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Worshipful Masters' Address #4

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The idea that Cheops (or Ku-Fu) built the great pyramid can be traced back to two sources. The first of which is based on the elder idea and an attempt to confirm it by a forgery.

Colonel Richard Howard Vyse had done an extensive excavation in and around the Great Pyramid. It was Colonel Vyse who discovered the chambers above the 'Kings Chamber' in the Pyramid. It was also Colonel Vyse who's biggest claim to fame concerning the Pyramid was discovering the cartouches of an Egyptian Pharaoh (actually two) in the pyramid. His own journal depicts his attempt at hiring a person to do – and forgoing the cartouches. Never the less there is better evidence against them being real.

Most people build anything from the ground up. Such as a house you normally start in the basement and then complete it with the roof (to make it water tight. However the Pyramid (according to the location of the cartouches discovered) was built from the top down. The upper section was suspended in the air by the grandfather of Cheops who died before Cheops was even born so that Cheops could finish the project by building the foundation. . . Pardon the ludicrous example but according to the cartouches locations (the younger under the elder) that is how our modern Egyptologists consider the edifice was built.

Colonel Vyse was a (he hired it done – didn't do it himself) forger. The truth behind the cartouches were simply they were faked to gain money and recognition for discovering the 'secret' of the great pyramid. Point of fact? More proof? Colonel Vyse's backers were immortalized. The rooms Vyse discovered were named after them. Colonel Vyse placed the cartouches in the chambers above the kings chamber to correlate with the norm of that time. People in England (and the United States) could not get enough of the Egyptian kings burial stuff (Tut for one example). It had been widely

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The Dias Officers in the Royal Arch Degree

Recently, while attending a conferral of the Royal Arch Degree, I became aware of what appears to be some confusion among the workmen regarding just who the three companions on the dais represent. Regrettably, I have reached a point in life where sometimes I don't hear everything that may be said in a low voice and sometimes I may hear things that were not said, but I believe one of the companions working in the degree called the presiding officer "King Solomon." It may have been just a slip of the tongue carried over from the Most Excellent Master Degree or it may not have happened at all. Either way, I thought I would try to shed a little more light on the subject for those companions who may not be aware of or understand the symbolism of the characters in the degree.

We will start with a little historical background concerning the Temple of King Solomon.

The Temple was constructed under King Solomon and was completed between 1000 and 800 BCE with the aid of Hiram, King of Tyre, who provided materials and the craftsmen for the building, and Hiram Abiff who now would be called the chief architect. According to the Masonic story, shortly before the temple was completed, Hiram Abiff was murdered. One of the FellowCraft originally involved in the plot to kill Hiram Abiff, Adoniram, recanted and had a lengthy conversation with Hiram before his death. After relating the conversation to King Solomon, Solomon had the secrets of Masonry deposited along with the Ark in a secret vault under the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Temple, to be discovered later.

In 587 BCE, during the reign of Zedekiah, the Temple was destroyed as was the city of *Continued page 5*



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"GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST"

"Enhance the Secret"

Greetings My Companions,

In February Caro Chapter hosted the 91st Annual George Washington Dinner Celebration. We enjoyed a great evening and presentation by Michael Thorp. We do not know for certain that George Washington was a Royal Arch Mason, however the historical information seems to indicate that he may have been. At any rate we certainly revere George Washington as a preeminent figure in US Masonic History. Congratulation, Caro Chapter have many more future celebrations.

I also attended two Royal Arch Widow Degrees held in Paw Paw on January 30th and the other in Grand Rapids on February 14th. They were both well attended and the Ladies all had a great time. Great job by the casts.

On February 28, We attended the Tri-State All Chapter/Council Degree Day. Thanks to Homer Chapter for participating. Seeing the Degree work from Indiana & Ohio was very interesting, although somewhat different than our own.

On March 5th, the Annual Chapter/Council All Degree Day in Schoolcraft has held, and 17 new Companions were Exalted. Welcome to our New Companions. The ritual work was great and companionship even better. Thanks to Kalamazoo, PawPaw, Grand Rapids, Hooker, Salathiel Chapters and West Michigan York Rite College for their work.

