

# MICHIGAN TRIPLE TAU

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*Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education*

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## Grand Chapter - Wed., Aug 17, 2011

7:00 am Chap.. Memb. Breakfast No. \_\_\_ @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
12 noon Ladies: GC Luncheon No. \_\_\_ @ \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
12 noon Comp. Chap. Luncheon No. \_\_\_ @ \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
7:00 pm Masquerade Theme Party [*Dress: Mask or Costume*]  
(Buffet) No. \_\_\_ @ \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

## Grand Council – Thur., Aug 18, 2011

7:00 am Coun. Memb. Breakfast No. \_\_\_ @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
12 noon Ladies Luncheon No. \_\_\_ @ \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
12 noon Comp. Coun. Luncheon No. \_\_\_ @ \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

### JOINT YORK RITE BANQUET – 7:00 PM

London Broil . . . . . No. \_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Lemon Ginger Grilled Chicken . . . . . No. \_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*\*Banquet Recommended Dress: Grand Officers – Tuxedo/White Dinner Jacket with Collar. Ladies: Evening Attire. General Membership – Business Suits. Ladies – Sunday Best.\*\*\**

## Grand Commandery – Fri., Aug 19, 2011

7:00 am Comm. Memb. Breakfast No. \_\_\_ @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
12 noon Ladies Luncheon No. \_\_\_ @ \$19.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
12:15 pm Sir Knights Luncheon No. \_\_\_ @ \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
7:30 pm Round Table Dinner  
Tuscan Chicken . . . . . No. \_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Whitefish . . . . . No. \_\_\_ @ \$36.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*\* Round Table Recommended Dress: Grand Commandery Officers & Sir Knights: Full Dress Uniform w/o Sword & Chapeau. Grand Officers of other Bodies: Tuxedo/White Dinner Jackets with Collars. G.O.'s Ladies: Evening Attire. Sir Knights Ladies – Sunday Best.\*\*\**

## Sat., Aug. 20, 2011

8:00 am Comm. Memb. Breakfast No. \_\_\_ @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Fee **\$ 10.00**

**LATE REGISTRATION FEE: \$.**

**25.00**

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

checks payable to: **MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE COMMITTEE**  
Send to: **MICHIGAN GRAND YOURK RITE COMMITTEE**  
**c/o Larry A. Inscho, PGHP**

## Michigan York Rite Grand Sessions

Lexington Hotel, 925 S. Creyts Rd.  
Lansing, Michigan 48917

### General Program Schedule: Aug 16 – 20th

Tues., Aug. 16 1 – 4 pm Registration for Gr. Chap. & Gr. Council.  
1-3 pm – Gr. Chapt. Officers Mtg.  
4-5 pm - GC RAM Foundation Meeting  
7-10 pm – Gr. Coun. Officers Meeting

Wed., Aug. 17 7:30 – 8:30 am Gr. Chapter Registration  
7:30am – 4 pm Gr. Coun. Registration  
8:30 am - **163<sup>rd</sup> Ann Conv. Gr. Chapter**  
12 noon - Ladies Luncheon - Aurora  
Companions Luncheon – Ballroom D

*Order of High Priesthood – 30 minutes after Gr. Chapt. Installation*  
7 pm – **Masquerade Banquet**

Thur., Aug. 18 7:30 – 8:30 am Gr. Coun. Registration  
8:30 am - **153<sup>rd</sup> Ann. Assembly Gr. Coun.**  
12 noon – Ladies Luncheon – Aurora  
Companions Luncheon – Ballroom D  
1 – 5 pm Gr. Comm. Registration

*Order of Silver Trowel – 30 minutes after Gr. Coun. Installation*  
7 pm **Grand York Rite Banquet**

Fri., Aug. 19 7:30 am – 3 pm Gr. Com. Registration  
8:30 am - **155<sup>th</sup> Ann. Conclave Gr. Comm**  
12 noon - Ladies Luncheon – Aurora  
SK Luncheon – Ballroom D

*Past Commanders Assoc. – 30 minutes after calling off of Gr. Comm.*

6 pm – Divine Service  
7:30 pm **Commanders Round Table**

Sat. Aug. 20 7:30 am – 9:30 am – Gr. Comm. Registration  
9:30 am - **Grand Comm. Reconvenes**  
10 am – Election, 10:30 am Installation  
1:00 pm – Drills & Competitions.

