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## **Live in the City of Happiness**

The old year that was filled with happy moments and hurting experiences is about gone. Actually, in hours, it may be recalled only as a memory that at one time is pleasant and at another time is unpleasant. Like all other years before it, the year that is passing, brought an abundance of both sunshine and shadow.

At a point in time, the old year will be gone, and a new year will become a reality. Filled with unlimited and exciting possibilities, the year that lies ahead will be revealed to us one day at a time. The days revealed beckon and challenge each one of us. In that great unknown, the course we will take is definitely uncharted, and the paths we will follow are completely hidden. The year ahead, as Emma Martindale wrote, is "your ship, your own ship, and you are in command.: In large measure, what you do in the coming year is up to you, for day by day you will make the important decisions that will be the determining factoring in the course your life takes.

As you face the uncertainties of the coming year, one thing is certain: The year ahead will bring a variety of experiences that will have a tremendous impact upon your life. Some of those experiences will be pleasant and what you expect, but others will be unexpected, and they will hurt. But you can determine the extent of the hurt. Experiences will color life, but you can determine the color. Attitude is tremendously important. Abraham Lincoln said, "A man is about as happy as he makes up his mind to be." And some anonymous person said, "The city of happiness is in the state of mind." So, as you face the coming year, make up your mind to live in the city of happiness and that attitude will have a profound effect upon all of the experiences of your life, and the next year will be a good one.

*By Howard Coop, Chaplain  
Lancaster Lodge No. 104 F.A.&A.M  
Lancaster, KY*

**RIVER RAISIN CHAPTER NO. 22**

**&**

**MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER NO. 37**

Cordially invite you to the Reception Dinner  
Honoring the election of

**Michael Roberts**

*Right Excellent Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil*

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Reception 3:00 p.m.

Dinner 4:00 pm

Mt. Vernon Chapter #37

1660 Samaria Road

Samaria, MI 48177

Buffet Dinner with 3 entrees:

Roasted Chicken, Fruit Glazed Ham

Vegetarian Mostaccioli

Tossed Salad, AuGratin Potatoes, Butter Corn

Green Beans

Desserts: Fruit Tarts and Cake

\$25.00 per person

Reservations **WITH REMITTANCE**

**N.L.T. December 21, 2011**

Checks payable to: **Mike Roberts**

Send to: Mike Roberts

432 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Monroe, MI 48161

734-735-9436

Indicate your name, address, phone #, email address  
Titles & whom you are representing.  
Names of those attending with you.



# *Michael Whiting*

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**"GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST"**

*Working together we will accomplish great things.*

Greetings Companions:

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Holiday Season and are ready for the NEW YEAR 2012.

By now every Chapter should have had their Schools of Instruction. My wish is that we all benefitted from the experience. That several Chapters may have aligned with each other in doing their own Degree work, instead of depending on All Degree Days to receive members.

At our Annual Meeting last August it was voted to cut the required number of Stated Meetings from 10 to 8. I am discovering that some Chapters are arbitrarily cancelling their meetings because they feel they can make them up later or that they only need 8 meetings a year.

Although it was voted to change the number of Stated Meetings to 8 any Chapter desiring to do so must submit a By-law change to me in proper form. Each request must state which months they will be dark and what time they open. For those Chapters that have a Joint Meeting with other bodies you must state on which months Chapter will open.

The Blue Lodge Installations are still ongoing through the month of January and the Masters' Pins should be presented and reports filed as soon as possible.

Have you made plans to join or Grand Scribe's Educational Seminar on Saturday, January 28, 2012? He has made accommodations at the Best Western Hospitality Hotel, available for Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and January 28<sup>th</sup>, 5500 28<sup>th</sup> St. S.E., Grand Rapids. Phone: 616-949-8400. This is open to all Companions. Even if you do not desire to stay overnight, please join us on Saturday.

Another function you may consider attending is the Reception for our Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil, Michael Roberts. It will be held at Mt. Vernon Chapter #37 on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 3:00 for Reception and 4:00 for Dinner, cost of \$25.00.