On March 12th, the Annual East Central Regional Conference, was held in Grand Rapids, at the Airport Hilton. Most all of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery were in attendance. We received a very interesting and motivating presentation from John Palmer on Leadership. One of his main themes was that Leadership can be learned, and that we all must work to improve our ability to lead as well as be good followers. This gathering also provides us with the ability to review and discuss our various programs as well as what other programs and Masonic efforts are being undertaken in the other Grand Bodies in the Region.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation is hosting Charity Gaming Events this year and we need several companions to assist. The events are scheduled for Early April thru May 5, 2011. This is a major effort to raise monies to grow our Foundation. If you are willing to assist in this effort, please contact Wayne Turton, our Chairman for information on time and place.

Now that the time has sprung forward, it signals that Spring is on the Way. I'm looking forward to getting out the Clubs and playing a round of golf. Which reminds me, it's not too early to starting thinking of the Joint York Rite Golf Outing and Picnic. Please make plans to attend. Golf will be as always at the Gladwin Country Club on Saturday August 6th. You may download the Flyer and Registration Form from the Grand Chapter Web Site www.ram-mi.org. The Picnic will on Sunday August 7th, the day after Golf. Chapters, Councils, Comanderies, Companions, and Sir Knights, you or your York Rite Bodies can sponsor a Hole or T-Box for \$25. Please consider a sponsorship.

My Companions it is nearing the end of your Capitular Year, and as is customary each Chapter must begin to make their Annual Return. A prompt and accurate Return filed with Grand Secretary, Paul Howell, will be greatly appreciated. This is a very important part of the operation of your Grand Chapter. Not ONLY, for the availability of Funds, but for proper auditing as well. The New Return should be available for download from the WEB in the near future. Thank you for your prompt efforts.

Listed below is a reminder list of our Goals for 2011. If you would like to assist in attaining these goals please contact me.

Companions, we have several Goals this year that we are trying to achieve, among them are:

To raise \$3000 for RARA (Royal Arch Research Assistance)

To raise \$5000 for the Royal Arch Foundation

Redesign of the Grand Chapter WEB Site

To hold 3 "Enhance the Secret" awareness events

To encourage the Chapters to employ the Candidate Counseling and Mentoring Programs for all candidates

To encourage the Chapters to participate in the "Goal Cards" program, and to obtain 20 chapters commitment to using them.

If you and your chapter can assist in attaining these goals, please do so. Please contact me for further explanation and details on any of the goals listed.

Up coming events to be aware of are:

April 1 & 2 – Ontario Grand Sessions

April 9 thru 11 and 16 thru 19 – Gaming to raise funds for the Royal Arch Foundation – We are looking for workers for this event

April 9 – MSA Reception for Excellent Companion David Montgomery - Oakland

April 16 – Upper Peninsula Chapter All Degree Day

April 26 & 27 – Indiana Grand Chapter Session

April 30 – MSA Reception for Excellent Companion Robert Powers – Mt Vernon

Chapter Installations everywhere

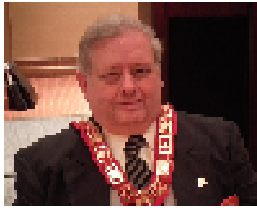
May 23-25 – Grand Lodge – Mt Pleasant

August 6 – Golf / August 7 – Picnic / Sign Up Now – Flyer in Triple Tau

August 17, 2011 – Grand Chapter – Grand Session - Lansing

Please remember to support your Youth Groups and Local Blue Lodges.

Sharon and I wish each of you a most happy and successful 2011 and we are looking forward to seeing you in our travels this year.



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Companions:

The Grand Chapter has been quite busy the last couple of months. The Seven Degree Days at Flint and Schoolcraft brought us 30 new Companions. Plus many Chapters around the state are exalting new Companions in their own Chapters. Capitular Masonry is alive and well here in Michigan. While the Seven Degree Days are necessary in some cases, it is vital that each Chapter still try to do as much as possible at their home Chapter.