*The Ladies will have the Hospitality Room open to serve you and assist in making your visit comfortable and relaxing. See room location and schedule posted around the Hotel.*

*There will be various gift baskets Ruffled in the Hospitality Room. Do not have to be present at the time of the drawing to win.*



# *Robert E. Cooper*

*Grand High Priest*

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## *“GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST”*

### *“Enhance the Secret”*

#### *Greetings My Companions,*

As the year begins to wind down, I would like to thank everyone for all the help in making this Capitular Year a very successful one. It has been extremely busy, trying to keep all of the programs going and to visit as many Chapters and Masonic events as possible. I'm pleased to say that I have been able to visit all the Chapters during my travels through this Grand Line, and have enjoyed meeting and working with each of you. I've been working at preparing my Grand Convocation address. As I review the year there are many programs and events that your Grand Chapter promotes, I hope that they may continue and they contribute to the success of Royal Arch Masonry in Michigan. I know that the Right Excellent Grand King has a great upcoming year planned, and I hope you will extend him your full support.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer. Looking forward to seeing you at the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, at the Lansing Lexington Hotel on August the 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

I attended the Jobs Daughters Grand Session in Grand Rapids on July 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a great evening, Congratulations to the young ladies for all the things they have accomplished this past year and to the new Grand Bethel Officers. I'm sure they will have a great year.

I also made a trip up to visit Negaunee Chapter# 108. Although it was a quick trip up and back, I enjoyed meeting the Companions and had some great discussions. I was also treated to “Alan's Cookies”. They were delicious. Thank you Negaunee Companions for a great evening and your friendship.

On July 13<sup>th</sup> Sharon and I attended Hooker Chapter's Annual Steak Cook out. Thanks Harley, the Steaks were great. We had a wonderful evening with all our companions.

#### *Upcoming events to be aware of are:*

August 6 – York Rite Golf Outing for Charity

Don't miss the Golf Outing – it's a great time and good food,

Please consider a sponsorship for \$25 – Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, & Others

August 7 – Picnic / Sign Up Now – Call Lou McCray

The picnic will again be held at the Sprague's Cabin near Beaverton.

August 12 & 13, 2011 – DeMolay Conclave – Big Rapids

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

We are going to open with the Grand Chapter Full Form Opening.

August 26-30, 2011 – General Grand Chapter & General Grand Council – Triennial at the Hilton North Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, N.C.

May God Bless each of you!

Sharon and I wish you an enjoyable summer and we are looking forward to seeing you in our travels and at the Grand Session.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you this year.

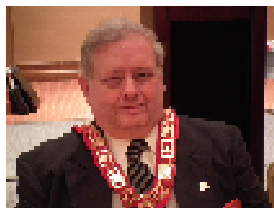
“Enhance the Secret”

Thank you,  
Fraternally,  
Robert E. Cooper, GHP

*Your Grand Chapter needs you to step forward and give them your support.*

*Mike Whiting, Grand King has indicated that he is in need of volunteers for the important office of District Deputy Instructor for the coming year.*

*It is both a learning and a teaching opportunity for you!  
Don't leave everything up to someone else, you are well qualified.*



## **Michael Whiting's**

### **King's Korner**

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My Fellow Companion

As I am sitting here writing this article and making preparations for this year's Grand Chapter, I realized I hadn't put in my Meal Reservations as of yet. I wonder how many of you Companions have done the same thing. My reservations are now in the mail as I hope yours are too.

I've had the pleasure last month of attending the Meritorious Service Award for Ronald Snider at Lebanon Chapter #125, a Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degree at Lapeer Chapter #91, a Royal Arch Degree at Livingston Chapter #30 and a Mark Master Degree at Monroe Chapter #1. The Degree Work was done professionally and I was surprised at the turnout of Companions from across the state. I was also very pleased to see that New Officers were taking an active part in the Degree Work and that many of the New Companions were younger men.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation has finished its fundraiser for this summer. I want to thank all the Companions who gave up their evenings and assisted in this project. Although Mother Nature put a halt to one of our evenings with a power outage we were still able to make some money for the Foundation. I know this is a very easy way to raise money and if we had a few more Companions to help next time the load wouldn't just fall on a few.

In closing, I want to once more Thank You for all the courtesies extended to me over the years as I advanced through the Grand Line. I look forward to Greeting you at Grand Chapter and working with you through the coming years.

See you in Lansing,  
Michael Whiting, Grand King

### **GRAND CHAPTER RAM FOUNDATION TREASURER'S COMMITTEE REPORT**

A summary of the activities of the Foundation for FY 2010-11 are as follows:

The income from projects and current donations was \$7,027.75.

The total of the Foundations expenses was \$3,799.24.

The income from interest and dividends was \$7,519.28

The gain due to increase in the market was \$39,372.90.

The net worth of the Foundation (cash and investments) on May 31, 2011 was \$292,846.19 (market value). This represents a \$51,664.69 gain over last year's net worth of \$241,181.50. We are in much better shape than we were one year ago. The Foundation Trustees are continuing to host Poker which gives and additional income.

Respectfully submitted,

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Declining membership in all Masonic bodies continues to be a problem. While the decline in Freemasonry in Michigan has indeed slowed somewhat, we are still losing members due to death and suspensions. Michigan's economy is still in shambles and some are finding that they must leave the Fraternity due to financial reasons. All fraternal organizations are struggling to recruit and keep their members and the York Rite is no exception. Careful examination must be made to find ways to assist those worthy Companions who would otherwise stay and be an asset.

