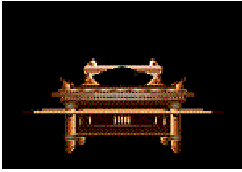


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Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education -- "Quality Yields Quantity"

160TH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCAATION

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Paul D. Williams and his lady Kathy, the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, District Deputy Instructors and their ladies welcome you to the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan to join with them as YOU set the direction and goals of YOUR Grand Chapter for today and in the years to come.

There are some current programs that are being expanded and advanced along with some new programs being proposed for the coming years. These are designed to promote the Craft and Membership in our Grand Chapter. New membership is critical to our survival as a viable, important organization in the Masonic Community.

We must have new and better programs. This is critical to educating our Brothers on the importance and advantages of being members of the Craft. These, as all new or expanded programs, will cost money to implement and operate. These programs will create a deficit budget for the Grand Chapter, which must be funded from the monies of the Grand Chapter.

It is possible that we do not fund the proposed programs, however, by so doing will predetermine and possibly insure our future or lack thereof of the Your Grand Chapter. You need to support your Grand Chapter and its programs if we can ever hope to change this continuing trend in reduction of membership and chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction.

Let us hope that the 161st Grand Convocation and future Grand Convocations of this Grand Chapter are larger than this the 160th, and that your decisions this year are the reason for this growth and prosperity.

Paul Howell, PGHP
Grand Secretary

Welcome. Good decision making.

MEMBERSHIP/INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL COMMITTEE

We the members of the Membership/Instruction Manual Committee remain steadfast in our belief that increasing our membership should be the primary purpose of every companion in this jurisdiction. To this end every member of this committee and every Grand Officer remain ready to give any assistance possible.

Once the new candidate is persuaded to join Capitular Masonry it becomes our duty to give him the best degrees we are capable of and again we stand ready to assist in every way possible.

We find that a number of Chapters are using the new Blue Lodge member list for the personal contact needed. The Dowagiac Outdoor Degree Day this June was a huge success with a class of 27 new companions, thanks to the hard work of several Chapters, along with other All Degree Days throughout our state, did much to increase our membership. Most, if not all of us, would like to do our own work but the reality is that most of us lack the man power to do so.

Teaming up is the only way to go.

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 _____

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting requests your presence at the 161st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan and the Michigan Grand York Rite Sessions.

This Joint Session will be held at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint, Michigan 48507 on August 5th through 8th, 2009. Grand Chapter, Wednesday, August 5th.



Paul D. Williams, Grand High Priest

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“Quality Yields Quantity”

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

My Companions:

Companions, this is my last Triple Tau Article as Grand High Priest of this great state. This doesn't mean it will be my last article as a Royal Arch Mason though. I hope to write articles in the future, but probably not as frequently.

This has been a great year for me, and I hope for you too. We have many members who have committed themselves to memorizing several different parts of our four degrees. Some of our DDI's have pushed the "commitment to memorize" in their area. An example is Bill Babka, DDI of District #19 who has received innumerable commitments in his district. This is a program which is worthy of continuing to follow through with and to continue to encourage others to participate in.

As I was visiting different Chapters throughout the state, I was asking the Chapters to put on a fun night such as a "Widow's Degree" or the "Origin of the Trowel" as a fund raiser for Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA), and the Grand Chapter RAM Foundation. Two Chapters that I know of have done this so far raising \$150.00. Companions, it is not too late for your Chapter to put on a fun night, or weekend afternoon. The ladies will have so much fun. Please do this for our or your philanthropy and for the fellowship you will get from it.

Kathy and I want to thank all of you for the great hospitality, and friendships you have shown to me, or to both of us, when we came together on the visits to your Chapter. This was one of the best aspects of being Grand High Priest, getting together with you, and the fellowship we have shared.

As we will have a new slate of Grand Royal Arch Mason Officers soon, please support them. They have plenty of new ideas that will enhance the Chapters, and help you grow. I am sure they will continue to listen to your needs, and will also give you good counsel. Please work with them, and our organization will grow.

May God bless you all, and be with you at all times.

Paul D. Williams
Grand High Priest

Remember, *“Quality Yields Quantity.”*

NO ESCANABA GOLF OUTING!!

The possible proposed Golf Outing for Friday, September 19th, 2008 will not occur!

Grand Chapter does not wish to conflict or interfere with the Grand Commandery Upper Peninsular Tour and Inspections, which will be ongoing at the same time.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Ads in your Triple Tau.