Several years ago the Grand Chapter established Area Degree Teams to help where needed with Degree Work by taking advantage of the Companions who live near your Chapter by being able to ask if they would help with the Degree you might want to plan. Another option to consider is the Round Robin where Chapters in your area agree to learn one degree a year. They portray that Degree for the other Chapters that year. The next year they each switch to another Degree. In four years your Chapter could be able to put on all Four Degrees with little or no help at all. It just takes you to make the commitment to improve your Chapter and have some fun while doing it.

The Chapter is not only Business Meetings and Degree Work. I had the opportunity recently to visit Paw Paw Chapter for a afternoon of fun, a great dinner, recognition of Worshipful Masters and a chance to raise money for our philanthropy R.A.R.A. It wasn't long ago that Paw Paw Chapter was struggling and even tried changing their meetings to a Daylight Chapter. That didn't wok so they went back to meeting in the evenings. Now things are quite different. I won't go into how they did it, ask them.

On this particular afternoon the Worshipful Masters were invited to a free dinner where they were presented with their Masters' Pins from Grand Chapter. They had a freewill offering and the money they took in went to the Royal Arch Research Assistance, a win for our Charity. Finally the entertainment for the day was the Royal Arch Widows Degree. Everyone had a great time and I hope that other Chapters will follow their example. You might even spark some interest among the visiting Brothers in the Royal Arch and gain some new Companions in the process.

It is my earnest hope that your Chapter has submitted a Nomination for the Meritorious Service Award by now. Many Companions have wrought in the quarries throughout the years with fee or reward. They should be recognized for their tireless efforts for the Craft. If you need a form please contact our Grand Scribe, David Dossette, for assistance, or you can get one off of the Grand Chapter Web Site.

I am still looking for Companions who are willing to

serve on Committees for this next year. Put your enthusiasm for the Royal Arch and your abilities and skills to excellent use for the benefit of all. I appreciate those with whom I have already spoken to and gratefully accept their willingness to serve the Grand Chapter and their fellow Companions.

My Congratulations to Caro Chapter for once again hosting their 91st Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner. It is a weekend where the Grand Officers and D.D.I.'s get together and report on how their Committees and Chapters are doing. It is, also a time where we meet the Candidates running for Grand Honors. On Saturday Evening we have a delicious dinner and then they always surprise us with some interesting entertainment. We then retire for som Hospitality at the motel. Make plans to join us, your Grand Chapter, next February. Until then I am looking forward to seeing you as we travel through this Jurisdiction in the next few month.

Your Faithful Servant

Mike Whiting

**All Degree Day Reminder
from your Jurisprudence Committee:**

This information to remind all that the following needs to be completed before you can conduct an all Chapter Degree Day.

Section 240. Degrees

E. Any Chapter desiring to confer an "All Chapter Day" must have the prior approval of the Grand High Priest.

This will only be granted if a listing of all of the Companions who will be working in each degree and what part they will be taking is submitted with the application.

Larry A. Inscho PGHP

Chairman Jurisprudence Committee

GRAND HONORS

It is an honor to be able to serve as an Officer in any Masonic Organization. To be able to serve not only your local Companions but to serve all of the Companions of the State is a Grand Honor. One not to be taken lightly, but one to be respected.

Your State Grand Chapter has several Offices to be filled at this years Grand Convocation

Grand Master of the 1st Veil which has one announced candidate at this time: Michael Roberts of River Raisin Chapter #22.

Grand Secretary with Carl J. Peterson of St. Ignace Chapter #134 and Robert E. Cooper of Kent-Newaygo Chapter #38 having announced, so far.

Grand Sentinel with no announced candidates yet.

It is still time to consider, announce and become a viable candidate for any of the above positions.

