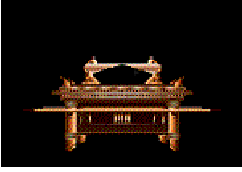


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Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education -- "Sailing into the Future"

Herman A. Wedemeyer, PGHP, 1992-1993



Herman A. Wedemeyer
Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons
of Michigan

September 26, 1992
to
October 2, 1993

Born: June 5, 1914
Died: December 5,

Most Excellent Companion Herman A. Wedemeyer was born June 5, 1914 in Columbus, Ohio, where he grew up and completed his primary education. Moving to Detroit in 1937, he became a machinist, sought further education, leading to employment with Ford Motor Co. in 1951 as a Manufacturing Process Engineer. Herman retired from Ford in 1976 to devote his energies to Freemasonry and his church.

M.E. Companion Herman and his wife, Betty, who preceded him in death, were married for over 50 years. They had a daughter, Dianne and a son, Herman, Jr., both residing in California. Herman and Betty were both very dedicated to their church, helping in ushering, music programs and Bible Class assistance. They enjoyed traveling and always enjoyed new and exciting adventures, having traveled to Oberrammergau (Passion Play, 1982), China, 1982, and the Holy Land of Jordan, Israel and Egypt, in 1985.

Most Excellent Companion Herman had been a Mason for almost 70 years. He was raised in City of Straits Lodge No. 452, Detroit in 1939, he transferred to Plymouth rock No. 47 and then to Northville Lodge No. 186, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1971-72, and was made a Life Member in 1979.

He was exalted in Union Chapter No. 55, R.A.M., serving as High Priest twice, 1964-65 and 1988-89.

Herman served the Grand Chapter as a District Deputy Instructor from 1978 to 1984, also several Grand Chapter Committees in the early 1980's. His dedication and commitment to Royal Arch Masonry was recognized in 1983 when the Comapnions of Michigan elected Herman as the Grand Master of the First Veil in the Grand Chapter Line. He was further rewarded by being elected as Grand High Priest on September 26, 1992 and served the Grand Chapter with distinction. Since leaving the Grand Chapter line he has been an active supporter and advocate of Royal Arch Masonry and its line of Officers.

Most Excellent Companion Herman was also a Past Thrice Illustrious Master and LM of Northville Council No. 89, Past Commander and LM of Northville Commandery No. 39 also serving until his passing as Treasurer and Musician, member of Michigan Priory No. 22, Knights York Cross of Honour, Past Patron of Orient Chapter No. 77, Order of Eastern Stars, was Deputy Grand Governor of York Rite College in 1988, is a LM of Scioto Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and a Noble of Aladdin Temple, both in Columbus, Ohio and a Charter member, Past Sovereign Master and served as Secretary for many years of Crusader Council No. 142, Allied Masonic Degrees.

Herman was active, in many cases still serving as an officer, in all of his Masonic Bodies and in his church affiliations until the time of his death.

Herman holds numerous Honorary memberships both in and out of Michigan.

Most Excellent Companion Herman A. Wedemeyer passed away on Friday, December 5th, 2008 from complications which arose during recovery from surgery.

Final Honors for MEC Wedemeyer will be conducted on Sunday afternoon January 18th at the Northville Masonic Temple at 3pm.



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“Sailing Into The Future”

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Happy Holidays Companions:

Ann and I wish all of you and your loved ones the very Happiest of Holidays. This is a very special time for all of us to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Another year is fast approaching us. 2008 just seemed to go by so rapidly. It has been a great year for your Grand Chapter. I want to thank all of the Companions for all of the hard work you have given to the Fraternity. This coming year is going to be an exciting year. We are starting a new long range program for membership gain. It is called "Enhance the Secret Program". We hope to keep this program going for many years to come. The program is now already in operation. More will come out in the Triple Tau on this. Meetings are already being held throughout several areas in Michigan.

I want to congratulate Paul and Beth for editing the Triple Tau. This is a very important tool for the Grand Chapter. Let all of us send in articles to help support this publication.

Also, at this time, I want to thank Mrs. Pat Hobday, the Lady of ME Carl Hobday PGHP, for her generous efforts she is doing for RARA. Pat is selling homemade Jellies, Jams, and Hand made articles, and the proceeds are going to RARA.