My travels to Chapters last month included Flint Rapids #116, Colonial #187, Port Huron #27 and Mt. Pleasant #111. Most were doing well and I was happy to assist in opening Flint Rapids and Port Huron as one of the Veilsmen. Our Grand King, R.E.C. Dave Dossette and GM1st Veil, R.E.C. Mike Roberts were at Colonial and REC Mike was at Port Huron. Our GM 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil, Richard Hitch and I were very disappointed when travelling to Trenton Chapter #173 to find just the High Priest present with no other Companions for the Stated Meeting. Apparently the meeting was called off. Let me remind you once more that it is in violation of Capitular Law to cancel a Stated Meeting.

I'm glad to see the Grand Officers visiting the various Chapters. Don't be surprised at theirs or my visitations. Be prepared and practice the Reception of Grand Officers. It's not that hard and has been a part of the Schools of Instruction and Inspections for many years now.

Looking forward to seeing you in my travels.

Happy New Year,  
Michael

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### ***Thought for Today - January 6***

It is possible for each of us to go out into the world trying to apply in his dealings with his fellows the lessons of Masonry as they are taught in the Lodge, and as they are applied in the brotherhood.

*Theodore Roosevelt who departed this life on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1919.*

*The Grand Lodge of Indiana was founded on this day in 1818..*



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**Companions:**

As I sit and write this, it is not quite January. We are prepared for the holidays and looking forward to all that the holidays bring. But it's also at this time of year that we think of new beginnings. New Year? New Start.

Most everyone knows that January is named for the Roman God "Janus". Janus was depicted featuring two faces, one looking forward and the other looking back. That's an image that is easily parlayed into describing the first month of the year.

Interestingly, our word "Janitor" also comes from the God named Janus. In the purest sense of the word, the Janitor is a gate or door keeper and hence the association with Janus, A god associated with gates and doorways.

We look back, close off our books, file all those papers, put away last year's mementoes and clean off the desk. We look forward, set up new files, get out the new year's calendar, and compile our lists.

This is a time when we look at our resolutions, last year's and this year's. How'd we do? What'll we do?

January for the Royal Arch chapter is a little different in some respects and yet it is not. It rests essentially in the middle of our working year. Our working circulates around our elections and installations in April and our Grand Session in August. Yet there is a great deal to do.

I would encourage every chapter to look at its future; to make plans (think resolutions); to make plans (think elections coming in April); to make plans (think clean house in the costumes and paraphernalia); to make plans (think look at membership rosters for absentee and or delinquent members).

For the chapter King or the person planning to go in as High Priest, this is a trigger time for activity. Next year's plans and programs should be formulated, committee appointments planned, a calendar laid out, and names considered for the chapter line of officers, working with the current line of officers, but being willing to bring in new members as officers.

Janus, the roman god, had two faces one looking at the past and one looking to the future. It is well to look to the past as that gives us roots, and it is well to look to the future for that gives us promise. It is equally well for us to remember the concept of the janitor that is also is from this god, first as gatekeepers or door guard to keep out the "bad" of the past and second to admit the "good" hope of a prosperous future. Diligent or thoughtful planning now will provide dividends in the coming months.

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If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,  
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door,  
I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,  
I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say "I love you," instead of assuming, you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right.

There will always be another day to say our "I love you's",  
And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?"

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,  
I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike,  
And today may be the last chnace you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day that you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear.

Take time to say "I'm sorry," "Please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay".

And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.



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**Secretary's Scribbles**

Companions:

Yes, it's 2012 already, hope you had a great 2011 and wish you a very happy and successful New Year. As the New Year begins I'm in the process of preparing the 2012 Annual Return and Printing the Dues Cards. I will be sending each secretary a Membership Roster for your review. Please make any corrections needed, as this information will be used in printing the upcoming the Annual Returns & Dues Cards.

Secretaries please make sure you report your activities to me promptly, so that I may update the Grand Chapter Data Base. The monthly reporting forms may be downloaded from the Grand Chapter WEB Site or you may call or E-Mail me to obtain them. As you review the Directory (which is downloadable from the WEB site) if you find any errors, omissions, spelling errors, etc... please let me know. I have included updates to the directory elsewhere in this issue for your information.

As a reminder, don't forget to get that worthy companion in your chapter nominated for the MSA (Meritorious Service Award). Take time to prepare the application and submit it to the Grand Scribe. You may use the application presently available as a download from the WEB Site ([www.ram-mi.org](http://www.ram-mi.org)).

Chapters if you are having Degree work, please let me know. From time to time I receive requests from Chapters inquiring as to dates, times and locations of Degrees.