Make yourself a Grand Officer.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

**NEXT CORRECTIONS WILL BE AFTER THE ELECTION
RETURNS ARE IN AND THE 2011-12 DIRECTORY IS
PRINTED!!!**



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Secretary's Scribbles

Hello Companions:

Hard to believe. We are still on vacation. Not when you receive this publication but at the time which I am writing it. I know that this will be upsetting to most of you, but, it is 9:21 am in Elsa, TX, which is in the Rio Grande Valley. The sun, remember that orb?, is peeking out though the clouds. Temperature is only in the mid to low 70's, but they have assured us that it will be in full bloom shortly and that the temperatures will begin to rise. It has been very difficult the last week, setting in the sun, with a very light breeze, while reading a book.

You know I am just beginning to realize that I have always enjoyed reading. Just have not had the time to do so over the last many years, what with the Work of the Grand Chapter, the putting together two monthly publications, and the Masonic Traveling that I have doing. I have read more books on this travel than I have read in the last several years combined. Have to admit that they were "non-thinkers" books.

I have had a few major disappointing or discouraging words come my way while on this trip. Have had several calls from Worshipful Masters and a few from Companions wanting to know how they could get a Masters Pin for 2010 and or 2011 since none was presented to them. This comes from several different parts of the State, so it is not just one

Chapter that has failed in their responsibility and duty of rewarding the Brothers for their Service and also in the spreading of the word about Capitular Masonry. It would not be my doubt that these are some of the same Chapters that complain, moan, the loudest that they are unable to get any new Members. Remember Companions you must go to the Brothers and inform them about what and who you, we, are if you wish them to inquire and then become our future leaders. Don't forget that your presentation reports are due in to Tim Forche the Exec. Director of DDI's. The Grand Chapter can only assume that if you do not submit these forms, you did not make the presentations.

Each of the Chapters has their Annual Returns, their Certificate of Election Forms, their Directory update forms and their IRS Forms. Make sure that they are returned correctly and promptly. Annual Returns in the mail by May 15th.

As each of you know, your Chapter is supposed to have 5 copies of the Officer's Workbook, presented to your Chapter at the Grand Convocation in 1997 and updated several times since then, 1 for your High Priest, 1 for the King, 1 for the Scribe, 1 for the Secretary and 1 for the Education Officer. They have been updated several times since then. If you do not have them, let me know, they are \$20.00 apiece for replace copies.

CALENDAR

*** indicates what has been past practice. No official notification yet!

Apr 4 – ETS - Midland

**Apr 9 – David Montgomery Rec. MSA – Auburn Hills
3:00 PM Dinner**

Apr 16 – UP All Deg. Day – Delta Chapter - Kingsford

Apr 23 – Council All Deg. Day – Mason – 1pm

**Apr 30 – Robert Powers Rec. MSA – Samaria
4 & 5 PM**

May 4 – MIO Lodge, ETS Program after Regular

May 21 – KYCH – Alma Pathways

May 23 – 25 – Grand Lodge – Mt. Pleasant

*****Jun 11 – Chapter All "Outdoor" Deg. Day**

Jun 25 – MSA – Ronald Snider – Lebanon #125

Aug 6 – York Rite Charity Golf Outing - Gladwin

Aug 7 – Grand Chapter Picnic – (Sprague's Cabin)

**Aug 16 – 20 Grand York Rite Sessions – Lexington
Hotel, Creyts Road, Lansing**

Aug 17 – Grand Chapter Gr. Convocation

Aug 18 – Grand Council – Gr. Assembly

Aug 18 – Grand Banquet

Aug 19 & 20 Grand Commandery – Gr. Conclave

**Aug 27 – Tri-State – Wausaw, WI 8 am (Mich., Minn.,
Wisc.)**

**Aug 29 - General Grand Council - Triennial
Assembly – Raleigh, NC**

**Aug 30 – General Grand Chapter - Triennial
Convocation – Raleigh, NC**

Do you know of someone who should be receiving this publication?

They do not have to be a Royal Arch Mason –

If you think this would help them improve themselves by receiving this publication then –

1. You may forward this on to them by email.
2. You may send their email address to the Grand Secretary to be added. *Give him their Masonic Affiliation, PLEASE.*
3. You may copy the paper and present it to them.
Make copies available for the Lodge Brothers. Maybe this is one of those small things attracting members.