Also, please remember the raffle for a weeks vacation at a resort in Florida in Feb. of 2010. All of the Grand Officers and DDI's have tickets. There are only 1000 tickets printed and are selling for \$5.00. The proceeds will go to the RAM Foundation.

I have some sad news to the Companions who knew EC Brent Lantagne, PHP of Delta Chapter #118 in Escanaba. Brent lost his life in an Auto Accident in November 2008. He was on Military orders at the time. He was heading for Texas for additional training. He will be sadly missed. He left his wife Jennifer and two young children. Please keep his family in your prayers.

In November I attended the Consistory in Bay City. On Friday Nov. 7th attended Chapter at Hale. The Past Master and Most Excellent Degrees were conferred. There were 3 Past Grand High Priests present, also RE Brent Helm Grand Treasurer, and RE Louis McCray were present.

Saturday, Nov. 1st at Belding Michigan an MSA reception was held for EC David W. Miller. What a pleasure it was to present this award to such a great dedicated Companion. He has sure done a lot for Masonry. The dinner was well attended. All Grand Officers attended. Congratulations, Companion David.

Saturday Nov. 8th a reception was held for the 3 new Grand Lodge Officers. At his time, it was my great pleasure to present the District # 1 MS Award to EC William LeVeque, who is, also, the new Grand Marshall in he Grand Lodge. I have known this great Companion for many years. He is a very active Mason, in many Masonic Organizations and Youth Groups. Congratulations, my friend.

Sunday, Nov. 8th I met with all of the other York Rite Body heads, and the York Rite Sessions Committee. This was the first of our planning meetings with the Holiday Inn in Flint for the 2009 York Rite Session, August 5th – 8th.

Friday, Dec. 12th we will be at Mt Vernon Chapter in Samaria to present EC Howard Duke with his Zerubbabel Apron This is an award presented to a companion who has been the top line signer on 15 or more Companions petitions. This is a great achievement. Congratulations Howard.

Saturday, Dec. 13th I will be the Installing Officer for EC Robert Powers, who will be going in as Worshipful Master of Samaria Lodge No. 438. Bob is also a DDI for the Grand Chapter RAM of Michigan. Congratulations. Bob

Sunday, January 11, 2009 will be the Reception for REC Robert Galway, Grand Master of the First Veil in Pinckney.

Again I hope all of you had the greatest of Holidays.

Fraternally,



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Dear Companions:

Greetings from the right:

This month I would like to talk about an old honor and maybe put a new twist on it.

The Meritorious Service Award can be used at the local level as your Chapters Royal Arch Mason of the year.

Honor this Companion as your Lodge honors it's Mason of the Year. Then turn his name in, with your write-up, for consideration for the Michigan Royal Arch Meritorious Service Award.

If there is enough interest we can make a certificate for Chapter Capitular Mason of the Year, and put it on the Grand Chapter website for each of you to download.

There are many Companions out there who are very deserving of being honored with this award, yet we only get so few Chapters who send in nomination form.

Ever Chapter should pick one person to be there Royal Arch Mason of the Year then send a nomination form to the Right Excellent Grand Scribe to be considered for one of the three different regional awards. This is a very important award and it would be nice to make the committee have to go thou one from every Chapter in the state, so let's work to get it done this year.

One other award I would like to talk about is the Dale C. Rickrode Individual Ritual Award, Veil Program. This program was to inspire each companion to learn the ritual and do more degree work. This Form is on the Grand Chapter website. There are only three Companions in the State who have received all four of the veils, yet there are many who should have it by know. I think this is a good way for the Grand Chapter to recognize Companions doing great work and to inspire others to do the same.

Remember:

"ENHANCE THE SECRET"

Thank you again

Ads in your Triple Tau.

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Contact Paul Howell, Grand Secretary, Editor

Directory Corrections

Companion Richard Winters, Secretary of Traverse City Chapter No. 102 was forced to resign for health reasons. Please correct your directory, page 26 and send all correspondence to:

Traverse City Chapter 102 RAM

13360 S West Bay Shore, Traverse City, MI 49684

P. 3. G. Gordon Goodman change phone number to:
727.785.6191

P. 4. Dorothy Ballard new address: Evergreen Health & Fitness Center. Room 408, 19933 W. 13 Mile Road Southfield, Mi 48076

Centreville Chapter No. 11 has been granted permission to move their Charter to Salathiel Chapter No. 23 in Three Rivers until such time as they can complete the paperwork for Consolidation.

