



**Office of the R.I. Grand Captain of the Guard
Alpha Omega Illustrious Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters
Washington and Jurisdiction, PHA**



July 2025 – June 2026

Subject: Annual Report of Grand Captain of the Guard

To: Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Grand TIM, Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, Grand Council Officers, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Principal Conductor of the Works, Captains of the Guard, and all Royal Select Masters of Washington and Jurisdiction

Greetings, I pray the almighty Supreme Master of the Universe continues to bless you with the hope, harmony, peacefulness and abundance of joy for you, your families and our Cryptic Rite of Freemasonry. With fraternal respect and a deep sense of duty, I submit this Annual Report of the Office of Grand Council Captain of the Guard to the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, the Deputy Grand TIM, Grand Council Officers and Illustrious Companions of Washington and Jurisdiction. This report highlights the activities, achievements, and initiatives of the office during the past Masonic year, with a focus on initiatives that will propel our Cryptic Rite toward a stable, structured fraternal organization.

Article III - DUTIES OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS, of the Alpha and Omega Illustrious Grand Council Constitutions and By-Laws

Duties of the Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the R.I. Captain of the Guard:

To assist the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master in the various duties of his office and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master

To supervise all programs related to youth education such as literacy and scholarships.

Section 2. In the event of the death, absence, removal from the jurisdiction or inability to serve of the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, the R.I. Deputy Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, and the R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, he shall succeed to the duties of the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master and shall act as the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master Pro Tem with full power and authority in his place until the condition or circumstance is removed or until the next regular Grand Assembly of this Grand Council.

1. Attendance and Official Engagements

- **Indiana State Grand Council Royal and Select Masters annual Assembly in August 2025.**
- **38th Annual General Conference of Grand Councils, Royal & Select Masters, PHA, USA & Bahamas in May 2026.**

My attendance and active participation in these gatherings were aimed at supporting the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master and our Jurisdiction.

2. Officer Collaboration

- Worked closely with the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Masters, and other Grand Council officers to ensure smooth and orderly operations during Assemblies.
- Worked closely with the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Master, R.I. Deputy Grand TIM, and R.I. Grand Conductor of the Works to establish the York Rite Consortium Website for Washington and Jurisdiction. This gallant effort has advanced the Grand Council's operational excellence and communication strategy initiatives.
- Facilitated the creation of the Grand Council furniture, regalia and operational materials for Alpha Omega Illustrious Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters.
- Facilitated the Constant Contact distribution list for effective communications.

3. . Challenges Encountered

- **Challenges Faced During the Year:**

1. Inconsistent Communication Across Councils

Variability in communication methods and response timelines across local Councils created delays in disseminating critical information, impacting coordination and timely execution of Grand Council initiatives.

2. Limited Member Engagement and Participation

Several Councils experienced low participation in meetings, programs, and Grand Council initiatives, which affected momentum in advancing educational, ritualistic, and fraternal activities.

3. Standardization of Processes and Reporting

The absence of standardized reporting formats and operational procedures across the Jurisdiction led to inefficiencies in tracking progress, membership data, and program execution.

4. Resource Constraints for Program Implementation

Challenges in securing consistent financial and human resources limited the full execution of youth education programs, scholarship initiatives, and outreach efforts.

4. Concluding Statement

The Office of Grand Council Captain of the Guard remains steadfast in its commitment to ceremonial excellence, order, and the service of our Cryptic Rite. I extend my gratitude to the Most Illustrious Grand Thrice Illustrious Master, Grand Council Officers, and the Illustrious Companions of this Cryptic Jurisdiction for their support, guidance, and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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