Keep a smile on your face, a chuckle in your voice and love in your heart.

The Dias Officers – Continued from page 1

Jerusalem after a siege by Nebuchadnezzar II, the king of Babylon. Zedekiah and most of the populace who had not been put to the sword were taken as captives and along with the treasures of the Temple and the city were carried back to Babylon. The stories of Adoniram, the depositing of the secrets, and the fall of Jerusalem are detailed in the degrees of the Royal & Select Masons.

Cyrus II the King of Persia, or Cyrus the Great, after conquering much of the Babylonian Empire, besieged the city of Babylon in late 540 BCE. After diverting the waters of the Euphrates River which flowed through the city, his army was able to march through the almost dry riverbed and occupied the city.

According to the Old Testament, in both 2nd Chronicles 36: 22&23 and Ezra I: 1&2, “The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and put it also in writing” that all the captives from the land of Judah and their descendants should be freed, given all their seized treasures, and returned home to build for the Lord “a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.”

Zerubbabel, a Prince of the House of Judah and a descendant of King David, and Jeshua (or Joshua/Josiah), a High Priest, led the first group of captives, which numbered 42,360, on the return to Jerusalem in 538 BCE.

Soon after arriving in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel and Jeshua, along with their brethren, built an altar where they made burnt offerings in observance of Holy Days. In the second year after they had returned to Jerusalem, Zerubbabel and Jeshua began directing craftsmen for laying of the foundation for the new temple.

Once work had begun on the temple, those people who had settled in Judah during the captivity along with a few of the tribes who were opposed to the building, began creating problems with the construction and writing letters of complaint to Cyrus and his successors. Their campaign was successful and Artaxerxes, one of the kings following Cyrus, ordered all construction stopped.

About 520 BCE, in the second year after Darius had taken power as King of Persia, prophets Haggai and Zechariah prophesied unto the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem. These prophesies (what we might call sermons today) inspired Zerubbabel and Jeshua to begin building again with the aid of the two prophets, who urged the people to assist in building the House of the Lord. Letters were written to Darius and he not only ordered the temple to be completed and more of the Jewish property still under his control to be returned, but he also ordered material help as well. According to a Masonic story Zerubbabel and Darius were boyhood friends. Whether that story is true or not, somewhere in this time frame Darius also appointed Zerubbabel as his governor in Judah, so Zerubbabel had authority as the king’s agent in whatever he did. With the support of Darius, the temple was completed in four years and was dedicated with much celebration and sacrifices. It stood until it was destroyed

again by the Romans in 70 AD.

Masonic accounts of Zerubbabel and Darius can be found in both the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, the first of the three Orders of the Knights Templar in the York Rite and in the 15th degree or Knight of the East in the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

With this summary, we can see that there is a minimum of almost 300 years and could be as much as almost 500 years between the completion of the 1st temple and the 2nd. As the Royal Arch Degree is the story of the recovery of the lost secrets of Masonry during the rebuilding of the temple, Solomon and the Hiram cannot be directly involved with the degree. Instead the principal characters supervising the reconstruction of the temple are Zerubbabel, the Prince of Jerusalem and governor of Judah, along with Haggai, the prophet whose prophesies inspired the people to complete the building, and Jeshua, the High Priest who accompanied Zerubbabel from Babylon. Indeed, the Holy Royal Arch Degree as it is practiced in England names the three principals as Zerubbabel, Haggai, and Joshua.

So it is, that with a review of the history of the King Solomon’s Temple, we have taken a rather lengthy course to get to a point where our counterparts in England arrived about 250 years ago, but at least the road this time was not too rough, neither did we again have to go wading down the River Jordan.

