75,733.88, 2024 \$75,938.74 and this year 2025 only \$1,950.00. We took a dramatic drop this year. No big donations or bequeaths.

We wish to thank Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, Gary B. Strout for the opportunity to serve him and this Grand Council this year. We wish him and his family all the best in the upcoming years.

Fraternally Submitted

Companion Justin Crippen, PIM, CMMRF State Chairman- Kansas
Committee members- James Lyle, Juanito Ernacio

Grand Council
“Courtesies and Protocol”
2025 - 2026

M.:l.: Gary Strout, the Committee on Courtesies and Protocol would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Council at this year's Grand Session. We will do our best to accommodate all visiting Brothers as needed. We congratulate you on a successful year and will do our best to make Grand Session a great event.

As always, it is an honor to serve our Grand Council to the benefit of all.

Fraternally submitted,
Wayne Drake, Chairman
H. Wayne Rector (PMIGM)
Bill Ray King (PMIGM)

Grand Council Committee Report on Ritualistic Work:

Most Illustrious Grand Master Gary B. Strout, and members of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.

First, we are saddened by the loss of our Dear Friends and Companions that have passed away in the last year. They labored faithfully in the quarries until they laid down their working tools to join the Great Architect of the Universe. Their ritualistic work and their teaching of the work to the rest of us will be greatly missed. Please keep their families in your prayers.

The Companions of this Grand Council has been involved in several Festivals and degree work throughout the state of Kansas this past year.

On Thursday May 1, 2025, the Order of the Silver Trowel was conferred on several Kansas Cryptic Masons at the Annual Meeting of the Grand York Rite of Kansas. We thank the players who performed the work, and those who assisted in making it happen, for their hard work.

On Friday May 2, 2025, Most Illustrious L. Kent Needham, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of KS, and the Grand Council Officers opened the Grand Council of KS. They did an outstanding job with the ritual work in the opening and the closing. Most Illustrious Companion L. Kent Needham did a superb job of conducting the Grand Session. We thank him and his officers for doing an outstanding job.

On Friday June 27, 2025, the Companions of Kansas traveled to Cheyenne, Wyoming. On Friday night they attended a dinner at the Shrine Club hosted by the Grand Council of Wyoming. We thank the Companions of Wyoming for their hospitality. On Saturday June 28th the Cryptic Masons of Kansas Performed the Select Master Degree with help from our Companions from Wyoming and Colorado. Colorado performed the Royal Master Degree and Wyoming performed the Super Excellent Master Degree. There were about 22 Candidates for the Super Excellent Master's Degree.

On Saturday July 12, 2025, the Companions assisted in conferring the Council Degrees and the Orders of Templary in Newton, Kansas. The players in the Royal and Select Master Degrees did their work in costume and they did a great job.

On Saturday October 25, 2025, the Companions of Kansas attended a School of Instruction at Palmyra Lodge. The ritual of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery were covered at this very informative school.

Several Companions from Kansas attended Masonic Week in Washington D.C. from February 4-8, 2026. Some of them helped with the conferral of Degrees. They also help to constitute a new Preceptory of the Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors for Kansas.

On Saturday April 24, 2025, several Kansas Companions attended the Grand York Rite Officers Training in McPherson, Kansas.

Cryptic Masons of Kansas helped with and performed in many degrees and orders this past year. We thank each of them for their hard work and dedication to York Rite Masonry. We thank those companions who worked behind the scenes to help make our ritual work better. Thank each of you for stepping up and for helping out.

It was a good year for Cryptic Masonry in Kansas. Companions came together from every part of the state to put on the work for candidates that were eager to learn.

The Committee on Ritualistic Work, thanks Most Illustrious Grand Master Gary B. Strout for the opportunity to serve this Grand Council.

H. Wayne Rector, PMIGM, Chairman
Wayne H. Rolf, PMIGM
Dale Morrow, PIM

Perpetual Life Membership Committee

The York Rite Perpetual Membership Committee is pleased to submit the annual report to the Companions. Prior to providing the details of this report the Committee would like to encourage a review of the current by-laws regarding the membership of the committee for either modification or to assist us, as a governing body, to move into compliance with our own by-laws. For example, in Section I paragraph 3 of the by-laws it states in part that *“The Perpetual Membership Committee shall consist of nine (9) members as follows: three (3) members initially appointed for one, two and three years by each of the presiding officers of the Grand York Rite. Thereafter the presiding officer of each Grand Body will appoint one committee member each year for a three (3) year term.”* In paragraph 4 it goes on to state that *“This Committee shall hold its first meeting at (during) the Grand York Rite Session each year to determine its elected Committee Chairman...”* Currently, the presiding officer of each body establishes their own Committee members and designates their own Chairman and that has changes annually. There are other paragraphs that set out the timing of reports which may not be the best time for the Committee to provide the most accurate information to our members. This information is not intended to be a criticism, but to inform future leadership of the discrepancy between the by-laws of the PPLM and our current practices.