Horace Maynard Chapter No. 82 of Charlotte has been Consolidated, by decree, with Grand Ledge Chapter No. 85 in Grand Ledge.

Washtenaw Chapter No. 6, Ann Arbor, has been granted permission to move their Charter to Excelsior Chapter No. 25 in Ypsilanti for up to 1 year so that suitable, affordable accommodations can be located in the Ann Arbor area.

Please contact the Secretary/Recorder of the various bodies for more specific information regarding the event that you have in mind of attending or bringing a candidate to receive the Degrees and Orders.

Grand Master 1st Veil Dinner: R. E. Comp. Donald L. Galway

January 11 Livingston Chapter, Pinckney Masonic Temple Pinckney, MI

Memorial Service – Herman A. Wedemeyer, PGHP

January 18 Northville Masonic Temple 3:00 PM

** The following Dates are *tentative* dates from previous years events only:
(Please put them in your calendar in pencil)

Jan 20 – Mark Degree, Ingham Chapter #51, Mason, MI. 7:00 PM

** Feb 7 – All Chapter/Council Degree Day Flint/Saginaw/Bay City Area

Feb. 21 – Caro, George Washington Birthday Dinner *Grand Officers Meeting earlier in the day.*

** Feb. 28 – Tri-State, Ind./Michigan/Ohio All Chapter/2 Council Degree Day

** Mar. 7 – Kalamazoo All Chapter/Council Degree Day

** Mar 14 – East Central Conference – Grand Chapter & Grand Council

** Mar 21 – 2 Order Day – Battle Creek

Mar 27 –Region 3 MSA – Charles T. Myer, PHP, Trenton Chapter No. 173, Trenton Masonic Temple

** Apr 25 – Strawberry Festival All Council Deg Day – Mason

May 9 – HRAKTP & KYCH – Mason Masonic Temple

May 9 – Bronze Award Dinner, Allen Christ, Washtenaw Chapter No. 6, Ypsilanti Masonic Temple

** June 13 – All Chapter Outdoor Degree Day – Dowagiac

Aug 5th – Grand Chapter – Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint 48507

Aug 6th – Grand Council – Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint 48507

Aug 6th – Grand Banquet – Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint 48507

Aug 7 & 8 – Grand Commandery – Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint 48507

What this Country Needs

Listen to the news. Read the papers. Talk to your family, friends, neighbors. This country is said by many to be in moral, spiritual and social decay. Many cannot tell what is proper, improper, correct, incorrect, right or wrong. Where are we going? What are we doing? What should we be doing?

This country needs to get back to the basic! To a belief in the one and true God. Living by this belief as the true light to the pathways of life. We must remember that it is within ourselves that we begin to know and keep this truth, and by knowing and keeping this truth within ourselves and our heart then we can spread it to those around us.

This country must understand and practice the traits of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Always in our lives attempting to live and espouse temperance in the indulgence of our passions, strength and fortitude of mind and soul, prudence in determining our actions and conduct, and justice in our treatment of others.

This country needs to get back to spreading light and luster to those around us by amiable, discreet and virtuous conduct. We must be good examples of order and regularity for others to imitate those things which they find praiseworthy.

This country must become true and trusty in order to be held in high esteem by ourselves, our friends and neighbors. We must be exemplary in our conduct, courteous in our manner, steady and pure in principle.

This country must support, uphold and maintain pure and unsullied the constitution and laws, always working for the uplifting of all that it stands, the promotion of the flag as the symbol of our freedom and the realization of the highest ideals of character and of life for which we have so long espoused.

Does this country have what it needs? Of course it does. It has always and will always have that something special that it takes to rid itself of the moral, spiritual and social decay to which we are speaking.

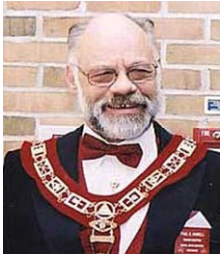
What does this country need? What does it have? We need and have Masonry! We need more and more dedicated men and women living, breathing and espousing the principles and tenets of Masonry. That's what this country needs!

God Bless each and every one of you. Keep the faith.