The Triple Tau will begin accepting and publishing Ads for your business in its 10 month per year publication, to help offset the cost. The ads should be directed at Masonic readership, in Michigan and also out-state jurisdictions. Cost will be only \$100 per year for a business card size advertisement, 2 X 3 ½”.

Contact Paul Howell.



KING'S KORNER:

William B. Fairchild, 627 S. 15th St., Escanaba 49829
(906) 786.8526 wfpopeye@uplogon.com

Dear Companions:

Fraternally,

Another year, in York Rite Masonry, is coming to a close. This past year has been a very successful one for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Michigan. By the time this issue of the Triple-Tau arrives in your homes, the Grand Officers for 2008-2009 will be close to being installed into their new Offices.

This coming year, should be an exciting year for the Grand Chapter. The web-site is going to be upgraded. These will be done on the Grand Chapter web-site, by Right Excellent Companion Bob Cooper. Bob, has done a terrific job on the Grand Chapter web-page. Also, there are plans on the Membership, Education, and Public Relations Committees, to work together in the developing of programs to help get new Companions into the York Rite. Also, MEPGHP Paul Howell, Grand Secretary, has done a wonderful job on the Triple-Tau. Congratulations to the both of you.

I had sent out a note about a possible golf outing, in Escanaba, on September 19th. I decided to cancel this, because Marquette Commandery is having their Commandery Inspection that day, and I do not want to interfere with their Inspection or the Grand Commandery on their Annual Upper Peninsula Tour. I deeply apologize for this, inconvenience, and want to thank the Grand Commandery in their working so closely with me in putting together this joint activity.

On June, 18th I went to Grand Chapter in Wisconsin and ran into M.E. Companion Will Dowd PGHP of Wisconsin. He and Stan Luykx ride bikes for R.A.R.A., and have been very successful. Last year I ran into Will in Grand Rapids, MI. and he was not in the best of health. He was in a wheel chair. Modern medical procedures work miracles. Will has had a Kidney transplant since then, and now does not even use a cane. He has been to Michigan Grand Chapter on many occasions, and rode his bike a few years ago to our Session raising monies for R.A.R.A.

Ann and I want to express our deepest, *THANK YOU*, for all of the courtesy's extended to us, this past year. It was great visiting all over the state, and meeting so many wonderful people. Also, for the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers sent to us, after our automobile accident.

May God bless all of you, and your loved ones.

Hope to see all of you in Kalamazoo.

Fraternally,

Bill & Ann

“Sailing Into The Future!”

2009 Grand Chapter - Educational Seminar

R.E. Comp. R. Michael Colpus has set the plans for the 2008/9 Educational Seminar/Retreat of your Grand Chapter.

All Companions of the Grand Chapter ***are welcome and encouraged*** to attend and contribute. Mike is making specific plans for the activities of the session.

The meetings will be held at the Oakland Chapter on Wilmot Street in Auburn Hills.

Rooms have been set aside at the Candlewood Suites, 1650 N. Opdyke (within walking distance of the Temple. The cost per room is only \$74.99 per night, plus. Phone number: 248.373.3342. Call ASAP to reserve you room.

The dates, October 17th & 18th.

The luncheon and supper meals are being prepared by Pontiac Council. Understand that they have some excellent Chef's who are ready to display their culinary arts, *at very reasonable rates*.

Make your reservations early. Notify R.E. Companion Mike Colpus to let him know how many will be at each meal. Rcolpus@yahoo.com or by phone at 248.673.1412

Grand York Rite Golf Outing

August 3

Gladwin Golf & Country Club

Gladwin

Grand York Rite Sessions of Michigan

Officer's Meetings and Foundation Meetings, August 5th

Grand Chapter, Wednesday, August 6th.

Tailgate Party, August 6th (Wear your favorite team jersey)

Grand Council, Thursday, August 7th.

Joint Grand York Rite Banquet, Thursday, August 7th

7 pm - *Grand Officers – Tuxedos/White dinner jackets with Collars, Ladies Evening Attire*

General Membership – Business Suits. Ladies – Sunday Best.

Grand Commandery, Friday & Saturday, August 8th & 9th.

Commandery Round Table Dinner, August 8th, 7:30 pm

Commandery Drills & Competition, August 9th, 1pm

Radisson Plaza Hotel

100 West Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI

Reservations: 888 201-1718 Email: rhi_kala@radisson.com

Must make reservations by July 11th to get our rates!!!!