Men are increasingly seeking membership in our Fraternity and we welcome them. A large number are now younger men who are bringing with them new skills and technologies for our future. Initially, however, their ability to become active is often challenged by family, career, and other duties and claims for their time. Those who are stable in their careers are looking for that fraternal bond and community service and are often looking for additional ways to serve the fraternity as well. As York Rite Masons, we all know that the success of our local Lodges is paramount and tied to the success of our beloved Rite. For that reason, many of the active men they know and respect in their Lodges are also York Rite Masons. Make yourselves known to them as such.

Your Membership Committee has been working very hard this year to find opportunities for Masons to learn about Royal Arch Masonry and the York Rite and to provide tools for membership recruitment and retention. The Grand Chapter has been testing the "Enhance the Secret" program in key areas around the State with moderate success and is available to any Chapter for use. Some of the members of this committee have also been approached to present the Royal Arch and York Rite topics for Masonic Education during Lodge meetings or during fellowship afterward. We have happily agreed as some Lodges have not seen a York Rite presence in many years. These are a few of the things that each of us can do in our local Lodges and districts to make ourselves visible in the Masonic community and to introduce the York Rite. CDs and scripts are available to assist you. Increasing our membership is important to the growth of our Rite.

There is little that we can do to control our losses due to death, but suspensions and withdrawals are another matter. We should all be encouraging our members to be active and engaged. Do your newer members have a mentor during their first year to answer questions and help him become comfortable and get introduced at meetings? Does your Chapter provide opportunities for fellowship before and after meetings? Do all of your members receive the Triple Tau Magazine and know where to find our website so they have both local and statewide resources and information at their fingertips? Do you have a local newsletter? Is your Chapter active in the community or assisting area Lodges in some way? Communication, mentoring, and engagement are key to keeping your members. There are many resources available on our website at <http://www.ram-mi.org> for you to use. Look under "downloads."

Membership growth and retention are key to Chapter survival. Make it a priority. The Membership Committee will continue to work to provide tools and programs to help our Chapters succeed in these areas but it is up to you to use them.

The Membership Committee would like to thank the M.E. Grand High Priest for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Kiefer, GCOH, Chairman; Louis McCray, GPS;

Bruce Hayden, PHP; Howard J. Visser, PHP;

Richard Stange, DDI#20; John A. Hoyt, DDI#17



*Paul C. Howell, PGHP*

*Grand Secretary*

*Lady Beth, Ass. Gr. Sec.*

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*Secretary's Scribbles*

Hello Companions

Can you believe it!?! Last month I published a list of the Chapters that **did not** have their Annual Returns in yet. Since then **NOT ONE** has submitted a 2011 return. Those owing the Grand Chapter are: Washtenaw #6, Washington #15, Excelsior #25, Huron #27, Marquette #42, Union #55, Colon #81, Iosco #83, Lapeer #91, Cadillac #103, Delta #118, North Branch #138, York #150, Midland # 169, Wayne #182 & Colonial #187.

Brent is still working? with the IRS to get the problems of the Joint filing of the 990's and the Chapters status straightened out.

Just thought of something! I've been writing, monthly, these Secretary's Scribbles since March of 1999 when I was appointed to act as your "Temporary Grand Secretary". This is the last time which I will be writing a "Scribbles" for this Publication.

I have no idea if this section will be continued in the upcoming issues, although I believe that REC Whiting would like to see it continued. I would make a suggestion to the new Gr. Secretary that he write down the questions asked of him during the month (answer them immediately to that Companion) but print them and the answers in here for all.

It has been a pleasure working with and for each of the Grand High Priest's, Grand Officers, Chapter Secretary's and all of the Companions over the past 20 years that I have been a Grand Officer. I was elected into line in Oct of 1991. These have been experiences that neither Beth nor I will forget. What a great group you all are. You have all been fantastic and gracious to both of us.

Our new Address effective September 15<sup>th</sup> will be:

36598 West Picasso Street

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[meghpmi97@yahoo.com](mailto:meghpmi97@yahoo.com) after September 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will not forget you and look forward to an annual renewal of our friendship at the upcoming Annual Convocations and Grand Sessions.

God Bless and keep each of you in you many journeys throughout Masonry and your daily lives.

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

## CALENDAR

- July 27 – SEMYR Association – Picnic (Tecumseh)
- Aug 1 – MM, PM, MEM – Mackinac 134 – St. Ignace
- Aug 6 – York Rite Charity Golf Outing - Gladwin
- Aug 7 – Grand Chapter Picnic – (Sprague's Cabin)
- Aug 8 – RA Deg. Mackinac 134 – St. Ignace
- 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 CST (Mich., Minn., Wisc.)
- Aug 29 - General Grand Council - Triennial Assembly – Raleigh, NC
- Aug 29 – SEMYR Assoc. - Milan
- Aug 30 – General Grand Chapter - Triennial Convocation – Raleigh, NC
- Sep 10 –Day – Livingston Council - Howell -All Council Degree Day
- Sep 11 – Reception – Whiting, Humm, Ickes – Lake Orion

### Please check the Knight Templar Magazine for a schedule of the Commandery Inspections this year. Make it a point to represent your Commandery and attend as many of these Inspections as you can.