With that preamble out of the way, the Committee is pleased to provide the following information for review:

Year End	2025			
Total Int.	\$ 9,000.00	Annual Return	4.2067%	
	RAM	KT	CM	Total
Principal	\$69,469.64	\$ 88,191.59	\$56,285.11	\$213,946.34
Interest	\$ 2,855.93	\$ 3,710.43	\$ 2,367.20	\$ 8,933.56
Man. Fee	\$ 60.82	\$ 80.01	\$ 122.33	\$ 263.16
Net Int.	\$ 2,760.28	\$ 3,630.42	\$ 2,311.31	\$ 8,702.01
			Net Total	\$ 8,965.17

The chart above reflects the endowed principle and earnings for all three bodies for the year. Note that the Net Interest of \$2,311.31 was distributed to the constituent Councils as detailed in the chart below.

Council Distribution	
Atchison	\$ 77.21
Goodland	\$ 16.25
GYR	\$ 10.82
Independence	\$ 48.81
Iola	\$ 61.48
Jericho	\$ 11.13
Junction City	\$ 131.72
Leavenworth	\$ 616.78
Liberal	\$ 87.87
Silver Trowel	\$ 205.01
Topeka	\$ 100.94
Wichita	\$ 602.89
Winfield	\$ 31.51
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Salina	\$ 102.47
Baldwin City	\$ 206.42
Grand Total	\$ 2,311.31

The Committee would like to commend and thank Companion Allan Jackson for his hard work and attention toward the management of the finances of the Perpetual Membership Fund.

We, the members of this Committee, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,
 Companion L. Kent Needham, MIPGM, Chairman
 Companion James L. York
 Companion Gary A. Mason, MIPGM

Report on Activity of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Kansas

Of the total number of officers in the Grand Council, about 50% consistently submitted monthly reports of their Masonic activity. Of those reporting, most were extremely active in local, state, national and even some international Masonic activity. Here is a breakdown of the activity most demonstrated.

There were 31 reports of official visits to York Rite bodies, including the Grand leadership and those accompanying them. There were 67 reports of attending Blue Lodge meetings, 42 reports of attending York Rite meetings, 34 reports of attending Scottish Rite meetings, 18 for Knights of St. Andrew, and 6 reports of attending Shrine meetings and Shrine Bowl events.

Of the Grand Master's degree classes, there were 20 reports of attendance and assistance with these degrees. Five officers assisted with Emblem Presentations, 9 attended various Schools of Instruction. There were 50 reports of assistance with Degree Conferrals. There were also 39 special presentations made to various Masonic lodges and subordinate and appendant bodies.

Of the subordinate bodies, the following were reported: AMD/KM/Rosicruciana had 25 (attending all three), SRICF had 20 from both KS and MO bodies. Yeoman of York had 24, plus the consecration of a new body, in Newton, which is the first in Kansas. Red Cross included 28 reports for meetings and another 8 for the Red Cross Ingathering. There were 5 reports for the AMD/KM Annual Ingathering, including two of our officers who handled the organization of this ingathering. There were 12 reports of visiting the youth organization annual meetings.

KYCH listed 6, HRAKTP also listed 6, Royal Order of Scotland listed 3 new members, and 9 assisted with, or received Scottish Rite Honors.

International activity included two officers attending the Kent Masonic Museum, Sutton Masonic Lodge, the Grand Court of Athelstan of England, Wales, and Provinces Overseas, and receiving the degree of Knight of Alfred the Great.

Athelstan activity listed 18, St. Thomas of Acon listed 8, MOPP listed 9, Yeoman of York listed 19. Two travelled to the Smokey Mountains for the annual General Grand York Rite meetings in that area.

Finally, there were numerous reports of Masonic picnics, practices, K.T. Feast, preparations, KMF work, SOOB support, etc., including some 55 reports.