Those seeking more detailed information can find it in the Old Testament, especially in the books 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Haggai, & Zechariah, or by searching for biographical information on the web about any of the people listed, and if not already a member, by joining the York Rite of Freemasonry



***Michigan State Assoc.
Masonic HJ12 Clubs
77th. Annual State Convention.***

***Saturday
April 16th., 2011.***

***Alexanders Banquet Center
1195 Gratiot Blvd., Marysville***

Opening ceremonies at 9:00 AM,

Business Meeting in forenoon

Afternoon free-time.

Social Hour at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM.

Installation of 2011-12 State Officers following dinner.

Wor.Bro. Louis Stevich (WM of Marysville #498)
going in as State President.

INFO: Terry Baker, PSP, Gen. Chair. 810-364-7352
Reservation packet available. Dinner is \$24.00 ea.

Oakland
Chapter
Number 5



Royal
Arch
Masons

of Michigan

Formally requests your presence
at a reception dinner honoring

Excellent Companion

David L. Montgomery

2010 General Grand Chapter

Bronze Medal Award

Saturday, April 9th

Social Hour – 2 pm, Dinner – 3 pm
\$15.00 per Plate

Auburn Hills Masonic Temple
2181 Willot Road
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RSVP to R. Michael Colpus
248-453-1412 or rcolpus@yahoo.com

Tickets will be held at the door

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37
Royal Arch Masons



Is proud to announce and honor our

Excellent Companion

Robert B. Powers

as recipient of the

Region 3

Michigan Meritorious Service Award

Saturday, April 30th

Social Hour – 4 pm Dinner – 5 pm

Grilled Steak Dinner
(Chicken on request in advance)

RSVP either: James Jerry Vann, 734.347.1897
or K. Lee Yeager, 734.847.6660 or
klyeager@buckeye-express.com

Tickets will be held at the door

Masters' Letter Continued Page 1.

The stone the builders rejected. . . The headstone (also a corner stone) of a monument that was presumed never built, or placed.

There is no reference to 'light within' but rather the point of reference is the stone that the builders disallowed (rejected). Psalms 118:22. Said stone being a headstone and a corner stone at the same time. Acts 4:11 clearly points to the son of man. But there is a much older connection to Enoch (Genesis 5:21-24) who was the seventh from Adam. Enoch who walked and talked with the Almighty and was not for the Almighty took him – where? Its presumed he went to heaven but neither the bible nor the original Torah say heaven – it simply says "Enoch was not for God (Elohiym) took him." There is a monument on the planet that is called the 'Pillar of Enoch'.

How can a stone be the headstone as well as a corner stone? Its logically impossible for any typical building. But for the not so typical? . . . One place a building can literally have both a cornerstone and a headstone – a pyramid. The cap stone turns a pyramid from a six sided (including bottom) monument to a five sided monument. The key stone of an arch, in this case, is the exact same meaning as the cap stone of the pyramid. There is but one doorway to pass from this life to eternal life. That cap stone is also the same reference. The stone which the builders (the Sanhedrin of the Temple of Solomon) disallowed.

There is only one monument on this planet that was build without a capstone. And there is only one monument on this planet that directly reflects the light of the creator. A light that has been lost by Masons ages ago. A pyramid was so named for the light it emulated in the desert. The Great Pyramid, also called the Pillar of Enoch, originally had a covering of limestone (cut and polished so fine that any seams were impossible to detect) over its entire surface. Imagine being an Egyptian (or anyone for that matter) and seeing that edifice glowing in the daylight in the daylight as it suddenly blinded you in th4e desert. . . only one pyramid. The others were later additions. But history said that pyramid was build by the Egyptian King Cheops (ku-fu) wasn't it? Next month. . .

Amendments to Grand Chapter

Do you know of something that you would like to see changed to the Red Book of Capitular Law?

Do you know of something that you do not like about the current Red Book and/or the way that it is written.

What change would you like to see made?

Write up your Proposed change and get it submitted to the Grand Chapter prior to May 20th, 2011.

Write up your change in the correct manner. Indicate each place in the Red Book which will be affected by the change. Must state exact wording as it is currently worded and as you would like it to be amended to read.