\*\*\* Effective with the SEPTEMBER ISSUE this Publication will be available, on or after *the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month, only on the Web Site !!!!!* at [www.ram-mi.org](http://www.ram-mi.org)

No reminders will be sent out regarding the Triple Tau being ready for download. You must go directly to the web-site, on your own each month!!!

Set a bookmark on your Computer and mark

Editor's New Email Address:

[meghpmi97@yahoo.com](mailto:meghpmi97@yahoo.com)

I have been asked by the Grand King to continue as the Editor of the Michigan Triple Tau, from Arizona.

I will attempt this, however, it will require all of **YOU** to help me. I need you to submit to me articles, activities, pictures, etc. I am no longer going to be operating in Michigan so will not necessarily have the verbal information of everything that is going on.

After September 1<sup>st</sup> I will be using my new address at: [meghpmi97@yahoo.com](mailto:meghpmi97@yahoo.com) ONLY!!! Both good until then! Please post in your address book.

# ANNUAL YORK RITE PICNIC

SPRAGUE FAMILY COTTAGE, Near Gladwin

SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 2011

Noon 'Til 5 or Maybe 6 or ??

To all Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights, and Ladies, plan to join us on Sunday, August 7 for an afternoon of fellowship, fun, and fantastic food.

The Sprague property has ample room for your RV, or there are many campgrounds and motels in the area, so you can join us for the week-end. If you can, come on Friday, attend the Golf Outing on Saturday, and stay for the picnic on Sunday. Even if you don't golf, you are welcome to meet us for dinner at the Gladwin Heights Golf Course on Saturday after the golfers finish their rounds at about 4:00PM. Information about the golf outing and dinner is available on the golf flier.

On Sunday we will gather on the grounds of the Sprague property at around noon (or so) for socializing and light snacks and then have a steak & chicken dinner at about 3:00 PM. We should be done with dinner early enough so everyone will have time to arrive home at a reasonable hour.

Or, if you have more time, feel free to stay awhile for more relaxation and conversation and maybe even assist a little with the clean-up detail.

All we ask is that you bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and small donation to help cover the cost of the steaks and chicken.

For more information, reservations (so we know how many to cook for), and directions to the Spragues, please call Lou McCray at (989)728-5384. Hope to see you there.

## 2010 Grand Session Committee

### Chairmen

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Please contact the Committee to answer your specific questions.

The Proxy is used when one of the Grand Council Members of the Chapter cannot be in attendance. If it is issued to a PHP he only gets the ballot with the Proxy and does not receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot.

If the Proxy is issued to a Companion who is not otherwise entitled to a ballot then he is authorized to vote at the Grand Convocation.

**No Companion may have more than one ballot!**

### CERTIFICATE OF PROXY IN GRAND CHAPTER

#### To the Grand Chapter of Michigan:

This is to certify that:

Companion \_\_\_\_\_

has been selected to hold the proxy to represent Companion \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to be holden at \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness my hand and seal at \_\_\_\_\_ this day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GRAND CHAPTER LAW

### AMEND Sec. 219 CONVOCATIONS

#### Now Reads:

The Convocations of a subordinate Chapter shall be Stated and Special, but no Chapter shall hold more than one (1) Stated Convocation in any Calendar month, and not less than ten (10) Stated Convocations in any Capitular year.

Grand High Priest Decision (William Fairchild-Approved at Grand Chapter 2009)

All Chapter business is to be Conducted while the Chapter is open on the Royal Arch Degree only, except when voting on petitions.

#### Amend to Read:

The Convocations of a subordinate Chapter shall be Stated and Special but no Chapter shall hold more than one (1) Stated Convocation in any Calendar month and not less than eight (8) Stated Convocations in any Capitular year.

All Chapter business is to be conducted while the Chapter is open on the Royal Arch Degree only, except when voting on petitions.

#### Reasons:

The chapters North of the big cities are today made up mostly of retirees who have moved there to enjoy a slower pace of life. Some have their driving abilities lessened particularly in the winter. Some of them join the Snow Bird Club, and are gone the greater part of the winter, if not all of it. My chapter can lose up to 40% of our active members. Those of us that remain drive between 20 and 40 miles one way, all on two lane roads. The Masonic Centers would love to be able to close four month instead of the two most do now.

Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr., P.H.P., #59 &83

### ***Meritorious Service Award Recipients***

Each of the Chapters which have had their nominated Companion selected to receive the 2011 Meritorious Service Award for Grand Chapter should have been notified already, or they will be in the very near future, by the Grand Scribe, David Dossette, for the Committee.