If your chapter or anyone would like to contribute to the Royal Arch Foundation, please contact Wayne Turton the Foundation President. Please consider a contribution to the Foundation, the Foundation monies assist the Grand Chapter in it's operations and help defer increases to the members.

Please consider helping the Youth Committee by working on the "Bakeless Bake Sale" this year. Please send your ingredience (contribution) to me at the Grand Chapter Office, and I will see that it gets deposited in the Youth Committee Fund.

If you would like your Chapter's events listed on the WEB Site's Calendar page, please let me know, 2 weeks in advance. Also, list location, time, and contact information. You may want to periodical check the Calendar for upcoming events.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe watch over and keep you in HIS loving care.

**CALENDAR**

(\* ) = *To be confirmed*

**Dec 31 – New Years Eve**

**Jan 13 – DeMolay Winterfest**

**Jan 14 – Reception, Mike Roberts, GM1V, Mt. Vernon Chapter 37, Samaria**

**Jan 27-28 – Gr. Chap. Ed. Seminar, Gr. Rapids**

**\*Feb 4 – All Chapter Degree Day (Flint/Saginaw?)**

**Feb 18 – Gr. Officer's/Foundation Meeting – Caro George Washington Dinner – Caro**

**\*Mar 3 – All Chapter Deg. Day – Schoolcraft**

**Mar 4 – Unity Meeting – All Bodies - Okemos**

**Mar 9-10 - East Central Regional, Merrillville, IN**

**Mar 11 – Daylight Savings Time "Spring Forward"**

**Mar 17 – All Order Day – Battle Creek**

**Mar 24 – MSA Rec. – Theodore Hall - Mason**

**Mar 31 – All Chapter Deg. Day – Mackinac 134, St. Ignace**

**April 8 – Easter**

**Apr 22 – Gr. Council Educational Retreat**

**Apr 28 – All Deg. Day – Council – Mason**

**May 19 – KYCH - Mason**

**May 19 – GGC Bronze Award Dinner – Frank Huey Rockford Temple**

**May 28 – Memorial Day**

**\*June ? – All Chapter Outdoor Deg. Day**

**July 4 – Independence Day**

**Aug 4 – Gr. Chapter Picnic – Sprague's Cabin**

**Aug 5 – YR Golf Outing – Gladwin Golf Course**

**Aug 22 – Grand Chapter**

**Aug 23 – Grand Council**

**Aug 23 – Grand YR Banquet**

**Aug 14 & 25 Gr. Commandery**

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER  
BRONZE AWARD DINNER & RECEPTION**

**Honoring**

**Ex. Companion Frank J. Huey  
Of Kent-Newaygo Chapter #38**

**Will be held at the Rockford Masonic Temple  
1430 Northland Dr.  
Rockford, Mi. 49341**

**Reception at 5:30 pm  
Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Sunday, May 19, 2012**

You are all invited, the Cost has not yet been determined. Please plan to attend, and share with Ex. Companion Frank this very honorable award.

Further information will be available in upcoming issues.

## Directory Corrections as of 10/15/2011:

Directory Changes since 8/17/2011 through 11/4/2011

8/25/2011

DDI District #1 – Change to George Maule (118) (pg-4)  
PO Box 12, Rock: 906.356.6067 [gmaule1@yahoo.com](mailto:gmaule1@yahoo.com)  
Red Book Committee (pg-9) Drop Ruthruff and Cooper

9/5/2011

Richard James – email change to (pg-2)-  
[jamesrick.psych.3@gmail.com](mailto:jamesrick.psych.3@gmail.com)  
Salathial – Location of Chapters (pgs-15, 33) – changed number  
from 23 to 11 Also chg'd to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  
Added Eldon Miller's spouse – Shar (pg-2)  
Huron Chapter # 27 (pg-18) HP - Frank H. Nicholson  
4216 Pine Grove Rd., Ft Gratiot 48059  
Colon Chapter # 81 (pg-23)  
King – Milton C. Joliff, 345 W. Chicago Rd. Coldwater 49036  
Scribe – John E. Parks, 29260 Albion Rd., Albion 49224  
Midland Chapter # 169 (pg-30)  
HP – John C. Berry, 2288 Thayer Rd., Freeland 48623 989-708-  
6295  
Scribe – Jerry M. Chambers, 2216 Kentucky Rd, Midland  
48642-5781 989-631-5996

