

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Florida

2022 Annual Assembly

Reports and Resolutions

Grand Council Committee on Work 2021 / 2022

The 2021 / 2022 year has been uneventful, no subordinate or District Councils requested the Keith Dean Competition. Only one question was presented to the Committee on Work and it concerned the Royal Master Degree and the Circumambulation Performance for Blue Lodge. How should it begin, I suggested with a short explanation of how H A met Adoniram, then start the walk.

One Proficiency Card was issued this year a Silver Card for the Royal Master Circumambulation to Randall Bocius, Golden Triangle No. 28.

No reports were turned in to the Committee on Work for any schools subordinate Council or District, held by RIDDGM; however, one practice at the Crestview York Rite Center was held covering the Blue Card for Opening and Closing a Council.

The Committee wants to Thank M I Grand Master Allen Sorbie for this appointment and his confidence in the Committee.

John I. Gray Chairman
Rusty Ludlam Co-Chairman
All RIDDGM

GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF FLORIDA

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2021-2022

The investments under the oversight of this Investment Committee are maintained by our investment advisers at Edward Jones & Co., and presently total \$719,975 as of 31 March 2022, up from \$702,670 a year ago. This represents a 2.46% NET increase in Grand Council invested assets, even after the required 5.00% payout on Perpetual membership funds, and even after the losses incurred in February and March of 2022. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios:

Administrative Account - The first portfolio is the Administrative Account, also sometimes referred to as the General Fund. As of 31 March 2022, the total value was \$335,804 – vs. \$317,257 as of one year ago, for an increase of \$18,547, even after the decline in values experienced during the months of February and March of this year. This account has a target investment mix of 60% equities, and 40% bonds and other fixed instruments.

At 31 December 2021, the total value of this account was \$352,458, vs. \$305,319, at 31 December 2020, for an increase of \$47,139, or an 15.44% investment return. It is significant to note that our governing documents allow 75% of this annual increase to be included in the Budget for the following year, which could currently increase our available funds for charitable and necessary operating expenditures by \$35,354.

The original primary goal of the Administrative Account was to put the Grand Council in a position to be able to place less reliance upon Per Capita dues increases in the future, as this Fund grew. Instead of using these funds as originally intended, the funds have been allowed to accumulate, while significant Per Capita increases have been recommended and approved in recent years. During this past year, a total of \$Zero was paid out of this Fund account.

Life and Perpetual Account – The second portfolio is the Life and Perpetual Account, often referred to as the Sacred Fund. As of 31 March 2022, the total value was \$384,171 – vs. \$385,414 a year ago, for a decrease of (\$1,243), after the decline in values experienced during the months of February and March of this year, and after the payout of the 5.0% annual perpetual payments to constituent Councils. This account has a target investment mix of 50% equities and 50% bonds and other fixed instruments. As interest rates rise, the underlying value of a fixed-rate bond portfolio generally goes down.

At 31 December 2021, the total value of this account was \$402,911, vs. \$378,793 at 31 December 2020, for an increase of \$24,118, or a 6.37% NET investment return, after the required 5% perpetual fund payout.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other members of the Investment Committee to thank the Most Illustrious Wm. Allen Sorbie, MIGM, for allowing us to serve the Grand Council this past year.

Courteously and Fraternally,

Wm. Lee Popham Sr., Chairman, PDDGM 2012
Paul W. Friend, MIPGM
Charles L Hollinger, MIPGM
David Rosenthal, Illustrious Grand Steward

2021-2022 CMMRF Report

Most Illustrious Grand Master WM. Allen Sorbie, thank you for allowing me to chair this most worthy committee, CMMRF Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. We are fortunate to have Companions who are dedicated in making Florida one of the top contributors in the Nation. Thank you Companions for your donations totaling \$43,330.93

I would like to share a little about their research:

1. Dr. Murphy and his team of researchers had a major breakthrough in their ARREST Trial studying Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms.
2. The ICVBM, Indiana University School of Medicine and Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine and Vascugen, which is an iPSC, induced pluripotent stem cell therapy company advancing its novel vasculogenic cell technology to develop and manufacture engineered vascular cells. The biotech company that Dr. Yoder has founded, have had discussions with the US Food and Drug Administration regarding a clinical trial in patients with CLI critical limb ischemia, using their iPSC, now called VSC-100.
3. Vascugen has met with a large investor regarding a clinical study and in February the ICVBM clinical team will join Vascugen to discuss the potential of a clinical trial using VSC-100. If this company funds a clinical trial it will fast track the use of this cell by years and could be a major breakthrough in prevent amputations in patient with CLI, especially diabetics.