Live by the principles taught within the Masonic Fraternity.

Protect and preserve those principles so that they may be transmitted pure and unsullied from generation to generation.

By each of us working to strengthen the Masonic Fraternity, we can and will strengthen the Capitular Fraternity.



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My Companion Secretaries:

My goodness it sure is starting out as a cold winter this year. I'm writing this and it will not even be 'Winter' for another couple of days. We have also had enough snow to last me for the coming year, and there is more on the way.

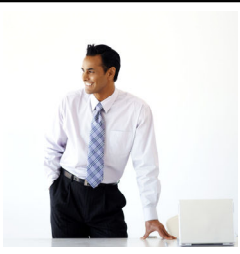
The one good thing about the cold is that it is on the outside. It is a pleasure to note that there is warmth in the heart of all Royal Arch Masons and that that warmth is being spread to all in whom it comes in contact.

I have participated in or attended many Lodge Installations this year, as I am sure that you as Royal Arch Masons have done, also, as Royal Arch Masons are the most active in traveling and participating in Lodge activities. It has been a pleasure for me to observe the presentation of the Masters' Pins to the new Worshipful Master and the reception of them by the new Master. This is an honor and reward which the Master truly does appreciate. I have seen and heard of several new petitions for the Royal Arch be asked for and passed out at these presentations. Hope you have had good presentations on your parts and that you have been receiving petitions at the same time. The Lodge is where you gain your membership from, **MAKE YOUR PRESENCE AND THAT OF THE ROYAL ARCH KNOWN AND FELT.**

Hoping that each of you were able to celebrate your Religious Holiday at this wonderful time of the season with your family and friends.

Stay well.

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



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Today!

I spoke with G. Gordon Goodman recently on the telephone. Was a very enjoyable conversation. He and his lovely young bride Tina are both doing very well. Expects to be up for the Grand Sessions this August.

Did you know that with the passing of John Longo, PMIGM, that G. Gordon is now the eldest in years of having served both the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council Lines as their Presiding Officer?

Paul

**Memorial Service
PGHP Herman A. Wedemeyer**

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of
Michigan will be conducting the Memorial
Service in honor of our beloved

Most Excellent Companion

Sunday, January 18th, 2009

**Northville Masonic Temple
106 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167**

Uniform for Grand Officers will be:
Morning Suit
Apron, Collar & Jewel
White Gloves & Top Hat

*** All Chapters will please drape their Altars for a period of
30 days. ***

MASTERS' PINS

The Masters' Pins for presentation were picked up at the Grand Chapter Session in August.

It is hoped that each of you have made or are making the presentations for your Chapter. Those Chapters that are in membership trouble would probably find this not to be the case, if you were making an impressive, informative, educational presentation.

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Cryptic Freemasonry- Whence came the Sword and Trowel?

There seems little doubt that in the 1740's there was a 'fourth' ceremony, one dealing with the rebuilding of the Temple of Zerubbabel and bringing into prominence the occasion when builders worked with sword in one hand and trowel in the other. The sword and trowel motif, derived from the Old Testament account of the return of the Jews from exile, was the pride and glory of a Crusading Order of the early Middle Ages.

According to the English Masonic researcher and scholar Robert Freke Gould (1836-1915) it had as its motif the discovery in a vault by Scottish Crusaders of the long lost and Ineffable Word. So, if as is quoted a particular Scots Masters' Lodge in London was actually working such a degree (possibly of French origin), then obviously a strong likelihood exists at some primitive form of the Royal Arch rite was actually being worked as early as 1733.

The many rituals known, says Gould, exhibit much diversity, but running through them all is the main idea of the discovery of a long lost word, while in the search leading to that discovery the Crusaders had to work with the **sword in the one hand and trowel in the other.** That the discovery is made in the Middle Ages by Crusaders and not by the Jews returned from exile need not unduly concern us, for we must be prepared for considerable differences between any prototype Royal Arch ceremonies and those which were later developed.