Please make every effort to have your Companion in attendance for the Grand Convocation on Wednesday morning and he and his lady, family, for the Banquet on Thursday evening for formal recognition.

We would ask that you do not tell him of the award, *unless it is the only way which you can get him to attend the Session this year.* It is always better to surprise the Companion if at all possible.

\*\*\* Reminder that those Chapters whose Companion has been chosen is to honor him with a special dinner during the upcoming year. Please begin making plans for this very special event.

### ***Tecumseh Chapter No. 42***

#### ***Their Out-Reach to the Lodges Brothers***

Tecumseh Chapter has reviewed the materials in the "Enhance the Secret" Program of the Grand Chapter and has decided to make several revisions on their own and attempt to possibly improve upon the Program.

Everyone is invited to attend and also to bring prospective members and their families.

It will begin with a lunch at noon and then retire to the Lodge Room for a presentation period and question and answer session.

More Information?

Contact either:

Jason Fowler: [jasonfowler@live.com](mailto:jasonfowler@live.com) 517.403.8616 or

Wes Tapp: [tapp.wes@gmail.com](mailto:tapp.wes@gmail.com) 517.902.4148

### **Upcoming Degrees:**

Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – Monroe Chapter No. 1,  
Detroit – Royal Arch Degree, 7 pm

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Livingston Council –  
Council All Degree Day.

### ***Royal Arch Paraphernalia***

Do you have extra paraphernalia that you are not using?

Do you need some paraphernalia in order to properly perform the various degrees of the Royal Arch?

The Grand Chapter has some available.

Either case contact Paul Howell to see what can be done to help you and others.

### ***Grand Chapter Committee Reports***

The Committee Reports of the Grand Chapter are published in the Advanced Report of the Grand Chapter.

In order to do so it is imperative that each Committee submit their initial reports, on time, to the Office of the Grand Chapter 60 days prior to the Grand Convocation. That date would have been June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

You may submit additions and corrections after that date, but we need your initial report.

Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to this requirement of the Red Book of Capitular Law.

### ***Grand Honors***

The following Companions have indicated their desire to run for Grand Honors in the Grand Chapter for the Office indicated. They are listed in the order in which their paperwork was received into the Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary:

E.C. Carl John Peterson, KYCH, PHP, Mackinac Chapter No. 134, DDI District No. 3.

M.E.C. Robert E. Cooper, KYCH, PHP, Kent-Newaygo Chapter No. 38, Grand High Priest.

Grand Master of the Veil:

E. C. Michael Roberts, KYCH, PHP, River Raisin Chapter No. 22.

Grand Sentinel:

E.C. Eldin H. Miller, PHP, Secretary, Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37

Companions – remember that you still have time in which to get your paperwork in to indicate your desire to become a Grand Officer and begin working for all of the Companions of the State.

You can of course be nominated from the floor of the Grand Chapter, however, it becomes much more difficult to be elected because you do not have the opportunity to get the word out to all about whom you are.

### ***Royal Arch Foundation***

#### ***Charity Events***

The Royal Arch Foundation is the official Charity of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. It is a local Charity!!! The monies stay within the State. All the funds stay in and are working for **YOU** and the **Grand Chapter**.

When is the last time that you or your Chapter worked for and supported yourself by assisting in raising funds for **YOURSELF**, for your **Royal Arch Foundation**?

When your Chapter supports a gaming event, why not set one of the nights aside for the receipts to go to your Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation

For more information about what your Foundation is and is doing or for support your Grand Chapter Charity contact:

Wayne Turton @ 248.474.9133 or [wayneturton@att.com](mailto:wayneturton@att.com)

Or Jim Hawn @ 248.349.4182 or [jehawn@yahoo.com](mailto:jehawn@yahoo.com)



**Time is running out !!!**  
**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

Saturday, August 6, 2011 Tee time: 11:00 AM,

*Join in the fun and companionship*

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, Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderys, Colleges, etc.  
sponsor a hole or tee box for only \$25.00 per.

All profits will be divided equally, FOR THE CHARITY OF CHOICE, of the three Grand Bodies.

More information contact: Donald L. Galway at 517-547-9432 / [dglaway12000@yahoo.com](mailto:dglaway12000@yahoo.com)  
Louis C. McCray at 989-728-5384 / [elcemccray@yahoo.com](mailto:elcemccray@yahoo.com)  
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Return reservation form by July 1, 2011 to:

or Louis C. McCray, PO Box 483 Hale, MI 48739  
Robert E. Cooper, 101 20 Mile Road Cedar Springs, Mi. 49319

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

\*\*\*\*\* Submit the bottom section of this form with your Check \*\*\*\*\*

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 and eating: (\$ 60.00)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Foursome of: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Golfers (\$60.00 each): \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner only (\$18.00 each): \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* No. of Steak Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Chicken Dinners: \_\_\_\_\_ (Make sure that you have included yourself)

*Make as many copies as needed.*

*Pass them out to everyone.*

*Make this the largest Joint Charity Outing EVER!!!*

## Manistee Chapter #65

## Manistee Council #46

On Thursday evening, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 a contingent of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and District Deputy Instructors/Arch Deputy's of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan and the Grand Council Royal & Select Masons of Michigan attended a Stated Convocation/Assembly of Manistee Chapter #65 and Manistee Council #46. The meeting was called by the Grand High Priest, Robert E. Cooper for the purpose of determining the direction and fate of said Chapter.