**2011 York Rite
CHARITY GOLF OUTING
GLADWIN HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE**

3551 W. M-61, Gladwin 48624 -- 989-426-9941

Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery

To all Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights, Friends and Relatives

Sunday August 1, 2011

Tee time: 11:00 AM,

Four Person Scramble (Men and/or Women).

Make up your foursome -- or we can place you on a team.

Only \$60.00 per person (includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes!!!)

Not a golfer!? Come and join us for dinner at 4:30 PM. Cost for dinner is only \$ 18.00 per.

We are asking you as Individuals, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderys to sponsor a hole or tee box for only \$25.00 per.

All profits will be equally divided, FOR THE CHARITY OF CHOICE, between each Grand Body.

For more information contact:

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Make checks payable to: Robert E. Cooper Memo: 'YR GOLF OUTING'

We would like to sponsor a hole or tee box or hole for only \$25.00.

Please have the sign read:

I _____ will be participating: (\$ 60.00)

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Foursome: _____

Additional persons – **Dinner only** (\$18.00 each): _____

No. of Steak: _____ No. of Chicken: _____ (Make sure that you have included yourself)

Sponsorships (\$25.00 per Tee or Hole): _____

Golfers: _____

Dinner only: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Make as many copies as needed.

Washtenaw Chapter No. 6 has temporarily moved their Charter from Ann Arbor to the [Belleville Masonic Temple, 515 Main St., Belleville, Michigan](#) for the purpose of conducting the Degrees of the Chapter.

Royal Arch Degree – *Monday, April 14th*

Other Chapters have volunteered to assist in the conferral of the Degrees and in possibly being able to bring candidates: Excelsior #25; York #150; Trenton #173; Wayne #182.

Are you willing and able to assist in this degree? Contact: **Brandon Mullins** at either: [734.644.1166](tel:734.644.1166) or [persngo@persngo.com](mailto:pershgo@persngo.com) and offer your assistance.

Your candidates are of course welcome.

Come out and make this an excellent, well attended, memorable degree for the new candidates.

As always the more on the sidelines the more that the candidates knows that you, we, love what we are doing and working for.

Don't forget to send your articles so that everyone can read about your Chapter and your District.

Due Date: 15th of the Month Prior to Publication. Advertise your upcoming Events.

MSA = MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Have you and your Chapter decided whom you are going to honor by nominating them for the Meritorious Service Award this coming year?

The material for 2011 nominations are the same as those of year 2010. You can go to the Grand Chapter Web Site at www.ram-mi.org and download the form.

You can and should begin preparing your write-up immediately.

Do not hesitate to begin your research and write-up. In writing the nomination you should assume that those who are reading it know nothing about the person nominated.

David Dossette the Grand Scribe has sent materials out to all of the Chapters.

If you nominated a Companion in the past and he was not selected as the recipient then update the nomination and get it resubmitted this year.

If your Companion has received the Michigan Regional Award then nominate him to be considered for the General Grand Chapter Bronze Award **only**.

Make it a point to attend the other Recognition Dinners!

David Montgomery, Oakland Chapter #5, April 9th
Robert Powers, Mt. Vernon Chapter #37, April 30th

Michigan Triple Tau is BACK!!!

No issue was published in March.

Hope that each of you missed this publication.

Longer articles should be submitted to the Education Committee and/or the Instructional Manual Committee for consideration or write them into several shorter articles.

If you need to get announcements published and out to our fellow Companions then get them in early. They should be published at least two months in advance, if you desire a good attendance. Do not wait and miss out on this excellent media for making announcements and spreading the word. Articles due NLT the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Training Sessions for Gaming License

Training sessions are scheduled for Saturday March 26 and April 2, 2011 at 12:00 / 3:00 / 6:00. Every member of your volunteer workers are required to attend one of the sessions before being allowed to enter the cash cage.

During these sessions protocol, using the computer and changes in state regulations will be discussed. Additionally, Photo ID cards will be prepared, uniform sizes will be taken and scheduling of shifts will be discussed.