Following the approval of this report, it will be our pleasure to acknowledge our well desired Companions & Councils with their Gold Pins with Diamonds, Plaques and Extender Bars.

2021-2022 CMMRF Report

I move this report be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

M.I. Dayle Schrock, Chairman

M.I. Paul Friend

M.I. Glenn Chandler, Sr

11 - GOLD PINS WITH A DIAMOND REPRESENTING EACH \$1,000.00 IN DONATIONS WERE EARNED BY:

Carl Gilmore - 27 Diamonds	John Pickford - 18
Glenn E. Chandler Snr - 18	Alfred Mueller Jr. -15
Thomas A. Olsen - 10	Robert St. John - 10
Steven Q. Steele - 5	Jerry Miller - 4
John H. Donohoo - 2	David Rosenthal - 2
Austin Drukker - 2	

11 - PLAQUES WERE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

459 - JOHN KRANIOU*	470 - JAMES MCHENRY*
489 - ROBERT PHILLIPS*	490 - DEAN SEVER*
491 - WILLIAM SORBIE*	501 - RUSTY LUDLAM*
504 - JORGE FILGUEIRA*	505 - ABRAHAM METZ*
506 - CARLOS CORREA*	507 - BRETT A. GORDON*
510 - JOSEPH H. WRIGHT*	

PLAQUES WERE EARNED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCILS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

2021-2022 CMMRF Report

19 - EXTENDER BARS FOR SUBSEQUENT DONATIONS OF \$1,000.00 WERE AWARDED TO:

Gulf Council No.29 \$5,095.00
Adoniram Council No.10 \$5,000.00
Tyrian Council No.36 \$4,163.00
Clearwater Council No.34 \$4,135.45
Hallmark Council No.3 \$3,722.00
Tampa Council No.8 \$3,335.00
Melbourne Council No.38 \$2,729.50
St. Petersburg Council No.14 \$2,044.80
Bradentown Council No.9 \$1,435.00
Ft. Myers Council No.25 \$1,360.00
Union Council No.7 \$1,297.00
Seminole Council No.30 \$1,093.18
Golden Triangle Council No.28 \$1,004.00
Tyler Council No.4
St. Augustine Council No.15
Palatka Council No.18
Sanford Council No.20
Gainesville Council No.27
Lawtey Council No.39One

HUNDRED PERCENT CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED TO:

2022-2023 Grand Council R&SM of Florida Proposed Budget (Gene Lance)

	Line Item	Proposed	Actual
Income		2022-2023	2021-2022
	40000 - Annual Per Capita (\$15.00/member)	\$38,000.00	\$37,109.00
	40010 - Greetings		
	40011 - Other Interest		\$2.31
	40012 - Other Receipts	\$12,946.89	\$8,456.89
	40012 - Other Receipts - Incorrect Payee		\$1,078.00
	40012 - Other Receipts - Donations		\$150.00
	40012 - Other Receipts - Insurance Refund		\$343.66
	40013 - Other Receipts - Life-Perp Investment		\$7,600.00
	40020 - Annual Grand Assembly		
	40021 - CMMRF Donations	\$250.00	
	40030 - Grand Office Return		\$3,147.99
Total Income		\$51,196.89	\$57,887.85
Expense			
20010 - Allowances			
	20011 - Grand Master	\$3,000.00	
	20012 - Deputy Grand Master	\$1,500.00	
	20013 - Grand Recorder	\$4,200.00	\$2,100.00
	20014 - MIGM Jewel, Apron & Case	\$1,200.00	
	20014 - DDGM Apron & Case	\$1,200.00	
	20015 - Grand Treasurer	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Subtotal		\$13,100.00	\$3,100.00
20020 - Charity			
	20022 - Youth Charities		
	20023 - Masonic Home		
	20025 - Youth Scholarships		
	20026 - CMMRF	\$250.00	
Subtotal		\$250.00	
20030 - Meetings	20031 - Triennial	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	20032 - District Meetings	\$1,000.00	
	20033 - Summer Assembly		
	20034 - MIGM SE Conference	\$250.00	\$250.00
	20035 - RIDGM SE Conference	\$250.00	\$250.00
	20036 - RIPCW SE Conference	\$250.00	
	20037 - RI Recorder SE Conference	\$84.00	
	20038 - CMMRF Board Meeting	\$500.00	
Subtotal		\$3,334.00	\$1,500.00
20040 - Grand Assembly	20044 - Distinguished Guests	\$1,500.00	
Subtotal		\$1,500.00	
2050 - Office Expenses			\$5,711.25

