

# *Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Iowa*

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## *To Be Read at your Next Stated Council Meeting*

To: All Illustrious Masters  
All Recorders of subordinate Councils

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Greetings from the Grand East of the Royal & Select Masters of Iowa. I hope this communication finds all of you in good health and enjoying the spring. First, I have several items to go over and anticipate we can resolve them quickly and to everyone's satisfaction.

- 1) **Referring to my Circular Letter No. 1** of last fall, wherein I requested that stated meetings involve some sort of Masonic education, that Councils open and close properly even if using the ritual book, and that a running report of CMMRF contributions by Council be emailed to my office. As of this writing, only Gebal Council No. 5 has complied with these requests that I am aware of. I am asking all recorders to provide me an update no later than May 1, 2017.
- 2) **Lady of the Council Award.** We all know and appreciate the help and support of our ladies. The General Grand Council has developed an award to recognize and honor these ladies. For details contact David A. Grindle at (208) 870-8397.
- 3) **Cryptic Mason of the Year.** One medal each year is presented to a Cryptic Mason by the General Grand Council for outstanding service to Cryptic Masonry. Only one medal awarded annual to a Cryptic Mason in each affiliated Grand Council.
- 4) **Adult Youth Leadership Award.** All Councils are encouraged to nominate a deserving Companion for this award.
- 5) **Ish Sodi Award.** For Outstanding contributions to Cryptic Masonry. Every Council can nominate someone.
- 6) **T.S. Parvin Wreath Laying Ceremony.** This Grand Council and its members have been invited by REGC Wade Sheeler to join him Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Oakland Cemetery in Iowa City to lay a wreath on the grave of T.S. Parvin. I encourage all Cryptic Masons to attend.

Please forward all nominations to Rusty Hill, Grand Recorder at [REDACTED]  
**no later than May 15, 2017.**

Warmest fraternal regards,

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