



November 14, 2023

Mutual Recognition and Visitation:

To all Elected and Appointed Grand Council Officers, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, Council Officers, and Illustrious Companions all wherever dispersed.

Know that Charles F. Williams Grand Council Royal and Select Masters and the Cryptic Masons of Tennessee adopted Mutual Recognition when our respective Grand Lodges did so. Additionally mutual visitation with the Cryptic Masons of Tennessee was effective on July 17, 2023, this mirrored the action taken by the MW Prince Grand Lodge of Tennessee and the Grand Lodge of Tennessee F&AM.

- The Illustrious Companion must be a member in good standing and if not properly vouched for a visitor must present his dues card to show they are a member in good standing and photographic identification may also be required to ensure the membership card belongs to the presenter.
- All provisions related to exclusion of visitors in the PHA Grand Lodge Masonic Code and Constitution, and the TN Grand Lodge Code and Constitution remain unchanged.
- If a visitor cannot be confirmed by being vouched for or by use of legal identification and dues card, the Thrice Illustrious Master may cause a committee to examine the visitor to determine Masonic good standing.

When visiting please do so without questioning any polices, practices, procedures, or anything you may see or hear. I was able to visit with our York Rite Brothers in a regaled District meeting this summer and was warmly greeted by my counterpart and other York Rite Brothers from all over Tennessee. It is truly an inspired time in Tennessee Masonic history lets go out and spread the cement of brotherly love.

Yours in the Cryptic Rite,

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