Training sessions will be held at the Lexington Hotel located at 30847 Flynn Road, Romulus, MI 48174 (Telephone 734-721-1100). The hotel is located off Merriman next to Bob Evans.

Please call me with any questions.

Wayne Turton

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HELP!!!!!! --- Wayne

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To receive more information contact:

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Richard Cooper, Grand High Priest

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Companions,

I would like to thank Most Excellent Companion Paul Howell and the Grand Chapter of Michigan for this opportunity. It has been a very good year thus far, but it is hard to believe it is more than half over. I have visited all but 9 councils to date.

On February 8th I had the pleasure of issuing a dispensation for the forming of Middleville Council UD. On February 22nd the Grand Council Officers and I visited Middleville and Instituted Middleville Council UD. On March 5th at the Kalamazoo Festival Middleville brought 10 candidates to be greeted. The hard work of the companions in the area has paid great dividends. I would like to thank Most Excellent Companion Robert Cooper for all his hard work and those who took offices in that council.

Grand Commander Winn has made several suggestions for areas that the three bodies can work together and accomplish more than we can working separately. Membership is the first joint committee to be set up. I have appointed Grand Captain of the Guard Robert O. Troutman to the Joint Membership Committee to lay the ground work for this effort.

On April 23rd. Leslie Council #50 will be putting on the 97th Annual Strawberry Festival at Mason. This is a great event and I hope to see many companions there.

June 18th is the annual trek to the U.P. for You-Per Council. More information will be coming out as the time draws closer.

If I haven't visited your council yet I will be seeing you before August.

Yours in Cryptic Masonry,
 Stephen R. Striggow MIGM

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All Council Degree Day

Saturday, April 23rd
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**U.P. (Upper Peninsula)
 All Council Degree Day**

will be coming soon. Hopefully we will have more information prior to the next issue. Watch carefully.

Remember if your candidate received only the S.E.M. degree in short form you should have them in attendance at either the Strawberry Festival or the U.P. All Degree Day so that they can witness their required Full Ceremonial.

**General Grand Council R&SM
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**Monday, August 29th
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Companions of York Rite Masonry, before I begin my first article for this publication I would like to thank Companion Howell for this opportunity. This year's presiding officers of the York Rite bodies have made it a priority to combine our efforts in communicating what the Rite has to offer our Brother Masons and non-masons. Masonry has a distinct opportunity to take the recent publicity and interest we have received through the media and use it to develop the next generation of good men. We recognize that much of it is sensational, however it has developed an interest as to who Masons are, what we have to offer and are we relevant in this modern world. Now it's up to us to share what we have, enhance it and continue our legacy.

The York Rite bodies are combining all efforts to develop the methods and use of technology which will allow us to communicate to the next generation our values, ethics, and why we are more relevant now than in any other time in history. The challenge is to communicate it to a generation that has no limitations of time and space. A generation that can travel anywhere with the slightest touch of a finger and never leave their chair. A generation that we must show why there is value in leaving the comfort of their computer and join us in Masonry.

This is a tremendous challenge, however, Masons throughout history have always adjusted and met the needs which society has demanded. Let's use this opportunity to enhance Masonry and continue our legacy.

Loren A. Winn
 Grand Commandery Knights Templar



**Grand Encampment
 Easter Sunrise Service**

on the steps of the
 George Washington Masonic Memorial
 Arlington, Virginia

Michigan Grand Commandery Bus Tour
 Departs Friday, April 22
 Returns Sunday, April 24

It is my sad duty to report that Past Grand Commandery Thomas Coss was called to that Great Asylum in the Sky on Thursday evening March 10th.

Cortland Rule, Grand Generalissimo, is recovery nicely from emergency by-pass surgery on Thursday, March 16th. 5 by-passes. He should be back home under the careful supervision of Lady Jane by the time you read this.

Commandery Easter Observances

Easter Sunday Morning
 Two Annual Events

Port Huron Commandery
 Sunrise Service
 Contact PGC Bill Herily
 for specific information

Fort Custer Cemetery
 Sunrise Service
 Contact Arnie Feinrich
 for specific information