Only 3 members, after the serving of due summons of the calling of the meeting and the reason therefore, of Manistee Chapter were in attendance.

After lengthy discussion regarding the status of the Chapter and its meeting facilities it was the decision that the Chapter could no longer continue to exist in its present condition and therefore it was the decision of MEC Cooper that Manistee Chapter No. 65 "is defunct at the sound of the Closing Gavel in the East."

"Further, that all assets of the Manistee Chapter #65, be arrested.

That all records, including it's Charter, Financial Accounts and all paraphernalia be surrendered to the Grand Chapter, for proper disposition.

That all members of the chapter be force consolidated with Cadillac Chapter #103, there being previous agreement by Cadillac Chapter # 103 to accept said members."

Based upon the decision and actions of the Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master Stephen R. Striggow of the Grand Council Royal & Select Masons Michigan also declared Manistee Council N. 46 defunct.

The York Rite Masonic Bodies of

Oakland Chapter No. 5 R.A.M.

Saginaw Council No. 20 R.&S.M.

Alt. Clemens Commandery No. 51 K.T.

Cordially invite you to a Joint Grand Reception  
honoring the anticipated election of

**Michael Whiting**

***Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons***

**Dwight A. Humm**

***Most Illustrious Grand Master  
Grand Council Royal and Select Masons***

**Roy A. Ickes**

***Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knight Templar***

*Sun., Sep. 11th --- Rec. 3 P.M., Dinner 4 P.M.*

Kings Court located at Canterbury Village  
2325 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, MI 48360

Buffet Dinner with 3 Entrees

*Beef Burgundy, Grilled Herb Salmon, Chicken Picatta*

*Red Skin Potatoes, Marinara Pasta*

*& Saute Vegetable Medley*

*Adults -- \$45.00 Cash Bar*

*Children under 12 -- \$15.00 (Chicken Fingers & Fries)*

Reservations with remittance by August 20, 2011!

Checks payable to: **Commandery Conclave 2012**

C/O Robert O. Troutman

22527 Saxony, Eastpointe, MI 48021

586 777-0043

Reservation form for

***Joint Grand York Rite Reception***

*Honoring*

***Michael Whiting, MEGHP***

***Dwight A. Humm, MTCM***

***Roy A. Ickes, REGC***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. or Children \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_



**Reservation and remittance  
before Aug. 20, 2011**



**Stephen R. Striggow**  
**Most Illustrious Grand Master**  
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Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan;

It is hard to believe that it is less than thirty days to the Grand Session. What a year it has been.

The Companions of Michigan are the best. I never imagined the emotional roller coaster this year could be. Visiting with the Companions and attending festivals gives you such a wonderful feeling, only to receive a phone call or email about the health of a Companion bringing you down again.

Every Grand Master has hard decisions to make, and I hope the decisions I have made meet with your approval.

Soon you will be electing a new Grand Master and I hope you give him the support you have given me this year.

Thank you for everything you have done for me this year, and Thank You for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Grand Master.

I hope to see all of you at the Grand Session and be able to spend a few minutes in conversation.

Stephen R. Striggow MIGM

**Livingston Council No. 73 -- *Annual Ben Johnson Day***

All Council Degree Day -- Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
 Degrees Begin at 9 am, Super Excellent Masters Degree following lunch  
*All Candidates and all help will be greatly appreciated.*  
 Contact: Donald Galway, [dgalwaay12000@yahoo.com](mailto:dgalwaay12000@yahoo.com) or 517.546.9432 with your reservations.

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***Application for Degree and Membership  
 Order of the Silver Trowel***

No .....

To Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters:

The undersigned declares that he is a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_\_\_

Royal and Select Masons, in good standing: that he was elected and installed as Thrice Illustrious Master of \_\_\_\_\_ Council, No. \_\_\_\_\_ Royal and Select Masters held at \_\_\_\_\_

in \_\_\_\_\_ and is desirous of receiving the degree of Thrice

Illustrious Master and Membership in Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fee of \$25.00** must accompany Petition. Make check payable to " **Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters**".