(make sure that you tell them you are with the Grand York Rite)

Committee Chairmen:

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Dinner reservations forms sent to Brian K. Himes at above address

Royal Arch Tri-State (Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin)

August 23

Wausau Masonic Temple

Wausau, Wisconsin

Council All Degree Day

September 13

Livingston Masonic Temple

Howell, MI

Grand Masters' Reception (Anthony Chamberlin)

September 14

Alexander's

Marysville, MI

KT Bark River Tour

September 19 & 20

Marquette & Escanaba

UP, Michigan

Grand High Priest Reception (William B. Fairchild)

September 20

Danforth Place

Escanaba, MI

Chapter All Degree Day

September 27

Grand Rapids Masonic Temple

Grand Rapids, MI



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My Companion Secretaries:

What a harried (is that a word?) time of the year this is for me. At the time I am writing this I am also putting out a equal Ann Arbor Masonic News publication, the Advanced Reports, Masters Pins Reports and paperwork for you envelopes at Grand Chapter, the Envelopes for Grand Chapter, The Directory, last years Proceedings and if that were not enough I am forced into going off onto the Golf Course at least once a week.

We will be ready for the Grand Session, however, I may not have any hair left on my head at the end of this one. Moving the session up 2 weeks may not seem like much to most of you, however, it makes a big difference to me in attempting to get everything done and out on time.

Change of subject: Beth and I want to thank all who joined us at our Pig Roast to celebrate this annual event we have and also to celebrate with us our wedding in Las Vegas on April 27th, 2008. Before you ask, NO, Elvis was not present for the ceremony. Both of our Sisters and Brothers-in-law, one niece and Brent & Nancy Helm were though.

Getting back to the important matters.

I want to give a very special thank you to all of those Secretary's who have put themselves out for both Beth and myself this year through their diligent hard work. Getting those reports in, in a timely manner (which also makes their job easier when they do their Annual Returns).

It has been our pleasure to work with and for each of you this year. You are a very special breed of individual to take on the responsibilities of Secretary and to see them carried through. Each of you should receive a "GOLD STAR" on your forehead.

You will find in your Chapter Packet that is picked up at Grand Chapter your Masters' Pins and appropriate reports, Worksheet for your Annual School and Inspection, and 2 copies of the Directory of the Grand Chapter for this coming year. May end up slipping in something else at the last minute just to keep each of us on our toes.

Again thank you.

Feel free to call at any time.

Good luck to each of you, stay well!

Keep a smile on your face and a chuckle in your voice.

Annual Reports Over Due

There are still, unbelievably several Chapters out there that have not yet turned in their completed Annual Returns. I understand some of these problems, however, I must remind you that, as indicated before, you may be required to submit your own report to the IRS and your successors in office report them in the future. We, also, cannot register you or your Companions to vote at the Annual Grand Convocation.

They are: Capital No. 9, River Raisin No. 22, Colon No. 81, Grand Ledge No. 85, Mt. Pleasant No. 111, North Branch 138 and Colonial No. 187.

I am required to submit my Annual Return, which is completed from the totals of all Chapters in this jurisdiction, to the General Grand Chapter, immediately after our session. I can only comply with this request to the accuracy to which you have submitted it.

Do you know someone who should receive a copy of the Michigan Triple Tau by means of a PDF file sent directly to them?

Have them send an email to meghpmi97@comcast.net indicating that they would like to receive the Triple Tau. Please have them indicate **their name, organization and email address.**

Thank you.

We hope that you are enjoying the Michigan Triple Tau Publication and therefore would like for others to do the same.

Also, we are asking for Ads to be placed within and the larger the subscription distribution the better coverage for their advertisements.

The Michigan Triple Tau is currently being sent to every Chapter in the State and most all Foreign Jurisdictions. Minimum of one but in most cases many more than one.

Many of those receiving it are forwarding it on to all in their address book. That is fantastic. Spread the word.

Amendments By-Laws to the Red Book

Nothings perfect, however, NO Amendments to the Red Book of Capitular Law were submitted this year to change the Red Book as it is currently written.

Perhaps the Companions of the state are waiting patiently for the Review Committee to complete their work and then see what it is that is needed to make it a more perfect document.