9/15/2011

Royal Oak Chapter # 167 (pg-29 & 30)  
James Sparks' e-mail changed to [royalarch167@comcast.net](mailto:royalarch167@comcast.net)  
Added Michael Robert's spouse – Rebecca (pg-2)

10/14/2011

Palestine Chapter (pg-29)  
Changed Eric Romero's phone number to 734-564-1635

10/25/2011

Kalamazoo Chapter (pg-16)  
Changed Richard Stange's phone number to 269-655-4157

11/4/2011

Lapeer Chapter (pg-24)  
Per Annual Report – Changed High Priest to Richard Haynes  
and Scribe to Wayne Hamlin  
David Seyferth (pg-5) change DDI Chapters to 7,38, 73

12/3/2011

Updated Chapter member counts based on Annual Returns

12/11/2011

Update Michael Roberts E-mail Address (pgs 2, 12, 17)  
From [52223@netzero.com](mailto:52223@netzero.com) to [mickey422@yahoo.com](mailto:mickey422@yahoo.com)

12/16/2011

Update John Fossler's Address & Phone (pgs 20 & 22)

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**Articles and announcements must be submitted to the editor, Paul Howell, prior to 12 midnight, Eastern Time, of the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, if you wish to have it published in the next issue.**

**Submit your thoughts, ideas, programs, plans, activities so that others can be informed.**

**Do you submit your calendar events to the Web Master for inclusion in the Web Calendar?**

## Grand Chapter Committees !!! "OFFICER'S WORKBOOK"

Each Committee of the Grand Chapter is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the sections of the "Officer's Workbook" which pertains to them and compiling all suggested for improving and updating.

You may correct, change, add or remove as your Committee thinks would be best for all Chapters and Companions of the State.

The District Deputy Instructors will each review the sections related to Schools, Inspections, Ritual and the DDI Section.

All Committee members are to submit their suggestions to their Committee Chairman ~~Not Later Than January 10<sup>th</sup>~~.

Each Chairman is to submit the compiled findings to me not later than January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

If you are not a Committee member, however, you have suggestions then send them to the Committee Chairman as listed in the Directory.

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## Grand Chapter Educational Seminar

*Best Western Hospitality Hotel*

*5500 28<sup>th</sup> St., S.E.*

*Grand Rapids, MI 49512*

*616.949.8400 Fax: 616.949.9021*

*Room rates: \$69.99 + 14% tax.*

*(1 King or 2 Queens)*

tell them it's for "Royal Arch Masons"  
25 rooms reserved for Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

& 20 for Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

*(Registered guests – complimentary breakfast, pool, exercise room, etc. available)*

Hospitality Rooms on Friday & Saturday

**Saturday lunch will be potluck w/GC ladies  
Dinner: TB Determined. Probably next door  
at Brann's Steakhouse (Order from menu)**

Agenda will be published in the January Triple Tau

\*\*\* Please notify Jim Kiefer that you will be in attendance. By name, number and for what events.

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*(Whoops! These were both incorrect in the last issue!!)*

**Whose invited?**

*All Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, District Deputy Instructors, of the Grand Chapter plus all Past High Priests, High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Companions of the Subordinate Chapters of Michigan.*

*Continued from November Issue, Article by William Young, Past High Priest of Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 111.*

that monument for ages. The most common riddle of the Sphinx isn't even related to it through the answer is always either 'time' or 'sand'. The Sphinx was also built in conjunction with the Great Pyramid. It originally had a woman's head looking up at the sky (which is why the current face is rather deformed). As each of the edifices reference the sky (the stars). I am not referring to our modern Zodiac but the original names for the constellations and stars (their true ancient meanings) that have also been lost over the centuries. As yet again I state the question; What do Masons seek? Light – what do each of those stars produce? Coincidence? Like the Masters Masons Secret that was supposed lost with Hiram Abiff the original names and titles of the constellations are still locatable – just hard to find since most of the Zodiac's today use the Babylonian, Egyptian or Roman names or titles. Their original names? Brought through the flood by Noah and only in Hebrew ...

Does Stonehenge really have anything to do with Masonry besides Enoch and using stones for building? Stonehenge is a circular edifice. Technically Enoch 'is' Masonry as his life (if it were a timeline) would be represented as a circle. He has a beginning but no end. The Great Pyramid is a square or triangular edifice depending on your point of reference. What does the letter stand for within the square and compasses? You just answered your own question... The letter G is elevated, not for our worship, but for our respect and wisdom as the key to open our eyes and our minds. Geometry is the key to open the mind to what awaits.