Our thanks to the Most Illustrious Grand Master for his faith and trust in us and allowing us to serve the Craft. We have received M.:I.: Gary Strout's final report for the year, and hereby give our approval of his report.

Fraternally,

Kelly J. Long, Chairman

H. Wayne Rector

Ivan DeTevis

PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

2025-26

First off, the committee would like to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Gary B.

Strout, for the appointment and opportunity to serve this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.

The committee wishes to thank Companion, Patrick C Carr as he is also the editor for the new publication that is out now for the Grand Council of Kansas. If you visit the kansasyorkrite.org site, you will see the tab for magazines/inserts. Click on that and there you will find the Chapter Notes and the Council Cliff notes. This is where you hear directly for your leaders of the Grand Council.

Each month a different Grand Officer is tasked with submitting something for your reading pleasure. You get to read about the different awards and just news from around the state.

Besides hearing from the officers! It has been received well by the Companions of the

Council. As always though our editor needs your help! He needs content, we need more items from the Companions, we do get some but we need more. If you want to help out or have something you want to talk about, please reach out to our editor, Patrick C. Carr at carrs@cox.net.

We wish to thank Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas, Gary B. Strout for the opportunity to serve him and this Grand Council this year. We wish him and his family all the best in the upcoming years.

Fraternally Submitted

Companion Justin Crippen, PIM,

Publicity and Communications Chairman- Kansas

Committee members-

Robert Haynes, PIM

Patrick C. Carr, PIM

Triennial Affair's Committee Report 2025-26

First off, the committee would like to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Gary B. Strout, for the appointment and opportunity to serve this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.

The 2025-2026 year did not have a Triennium in it; however General Grand Chapter/ Council Triennial will be held during the 2026-2027 Kansas Capitular year. This will be held in Washington DC starting on August 29th thru September 2nd, 2026 at the Capital Hilton in DC. Registration information is available right now and registration is open online at yrtriennial.org. This has everything you need for costs, hotels and flight information. All Past Grand High Priests should attend as well as any Grand Chapter Officers. There is business to ballot on, we just have not seen that information yet.

The Triennial Affair's Committee would like to thank Most Illustrious Grand Master, Gary B. Strout, for the opportunity to serve him and this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas for the year. We wish him the Best as he moves into the ranks of the Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's.

Fraternally Submitted,

Chairman Triennial Affair's Committee

Companion Justin D. Crippen, PIM

Companion Robert Haynes, PIM

Companion Patrick C Carr, PIM

No report was submitted by the following committees;

Cryptic Deposit Planning Committee

Patrick C. Carr, Chairman

Membership Committee

Frederick R. Kemp, Chairman

Correspondence Committee

Wayne N. Price, Chairman

2025-26 Council Deaths

BRYANT	DELBERT	LEWIS	St JOHN	23	WINFIELD	06/04/2025
FISHER	CONRAD	MAX	ZABUD	4	TOPEKA	09/13/2025
FREEMAN	EDWARD	LYLE	WICHITA	12	NEWTON	08/05/2025
HALL	ALLEN	DALE	IOLA	8	IOLA	12/22/2025
HALL	T	WARREN	JERICO	26	RUSSELL	04/21/2025
HOVORKA	LEROY	VIRGIL	WICHITA	12	NEWTON	02/10/2026
HURST	JEFFREY	MARK	ZABUD	4	TOPEKA	05/09/2025
KING	MICHAEL	WAYNE	LEAVENWORTH	1	OVERLAND PARK	02/26/2026
KOHR	GLENN	EARL	ELLSWORTH	9	McPHERSON	12/23/2025
LASSMAN	KEITH	DONALD	ELLSWORTH	9	McPHERSON	01/26/2026
MYERS	ROY	D	IOLA	8	IOLA	06/20/2025
NOLTE	JAMES	HAROLD	WICHITA	12	NEWTON	04/20/2025
REEVES	ALAN	G	LIBERAL	5	LIBERAL	05/17/2025
RILEY	DON	VERNON	LEAVENWORTH	1	OVERLAND PARK	12/08/2025
ROBINETT	DON	ELDON	JUNCTION CITY	22	JUNCTION CITY	10/11/2025
SMITH	OSCAR	DELL	LEAVENWORTH	1	OVERLAND PARK	06/17/2025