Red Book Review Committee Report

Your Red Book Review Committee, which was formed by M.E. Companion Baderstadt and has been continued by M.E. Companions Luykx, Lyons, Walbridge and Williams has been charged to review and rewrite the entire contents of the Book of Capitular Law with the intent of correcting errors, omissions, spelling, numbering, punctuation, etc. and clarifying and simplifying the language, all in the context and intent that there be no change to the intent or meaning of any portion of the contents of the Book. As was reported at last years Annual Convocation, this is a multiyear task. We have been working diligently on the project, meeting several times during the past year. We have made considerable progress and we hope to be able to complete the task during this next Capitular year. We want to do it correctly so that when it is finished it will be a Book that we can all use with ease and be able to understand what it says. Our incoming Grand High Priest has reappointed us to continue our work and we will continue working hard on this project.

GRAND HONORS

As of this date, July 20, 2008 there are no announced candidates for the vacancy of the Grand Master of the 1st Veil of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

Surely we have many worthy Excellent Companions who want to devote themselves to their fellow Companions of the State by serving as a Grand Officer.

If you will be running at the Session for the vacant office(s) and you know now that you will - PLEASE CONTACT M.E.Comp. Carl Hobday immediately. 810.953.0114 or by email at: carlhobday@comcast.net

M.E. Companion Carl is chairman of the Protocol Committee and it that Committees responsibility to help you understand the duties and responsibilities of a Grand Officer and to answer questions for you and your ladies regarding same.

Meritorious Service Award Committee

We would like to thank all who submitted Companions for consideration for this award. You made the decision making very difficult. Recipients will be announced at the General Session and Grand Banquet.

Dinners will be held by their Chapters in their honor.

Please put every effort into nominating a worthy Companion from your Chapter this coming year for this very prestigious Award.

DELTA CHAPTER NO. 118, R.A.M.

Cordially invites you to attend a reception

Honoring

William B. Fairchild

In anticipation of being elected as

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

Saturday, September 20, 2008

4989 Danforth Road

Escanaba, Michigan

(906) 786-9522

Social Hour: 4:00 p.m. – Snacks & refreshments

Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Dress: Black tie or Business Suit

* * * Cut and Send the bottom with remittance * * *

Name: _____

Lady: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Buffet Style

No. _____ X \$25.00 = _____

Make Checks Payable To:

M.E.C. George Sealander, PGHP

Send to: 1026 Stephenson Ave.

Escanaba, Michigan 49829

Tickets will held at the door!

Grand Chapter Proposed Budget 2008 -2009

Category Description	2007-2008 Actual	2007-2008 Budget	2008-2009 Budget
610-Per Capita	36,730.55	36,000.00	34,000.00
Supply Sales	2,379.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest & Dividends	151.24	0.00	0.00
Foundation Contribution	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions	2,307.27	1,500.00	0.00
Benevolent Fund	2,050.00	2,150.00	2,150.00
Permanent Earnings	<u>1,862.28</u>	<u>3,200.00</u>	<u>3,200.00</u>
	45,480.34	44,850.00	46,350.00
EXPENSES			
800-Masters Buttons	224.18	400.00	300.00
801-Recognition Presentations	163.67	250.00	250.00
810-PGHP Jewel & Apron	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
820-GHP Expense Allowance	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
822-Grand Treasurer Honorarium	300.00	300.00	300.00
824-Grand Chaplain Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
826-Grand Sentinel Allowance	100.00	100.00	100.00
828-Grand Officer Expense	76.43	150.00	150.00
830-DDI Expense	198.55	1,200.00	1,200.00
831-Training	0.00	1,000.00	200.00
840-Salary - Grand Secretary	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
841-Salary - Clerical	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
842-FICA & FUTA	910.88	925.00	925.00
843-MESC	4.86	25.00	25.00
844-Insurance	1,809.00	3,400.00	2,000.00
845-Rent	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
850-Office Expense	1,214.69	1,000.00	1,000.00
851-Postage & Freight	1,058.85	1,000.00	1,200.00
852-Telephone	475.07	600.00	600.00
853-Printing - Outside	2,400.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
854-Copier	2,572.43	2,000.00	2,100.00
855-Computer	84.79	500.00	500.00
860-Convocation Expense	406.37	0.00	0.00
861-Gr Chapter Conv Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00
862-Gr Conv Mileage & PerDiem	0.00	0.00	0.00
863-Gr Conv Enter - Guests	1,644.60	1,700.00	1,700.00
864-Gr Conv Proceedings Print	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
870-Gen Grand Per Capita Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00

871-Gen Grand Triennial Exp	450.00	450.00	450.00
880-Directory - Printing	176.00	400.00	400.00
890-Contingency & Misc	0.00	1,000.00	150.00
910-Comm - Public Relations	0.00	300.00	2,000.00
911-Comm - Triple Tau	730.00	1,400.00	750.00
920-Comm - York Rite Coop	0.00	0.00	0.00
930-Comm - Educ & Information	0.00	250.00	2,000.00
940-Comm - Membership	0.00	250.00	2,000.00
950-Comm - Philanthropy	0.00	200.00	0.00
960-Comm - Protocol	0.00	0.00	0.00
970-Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00
980-Youth	2,050.00	2,150.00	2,150.00
981 Special Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
990-Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
991-York Rite All-Degree Day	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>33,950.37</u>	<u>44,850.00</u>	<u>46,350.00</u>

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER RAM FOUNDATION

Your Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan Foundation Treasurer submits the following Annual Financial Report.