	20051 - Office Supplies	\$500.00	
	20052 - Postage	\$600.00	\$9.25
	20053 - Rent	\$4,000.00	
	20054 - Telephone	\$800.00	
	20055 - Utilities		
	20056 - Computer Services	\$200.00	
	20057 - Computer Maintenance	\$150.00	
	20058 - Controlled Storage Rental	\$460.00	
	20059 - Equipment Replacement	\$750.00	
	20059 - A-Surety Bond	\$155.00	
Subtotal		\$7,615.00	\$5,720.50
20060 - Printing			
	20061 - General Printing Expenses	\$300.00	
	20062 - Proceedings	\$1,000.00	
	20063 - Rituals		
	20065 - Copier Maintenance	\$100.00	
	20066 - Printing Supplies	\$100.00	
Subtotal		\$1,500.00	
20070 - Contract Labor			
	20073 - Office Facilitator	\$9,000.00	\$6,750.00
	20074 - Office Temporary Help	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Subtotal		\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00
20080 - Taxes			
	20081 - Florida Corporation Tax	\$62.00	\$61.25
	20081- General Grand Per Capita(\$2.50/member)	\$8,000.00	\$7,052.00
Subtotal		\$8,062.00	\$7,113.75
20090 - Sundry			
	20090 - Transfer to Life-Perp Checking	\$2,800.00	\$7,600.00
	20090 - Transfer to Correct Payee		\$435.00
	20091 - Education	\$300.00	
	20092 - Awards	\$400.00	
	20095 - Insurance		
	20096 - Contingencies	\$400.00	
	20097 - Officers Jewels	\$250.00	
	20099 - Webhosting	\$200.00	
	20100 - Keith Dean Corporation	\$500.00	
	20101 - MMS - YRIS	\$600.00	
Subtotal		\$5,450.00	\$8,410.00
20100 - Miscillaneous			
	20102 - Bank Service Charges	\$25.00	
	20110 - Reserves	\$360.89	
Subtotal		\$385.89	
Total Expenses		\$51,196.89	\$33,344.25

Audit Committee Report

On Saturday January 15th 2022 the members of the audit committee were able to meet for the purpose of reviewing The Grand Council Treasurer/recorders records for the fiscal year which began June 1, 2021.at the offices of the Florida Grand York Rite Recorder located at

Tampa York Rite Bodies building at 4210 W Oklahoma Ave, Tampa Florida

We reviewed the books, records, warrants, vouchers and statements finding them to be in proper order.

The committee would like to thank Grand Treasurer Robert C. St. John Jr. and Grand Recorder Richard C. Brooks for making themselves readily available and for the well organized condition and completeness of the records of the Grand Council. It has been an honor to serve the Most Illustrious Grand Master as members of this committee.

Respectfully Submitted.

RI Gene A Lance RI Thomas A. Olsen RI Otis Benjamin Geiger II also David Rosenthal for sitting in at the audit.

Perpetual Membership Report 2021-2022

Perpetual Membership is a way of helping to maintain the financial stability of our Councils in perpetuity.

Our District Deputy Grand Masters this year were charged with promoting this vital program to further build up the amount of our Companions who become a part of the sustaining group of those who will contribute to their Councils even when they have gone to meet the Grand Geometrician.

This year 17 Companions became perpetual members.

The Committee thanks the Craft for their continued support of this important program. It has been an Honor to serve the Most Illustrious Grand Master on this Committee.

Respectfully and Zealously submitted,
David M. Rosenthal, KYCH
Grand Steward

Fraternal Relations Report

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida,

During this Cryptic year, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida maintained Fraternal Relations with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and the Grand Lodges of other Grand Jurisdictions, as well as with the General Grand Chapter of Cryptic Masons International and its subsidiary Grand Councils worldwide.

The Committee received no request for recognition of any other jurisdiction, nor for any other service.

The Committee thanks the Most Illustrious Grand Master for this appointment and charging it with maintaining fraternal relations with our Brethren everywhere.

Respectfully and Zealously submitted,

Right Illustrious Gene A. Lance
Deputy Grand Master