It has often been advanced that the early 'Scots' degrees contained matter which today is found not only in the Royal Arch, but in the Mark Degree. There seems little doubt that in the 1740's the Scots Degree (or degrees) was a 'fourth' ceremony, one dealing with the rebuilding of the Temple of Zerubbabel and bringing into prominence the occasion when builders worked with **sword in one hand and trowel in the other.**

By that time, the Royal Arch itself was known to be working in England, and it cannot be said with certainty whether the RA had learned from the Scots degrees (which is the way the evidence points) or vice versa. The possibility that English Freemasonry was subjected to Jacobite influence in the period following 1717 has often been raised. The broad suggestion is that Jacobites resident in France brought into existence the degrees known in England as 'Scots masonry' and in France as 'Macon Ecossois,' 'Maitre Ecossois,' 'Maconnerie Ecossois,' and so on and that the English Jacobites introduced this Scots masonry into England as providing convenient, safe and secret opportunities for their fellows and adherents. This theory (there is not a shred of evidence) does not strongly appeal to English Masonic scholars, although the probability that Scots masonry (and this is not the Scottish Rite) was an importation from France may have to be conceded.

Nothing is known for certain, but it is a point of particular interest that the earliest recorded Masters' Lodge (No. 115, meeting at the Devil Tavern, Temple Bar, London) is described in the Engraved List (at that time the only approved list of lodges) as "a Scotch Masons Lodge." This description is thought to mean not that its members were Scots, but rather that the ritual or ceremony worked as

known as "Scotch masonry," which may possibly, not probably, been originated in France by Jacobites, political refugees from Scotland.

Cryptic Masonry in Great Britain – The Council of Excellent, Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Masters was established in 1873 by four Council which had been chartered two years earlier by the Grand Council of New York. The Grand Council of Illinois chartered Councils in Scotland in 1878, and the Scottish Grand Council was formed in 1880. In England, Cryptic Masonry consists of the Most Excellent Master (a shorter form than the one in the US Royal Arch Masonry, Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master. In England, the Cryptic Degrees are controlled by a Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters. In Scotland, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter has jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees, the Royal Ark Mariner degree, the Knight of the East and West; bodies of the Cryptic Rite are attached to Chapters. It is interesting to note that while Scotland received the first three degrees of the last series from American sources, the degree of Thrice Illustrious Master, taken over recently in America, was of Scottish origin.

Cryptic Rite in the USA – The credit of organizing the first Body of the Cryptic Rite in the USA must be given to Thomas Lounds. He formed with others on September 2, 1810, the "Columbia Council of Royal Master Masons" in New York. A number of warrants were granted to Councils throughout the United States and it is interesting to note that some were of Councils of Royal Masters and some were for Councils of Select Masters and of course eventually the two amalgamated to form Council of Royal & Select Masters, Grand Councils were formed at various dates in several states (Connecticut was the first in 1819) and ultimately "The General Grand Council of the United States" was formed in 1880 at Detroit Michigan, representing 19 Grand Councils. In two states (Virginia and West Virginia) the Royal and Select Master degrees are conferred in Royal Arch Chapters where they were originally developed. The General Grand Council was organized to help stop efforts to combine the Cryptic degrees in Royal Arch Masonry and to bring about more uniformity of ritual and organization in the Cryptic degrees. Although the history of the Cryptic degrees is conned with the Scottish Rite degrees, Cryptic Masonry is now a part of the York, or American Rite. In 1850 the Scottish Rite Supreme councils claimed jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees, but they gave up this claim in 187. Some felt that Scottish Rite degrees (13th) cover similar ground, so the Scottish Rite did not need the Cryptic degrees. Since the discovery in the Royal Arch degree is related to the deposit mentioned in the Royal and Select Master degrees, these degrees are logically in the York Rite. Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters exist to confer and govern the Cryptic Masonic degrees in most states and some foreign countries. However, Councils have suffered from the same loss of membership as all of Freemasonry (Coil's reported about 300,000 Council members in 1958, and we could easily estimate less than half that now), and in many places Cryptic Masonry is today unfortunately facing a struggle to survive and continue its work. Pity!