The following depicts the activity of your Foundation for FY 2007-08, which ended May 31, 2008. To summarize:

- The income from all projects, including donations, was \$1861.59.
- The total of the Foundation's expenses was \$43.30.
- There was a withdrawal penalty of \$121.35.
- The income from interest, dividends and capital gains was \$17,934.26.
- The losses due to declines in the market was \$16,617.33. (annual percentage yield 1.22%).

The net worth of the Foundation (cash and investments) on May 31, 2008 was \$249,152.39 (market value). This represents a \$3,013.87 gain over last year's net worth of \$246,138.52. Last year's slump in the economy has kept the fund from growing to the level that was hoped when the year started. Fortunately income from interest, dividends, capital gains and donations covered our losses.

Nevertheless, it was decided by your RAM Foundation Committee to recommend that \$5000.00 be turned over to the Grand Chapter to help in balancing this year's budget.

2008 YORK RITE GOLF OUTING
IT'S NOT TOO LATE YET!!!!

Sunday, August 3rd
 4 person Scramble for
 members, family & friends)
(Men and Women)
 \$60.00 /person Includes
 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes

Tee time: 11:00 A.M.
 Gladwin Golf Course
 3551 W. M-61, Gladwin, Michigan

Want dinner only?
 \$18.00 at approx. 4:30 P.M.
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We would like to sponsor a hole or tee box for only
 \$25.00. Have the sign read:

_____ I will be participating:
 Name: _____ (\$60.00)

Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____
 Phone: _____

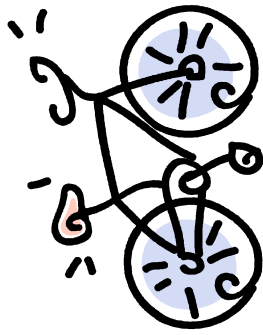
Playing with: _____

Dinners Only: _____ @ \$18.00 each = \$ _____
 # of Steak _____ # of Chicken _____

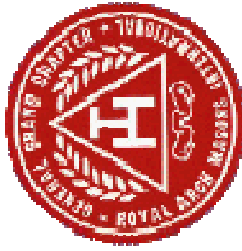
Enclosed please find my payment for: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Robert E. Cooper –
 marked: "YR GOLF Outing"

Send to: Robert E. Cooper
 101 20 Mile Road, Cedar Springs, MI 49319



Stanley B. Luykx
 Indianapolis
 by Bicycle
 "Busted !!!"



Companions, as you may remember I stated that I was going to Ride "Old Faithful" (my Bike) to Indianapolis, for the Tri Annual Meeting of General Grand Chapter, to raise money for R.A.R.A., or Bust.
 Well I got busted!

The Editor of the Royal Arch Magazine, Ed Sebring volunteered to be the Target for a PIE in the Face to be thrown by the Grand High Priest of the state that contributes the most money to R.A.R.A.

You can still give OUR Grand High Priest that opportunity!
 Unfortunately, the bike rider, me, Stan Luykx developed a problem with my knee and the Orthopedic Surgeon strongly urged me, directed me, to pull out of the event. I will not, cannot perform the ride which I so dearly wanted to perform and my daughter Jenny so dearly wanted to assist in.
 Companions, you have over the last three rides helped raise over \$4,400 for RARA through the previous Bike Rides.

We have some monies already contributed, which will be returned if requested, by September 1st, however, give our Grand High Priest the honor, make a contribution to the attempted ride.
 It is for a good cause.
 Every dollar helps the cause!

ALL MONEY COLLECTED GOES TO R.A.R.A.
NOTHING GOES TO THE COST OF THE RIDE.

ALSO:
YOUR GIFT IS TAX DEDUCTABLE!!

If you or your Chapter would like to make a contribution to the fund, make your check out to **Paul VanDeLester** (put "**RARA Bike Ride**" in the memo line) 4115 East Kirby Road, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017.