As I stated: Stonehenge has much the same questions about it as were about the Great Pyramid the next logical question is "are they linked?" Yes. Ask me sometime and I will tell you, and show you, how they are linked.

Before I leave this message I need to add in one more point. The Knight Templar more commonly known of as Knights of the Temple of Yhvh is technically anyone who has faith in the being of creation and acts on that faith by defending the dignity of Yhvh. As the logical reference the house of 'God' is also the body of any person who acts in faith. The knights of temple literally goes back to Adam and his son Seth.

*Continued next month. Description of Sphinx and The Great Pyramid*

*Continued from November Issue, "State of the Fraternity: The Call for Positive Change" by R.E. Comp. Richard James.* (thus all the declines). It's true that most of the masonic organizations have membership growth agendas that you will see Billboards, pins, posters, stickers, and so many other things identifying us as freemasons and we are even quicker to make public our vision, mission and goals all of which we say benefit our members. What is difficult however to find after all of that positive advertisement, is masonic organizations that actually practice what they preach! I mean shouldn't it follow that after all these efforts which identify our organization as something of real value, setting our fraternity/philosophy apart as something of worth, that we would at least consider showing up for regular scheduled meetings. Taking stations in officers lines, practicing the ritual worketeercteeect! My point is, if we are not doing those necessary things but yet continue to promote our fraternity are we not then liars (like the young mason said, a nicely wrapped empty box)! *Most importantly, we need to implement our vision, mission and goals on all levels!!!!*

***As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world as in being able to remake ourselves. Mohandas K. Gandhi***

7. We then need to realistically evaluate the significance of progress and identify opportunities for improvement through assessment of predefined benchmarks (not created at the time of performing the assessment). Adjustment needed to then refine the course of action in response to identified needs in an environment of expected positive change. In order to adjust we must be willing to make changes in our efforts to reach our vision, however drastic they may be! Confucius said, *"When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals, adjust the action steps."*

After we have identified what needs to be adjusted, we need to measure how much adjustment is needed. We are the world's oldest fraternity and are not trying to change simply for the sake of change; we need to know how much we should change, and in what direction.

We then need to embrace the idea of continuous improvement by exploring new ideas that can potentially expand our vision and never quit the process of growth. Although it is important recognize our organizations shout term successes, we must always ask the question "What's next?" Through which we create the spherical nature of growth, when we ask that simple question (What's next?), it will cause our fraternity to go back to the beginnings (as it's done throughout our history) and pursue again those visions and principles that got us to our accomplished end. The more we accomplish, the more we should realize our natural ability to continuously grow!

*Continued next issue*



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Greetings Companions!

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. As the newest member of the Grand Chapter line, I am full of fervency and zeal for this new adventure. I would like to start by thanking all the Companions who supported me in this endeavor. I would also like to recognize River Raisin #22 and Mount Vernon #37 Chapters for all their help and advice in the process of running for this office. I am truly humbled and look forward to the joys and challenges of moving through this line. I would like to share my ideas on ways we can encourage growth within our fraternity.

The future of our Grand Chapter and local Chapters rely on its membership, retention of that membership, and ritual. I believe that communication, visibility, and education are the best tools we have to achieve these goals. I look forward to working with the Grand Chapter and the local chapters to improve this craft. By working together we can achieve any goal, and overcome the obstacles in our way keeping the pride, purity and permanency of the Royal Arch for future generations to love and enjoy as we do.

Being visible can be accomplished in several ways. First, we should strive to attend our local chapter meetings & events on a regular basis. By doing so, we will be better informed of activities, events, and ritual. We should make it a point to be active within our Blue Lodge. This is where we pull our perspective new members. If a chapter has a good working relationship with its Lodge, it will serve as an easy recruiting source for new members. Talk to your Lodge's Master about scheduling Red Coat degrees, ETS Programs or ask to speak on the floor about the Royal Arch. When attending tiled or public masonic functions be sure to wear your Chapter coat. It will spark interest and give you an opportunity to talk about Chapter and what it offers. We will need to attend these functions more than just once in a while for these ideas to be successful. I have seen this approach work.