What is "Cryptic Masonry" and the Cryptic Rite"? –

The Cryptic Rite is “one of the smallest but one of the most important and certainly one of the most curious of all the rite,” according to Coil’s Masonic Encyclopedia. “Crypt” comes from a Greek word meaning “hide, conceal, or secret,” and thus has come to mean a vault, cave, or other place of underground concealment. The Cryptic degrees are centered on stories involving a vault or crypt where certain treasures were hidden beneath King Solomon’s Temple in Jerusalem for very specific purposes. No rite of Freemasonry has come into its own so much as the series of degrees known as the Cryptic Rite, also known as the Cryptic Masons. Its popularity is well deserved for there are no more beautiful or meaningful degrees in all Freemasonry than those conferred in the Council of Cryptic Masons. One reason for its popularity is that it completes a story, a Masonic allegory. Freemasonry is very philosophical and teaches its ideals by allegory or story. They were first called “Cryptic” by Bro. Dr. Rob Morris (1818-88), a very influential Mason in the 1800’s. Councils of Cryptic Masons from the center body of the York Rite of Freemasonry. It was Bro. Jeremy Ladd Cross (178301861) who was the originator of the Cryptic Rite as we know it today, he was a student of Bro. Thomas Smith Webb (1771-1819), THE MOST FAMOUS American Masonic Ritualist who is often described as the Founding Father of the York or American Rite.

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MARK MASTER MASON DEGREE

On Tuesday, January 20th @ 7:00PM Ingham Chapter #51 in Mason, Michigan will be conferring the Mark Master Degree.

We would like to invite, and encourage, all who can to come over and help fill up the sidelines.

We'll plan on some refreshments afterwards. Anyone who is planning on attending please let me know.

Thanks

Tim Forche, PHP, Secretary

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Don't Send!

For each of you out there. If you are sending into the Grand Chapter paperwork that needs to be acted upon by the Grand High Priest, such as: By-Laws revisions, Requests for Dispensations and/or Permissions – Do not Send them to the Office of the Grand Chapter. This only delays them getting approved and also gives another step for which they may be lost.

The Office of the Grand Chapter does not see these until they have been acted upon.

Do Send!

Any proposed changes to the By-Laws of the Red Book of Capitular Law. This year they must be in to the Grand Chapter Office not later than May 7th.



Royal Arch Degree – Ann Arbor

Where were you on Tuesday evening, December 16th? Were you at the Masonic Temple in Ann Arbor? No! You should have been. If not, you missed out on one of the finest evenings in Royal Arch History in Ann Arbor in some time. The only thing better would have been the night that you were Exalted.

The Sidelines were packed. Companions from 13 Chapters were represented. We had 10 candidates whom we Exalted from as close as our own new Companion to as far away as Hale, MI up north.

The weather outside was frightful but the food, friendship, fellowship and degree work was so delightful.

You would have enjoyed everything about the evening, including the visitation with our 3 Companions from Canada who were in attendance.

We had Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers from Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery in attendance and taking part.

Although this may be the last Degree for the York Rite in Ann Arbor for some time, since it appears that the Temple may be shutting down and is in fact up for sale, let me tell you that it was a great evening of unity and strength throughout all of Southeastern Michigan.

If you were not in attendance. Shame on you! We did miss you and you missed out on a very special evening.

Both the Red Book Review Committee and the Ritual Review Committee have been working on their appointed tasks and both indicated that they are coming along well toward finally getting them completed.

They are currently in a very conscience effort to insuring that they have them corrected properly.

We understand and appreciate the problems that have arisen at the Chapter level when you have new members who want to become involved and you are unable to give them a ritual in which for them to study.

It is our hope that you do not lose these new excited members because we do not have a current updated, in print Ritual.



Bill Fairchild, Grand High Priest presenting Ex. Comp. David W. Miller his certificate as the Meritorious Service Award Recipient for Region 1 of the Grand Chapter.



David Miller seated in front of the Grand Chapter Officer in attendance at the reception in his honor at the Belding Masonic Temple on Saturday, November 1st.



The Companions of Livingston Chapter No. 30

Invite
You and yours
to attend and help in celebrating the election of our

Excellent Companion

Donald L. Galway

*Right Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan*

Sunday, January 11, 2009

Social Hour: 4:00 PM

Dinner: 5:00 PM

Pinckney Masonic Temple, 210 Mann St., Pinckney, MI 48169

(Seating is limited. Reservations MUST be made by January 5, 2009)

*Mail Reservations to: Donald L. Trumbull, P.O. Box 997, Pinckney, Michigan 48169
(Phone number: 734.878.9297)*

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____

Title(s) _____

Address: _____ City: _____

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Amount remitted. No. _____ times \$15.00 per dinner = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Livingston Chapter No. 30, RAM