Degree Conferred \_\_\_\_\_ Print Full Name

Card Issued \_\_\_\_\_ Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City/Postal Code

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth



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Sir Knights and Companions All,

I am writing this message to you for the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

As most of you already know, and for the few who do not, Loren's sister-in-law, Gail's sister passed away recently, after a valiant and noble battle with cancer. At the same time Loren and Gail have had to be traveling to Florida where Loren's brother has been diagnosed with cancer and they have been assisting him and his family. Therefore, they both have been doing a lot of traveling between Michigan and Florida over the past month to month and a half. We would ask that you keep them and theirs in your thoughts and prayers.

Loren and Gail have continued to plan and prepare for the upcoming Grand Conclave. They will have everything prepared and hope that you will join with them on this occasion.

Make special plans to stay in Lansing and to attend the Drills and Pass-in-Review on Saturday afternoon. Bring your sword with your uniform for this very special occasion. March in the Pass-in-Review. Make it the largest and most impressive parade of Sir Knights seen in Michigan in some time.

Although it is not during Loren's reign I know that he would want you to make arrangements to attend and support as many of the Commandery's Inspections as you possibly can this year. I know that when I was Knighted, it was at an Inspection Program, and I was deeply impressed and moved by the large contingent of Sir Knights that were in attendance for that occasion.

Paul C. Howell, K.T.C.H., K.C.T.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

*It is never to late to impress your local minister with the caring and sharing of the Masonic Fraternity and the Knights Templar by:*

1. Nominating them for the experience of there lifetime by traveling to the Holy Land and traveling the paths therein.
2. Making donations to assist in supporting a Minister in his/her enlightenment and education.
3. Raising funds through special events to sponsor **YOUR OWN** Minister to travel with the Grand Commandery (Encampment)

They must be able and willing to Travel in February. They must have or be able to get a valid Passport. They must never have been to the Holy Land before.

**Past Commanders Association**

Fri., August 19<sup>th</sup> Lexington Hotel

*The meeting will take place 30 minutes after the calling off of the Grand Commandery Session, Ballroom E. Commandery Full Uniform or Summer Uniform, without sword. \*\*\*Sign up for the Order at the Registration Area of Gr. Comm.*

Do you need a Knight for your Inspection?

Do you have an extra Knight of Malta ready to be Knighted that you would be willing to loan to another Commandery?

Contact the Grand Commandery to post your needs and assistance.

An Inspection is always much nicer with a "live" candidate Knight of Malta for Knighting.

The **Michigan Grand Commandery Website** has moved [www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mi](http://www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mi)

Bookmark it!!! Refer to it often!!!  
 Send corrections, additions or removals to:  
[caonline@msn.com](mailto:caonline@msn.com).

Our Webmaster handles the Grand Encampment website, as well as other York Rite Bodies around the United States.

We will be posting updated information for Knights Templar of Michigan events and activities as they are received.

***Grand Commander's Service Award***

Get your Commandery's nomination in for this award, right away. Do not hesitate. Make this the year of 100% of the Commandery's honoring a Sir Knight for their service.

# Petition for Membership

## Michigan Council Order of High Priesthood



Brian K. Himes, PP  
Excellent Grand Recorder  
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To the Most Excellent President, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood of Michigan:

Being desirous of receiving more light in Masonry, of proving to be a true and faithful teacher of the Companions over whom I have been chosen to preside, and of performing the duties of my exalted office with fidelity and discretion, to the end that the purity and permanence of Royal Arch Masonry may ever be maintained, I respectfully petition that I may be set apart, anointed, and solemnly consecrated to the Office of High Priesthood in accordance with the usages and forms of your Order.

Should I be found worthy of membership and my petition granted, I promise a cheerful compliance with all the laws, rules, and regulations of the Order.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am a past or present High Priest of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ R.A.M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of \_\_\_\_\_ and that I am at present a member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: It should be known that many Chapters sponsor this Order for their High Priests as a token of appreciation. There are no annual dues.*

### \$ 40.00 Fee Must Accompany Petition

Recommended By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sign Name In Full

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name In Full

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP Code

Office Use Only:

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **West-Michigan RA All Degree Day**

Grand Rapids Masonic Temple  
233 Fulton St., Grand Rapids 49503

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Lunch \$10.00 call or email for reservations

Bruce Hayden, PHP  
(616) 455-7743  
[br2ch@aol.com](mailto:br2ch@aol.com)

OR

James Kiefer, PHP, Sec  
(616) 662-0288  
[vetjim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vetjim@sbcglobal.net)

### **AGENDA**

- 8 am – Registration, Coffee & Rolls
- 8:30 – Opening
- 9:00 – MARK MASTER MASON DEGREE
- 10:10 – PAST MASTER DEGREE
- 11:00 – MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE
- 11:45 – Lunch (4<sup>th</sup> Floor Dining) [\$10.00]
- 1:15 – Reception of Grand Officers & Guests
- 1:30 – ROYAL ARCH DEGREE
- 4:00 --Closing

*Article Continued from William Young, PHP Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 111*

can lose so much of its charge (life) that it can never be recharged (never see creator and will die within half the life of those who have seen the light).