Education is always ongoing. By regular attendance in our Chapter Convocations, taking part in our Schools and Inspections, a Companion is sure to pick up knowledge he did not previously have. I attended 3 schools last month and the attendance by our Companions has been dismal at best. The Grand Chapter also has an Annual Education Seminar open to all Royal Arch Masons. It will be held January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Grand Rapids. I would also encourage our Companions to attend, not only for the education, but also for fellowship and sharing of ideas between Chapters. Grand Chapter Session also provides the opportunity to learn about the initiatives within the Grand Chapter, including what programs are available to assist you in your local chapters. When it comes to education there is no remote control. We are going to have to get off the couch and do it ourselves.

By promoting membership, education and ritual, we will gain the respect and confidence of our masonic brethren. With this effort, you will find it becomes easier to be more visible. This will show in the growth and retention of our membership in our local chapters.

I have started an email distribution list to share

communications in the York Rite Bodies and Blue Lodges (that's where our future members are). If you wish to be added to the distribution list, please send me your email address. My email is: [mickey52223@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mickey52223@sbcglobal.net). Please send me any upcoming events to forward and any ideas, suggestions or comments you have regarding this article so we can share them with our membership.

Mike Roberts GM1V

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Reception Honoring  
**Ex. Comp. Theodore V. Hall, PHP**  
*Ingham Chapter No. 51*  
**Region 2**  
**Michigan Meritorious Service Award Recipient**  
 Saturday, March 24, 2012  
 5:00 pm  
 Mason Masonic Temple  
 840 E. Columbia Street, Mason, MI 48854

Send Reservations to:

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 Ingham Chapter No. 51  
 223 Elliott Rd.,,  
 Mason, MI 48854-9506

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I hope all the Companions and their families had a Merry Christmas and I wish all a very Happy and Joyous New Year.

It sure has been a busy time. Our Schools of Instruction should all be completed or scheduled. I've even received a couple of Inspection Reports and Master Pin Reports already. That is great. Companions please take some care in presenting your Master Pins. Your visits and presentations let the Lodges know who we are. Our Blue Lodges is where we get our new Companions from. If we have a strong Blue Lodge you will have a strong Chapter as well. If you have difficulty in attending all of the Lodge Installations, why not try hosting a dinner get together for all the new Masters in your area and their families. You could have some entertainment or an informal talk about York Rite Masonry. If you can't present a pin because of Lodges going dark, or for some odd reason the Master doesn't want to be presented a pin, please let me and your D.D.I. know. I realize due to consolidations some of the Chapters have a large number of pins to present. Your Grand Secretary, Myself and your Grand Officer representatives are trying to even these out in the future. If you have any suggestions such as maybe a neighboring Chapter doing some of the pins, please let us know. It is all about communication.

Let's all keep up our good work.

Remember we only get out of something as much as we put into it.

Tim Forche, Executive Director of DDIs

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# 2012 Annual York Rite Golf Outing

## Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

### Sunday, August 5, 2012

Gladwin Heights Golf Course, 3551 W. M-61, Gladwin. 989-426-9941

To all Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights and Guests:

Have fun and fellowship and assist in raising funds for the York Rite Charities.

**Four person scramble** (Men and/or Women).

ONLY \$65.00 per person. Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner and prizes.

Reservation, with payment, by July 23 get a \$5.00, per player, discount.

Get your reservations in early, and save \$20.00/team.

If you want we will place you on a team.

Tee time: 10:00 AM on the #1 tee. Enough teams and we can have a shotgun start.

Not a Golfer? Come for the fellowship, and a great meal (only \$18.00) at 3:30 P. M.

Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies -- sponsor a hole or tee box for \$25.00.

Profits divided between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery Charities.

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*Complete the attached form and return by July 23, 2012 to:*

Louis C. McCray                      or                      Robert E. Cooper

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Please make as many copies as needed.

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We would like to sponsor a hole or tee box (\$25.00). Please have the sign read:

I will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfing - (\$65.00 – 60.00 if paid by 7/23)    Dinner Only – (\$18.00)

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Playing with: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional persons – Dinner Only: \_\_\_\_ at \$18.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner choices: (Please include yourself)

Steak (number of) \_\_\_\_\_                      Chicken (number of) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find my payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Robert E. Cooper – marked “YR GOLF OUTING”