Adam and Eve were visited, on a regular basis, by the one who created them. From Adam all the way down to Noah and his three sons. They met with the creator on occasion prior to the flood. Imagine what someone today would be like if they simply met with the creator for even a second or two (how long would their life be extended on this planet because of that?). Notice the biblical record after Shem, Ham, and Japheth? The longevity of the descendants of Adam was a lot shorter. The creator had removed himself just prior to the flood and as such the power source of life was removed from all of us to a certain extent.

Now to the next question asked last month (article): Where the people that helped Enoch construct the great pyramid really angelic hosts? What does it have to do with the Royal Arch? The reason royal Arch (and all Masonry) has lost its history!

The book of Jasher (Chapter 3) “[1] And Enoch lived sixty-five years and he begat Methuselah; and Enoch walked with Elohiym after having begot Methuselah, and he served the Yhvh, and despised the evil ways of men. [2] And the soul of Enoch was wrapped up in the instruction of the Yhvh, in knowledge and in understanding; and he wisely retired from the sons of Adam, and secreted himself from them for many years. [3] And it was at the expiration of many years, whilst he was serving the Yhvh, and praying before him in house, that an angel of the Yhvh called to him from Heaven, and he said, here am I [4] And he said, rise, go forth from the house and from the place thou dost hide myself, and appear to the sons of Adam, in order that thou mayst teach them the way in which they must accomplish to enter in the ways of Elohiym. [5] And Enoch rose up according to the word of the Yhvh, and went forth from his house, from his place and from the chamber in which he was; and he went to the sons of Adam and taught them the ways of the Yhvh, and at that time assembled the sons of Adam and acquainted them with the instruction of the Yhvh. [6] And he ordered it to be proclaimed in all places the sons of Adam, saying, where is the man who wishes to know the way of the Yhvh and good works? Let him come to Enoch.”

The first true lodge of Masons began when he began to teach the other sons of Adam (humanity).

Still within Chapter 3: “[23] And in some time after, when the kings and princes and the sons of Adam were speaking to Enoch, and Enoch was teaching them the ways of Elohiym, an angel of the Yhvh, then called unto Enoch from heaven, and wished to bring him up to heaven to make him reign there over the sons of Elohiym, as he had reigned over the sons of Adam upon the earth. [24] When at that time Enoch heard this he went and assembled all the inhabitants of the earth, and taught them wisdom and knowledge and gave them divine instructions, and he said to them, I have been required to ascend into heaven. I therefore do not know the day of my going. [25] And now therefore I will teach you wisdom and knowledge and I will give you instruction before I leave you, how to act upon earth whereby you may live; and he did so.”

What is the motto of the Masonic Lodge today? Building better ‘communities by building better men’ consider today’s reference to Enoch: “I will give you ... *Continued next month*

*Article Continued from July 2011 by R.E. C. Richard James.*

*same period only about 80% of those initiated were passed to the degree of Master Mason. We lost these men too. All of them were already Masons, yet the vast majority will never return. Somehow we disappointed them. www.geocities.com.*

- *In English speaking lodges around the world there has been no change over the last fifty years in: the average age of men joining freemasonry - about 40 The average time masters have been freemasons - about 10 years. The average resignation rate - about half the men who join resign (range 30% to 70%) the average number of candidates in a lodge - about 10 every five years (range 5 to 15) The number of men affiliated with freemasonry around the world is declining because the average number of years between joining and resignation has declined from 20 to 5. A study of the records shows that the 1920s were the last year of significant growth for orders and fraternal societies.*
- *Membership is down nationwide. Participation in Masonic activities is in decline. Attendance is low or spotty in most Lodges. A shortage of worthy and well-qualified candidates has inhibited the orderly flow of succession from chair to chair, thus forcing the "recycling" of past masters to keep the chairs suitably warm. We've become a refuge for the geriatric set. tracingboard.com...*
- *Freemasonry is a refuge for the geriatric set. Why all the fuss over an organization that is dying out rapidly? Another generation and it will be just a bad dream with old buildings. Are the freemasons here just scamming for new blood? www.thepanamanews.com*

***You will either step forward into growth or you will step back into safety. Abraham Maslow***

Life is occupied in both perpetuating itself and in surpassing itself. If all it does is maintain itself, then living is only not dying.- Simone de Beauvoir

Companions/Brothers, after observing for several years, I propose that the Masonic fraternity does not want to change, it wants to grow. Why would I make such a distinction and to what end? Simple, I believe it to be the core of our problem. For example consider, if we were to propose the question to the current state of our membership, how many would rather change or how many would rather grow? Based on your experience what would the response you receive from the fraternity be? The unanimous response in most cases- Masonry wants to grow! Unfortunately, the process cannot be accomplished without change in the way we do things (since what we are doing isn't working so great). The point needs to be clarified, I am not talking about change in our philosophy or ritual (although both need to be closely adhered to) but rather the way we have *Continued next month*