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Michigan York Rite Grand Sessions

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

Wed., Aug. 17th – Sat., Aug. 20th

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**

TOTAL \$ _____

checks payable to: **MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE COMMITTEE**
Send to: **MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE COMMITTEE**

c/o Larry A. Inscho, PGHP
P.O. Box 143

Fostoria, MI 48435-0143

Postmarked before July 22, 2011

Make Room Reservations directly with the Hotel at: 517.323.7100 not later than July 16, 2011.

To receive the group rate you must identify yourself as a **Michigan Grand York Rite Member** when calling to make your reservation.

Cost is \$109.00 plus State and Local Taxes, per night. Suite prices are available on request.

General Program Schedule:

Tues., 8/16 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., 8/17 7:30 – 8:30 am Gr. Chapter Registration

7:30am – 4 pm Gr. Coun. Registration

8:30 am - **163rd 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., 8/18 7:30 – 8:30 am Gr. Coun. Registration

8:30 am - **153rd 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., 8/19 7:30 am – 3 pm Gr. Com. Registration

8:30 am - **155th 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. 8/20 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.



Robert E. Cooper

Grand High Priest

101 20 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs, Mi. 49319

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bcooper@mkassoc.com

“GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST”

“Enhance the Secret”

Greetings Companions,

I had the opportunity to attend Grand Lodge at Mt. Pleasant this year. It was a great session. Congratulations to MWB Ted Praria on a wonderful year and to MWB Fred Kaiser, our new Grand Master. Most Worshipful Brother Fred has an aggressive program this year and we pledge our support and wish him a great year.

I attended the Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation held at Schuss Mountain on June 10 & 11. The Golf was great! If you don't mind cold, wind, and rain. I learned a lot about the Scottish Rite's ICE Initiative. The acronym stands for “Incentive, Convenience, and Entertainment”.

I, also, attended the 91st Annual DeMolay International Supreme Council Session in Grand Rapids, June 16.

I was very impressed with DeMolay's new campaign of “Reenergize. Reconnect. Recruit.” It's a One Million Dollar effort over the next 3 years. It covers re-introduction of DeMolay to Masonry and the Public. It's being done by the same organization that did the “AskaFreemason.com”. it includes many features including dynamic web pages and an interactive game type presentation. It allows the user to “Build your world and Build your Character”. It puts the user in the Program as an avatar in which he is a DeMolay Knight building the castle, which contains many rooms, of which one is a Lodge Room. I believe that young men really enjoy the program.

There will be a Grand Officers' Meeting on June 25, 2011 at 1:15 pm, prior to the Reception of Ronald Snider, MSA in Bad Axe. We will be reviewing progress on the Objectives set for the year as well as to begin preparing for the upcoming Grand Session in Lansing on August 17, 2011.

If you are a golfer, and have not yet signed up for the Annual York Rite Golf Outing to be held at the Gladwin Country Club on Saturday, August 6, 2011, please do so. It's a great time and a lot of fun. For all Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, and members you may sponsor a hole of Tee-box, a Flag, recognizing you as a sponsor will be placed on the course for all to see. The Flags will then be presented to the Sponsor's during the Grand Session.

Also, note that the York Rite Picnic will be on the following day, Sunday August 7th. Bring your Camping Equipment and stay over at the Picnic location (Sprague's Cabin).

As time is winding down to the completion of my year, may I thank each of you for your hard work and efforts this year. It has been my great pleasure to serve you.

Upcoming events to be aware of are:

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

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

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

Please note that the June 11, Dowagiac All Degree Day was cancelled for this year. A new location is being checked out.

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 Grand Session. Continue to “Enhance the Secret”

Thank you and Fraternaly,

Kitty Love...



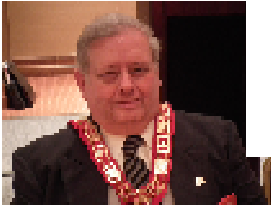
Your Grand Chapter needs you to step forward and give them your support.

Mike Whiting, Grand King has indicated that he is in need of volunteers to step forward 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**

615 Melrose,
Pontiac 48340-3116
248.373.7081
mikewhiting@webtv.net



My Fellow Companions:

I realize that some Chapters take a break during the summer months. That should not stop us from seeking Candidates and giving them the opportunity of seeing what the Royal Arch Degrees have to offer each of them. The "Enhance The Secret" Program has been offered in several locations across the state. It is hoped that more Chapters take advantage of this program as it is fairly simple and can be adapted to fit any Chapters capabilities. The benefits are obvious in that you may gain a growth in membership, but there is also the benefit of bringing the Chapter a new project that all can work on,

Although ritual is the keystone of the Chapter, not all Companions are perfect ritualists. When I became a Mason I just wanted to take a small part in something that I grew to love. Whether taking part in a degree or help putting on a dinner or some other task, it's being part of a team and the satisfaction of seeing a job well done. Quoting a line from the TV show, the A Team, "I love it when a plan comes together." I urge each Chapter to step out of the box of just having a Stated Meeting or putting on Degree work. The real joy of being a Royal Arch Mason is the lasting friendships that we develop as we work together in making our Chapters stronger. Potlucks, dinners, Royal Arch Widows Degree or a night out away from the Chapter with your Companions is a way to cement that friendship.

Last month several of the Grand Chapter Officers as well as Grand Commandery Officers participated in St. Clair Chapter #12 All Degree Day. The occasion was an overwhelming success as they conferred the degrees on 24 Candidates. Some had received one or more degrees at their Chapters and came to finish up their Capitular Education at St. Clair. They even had a visitor from Canada to receive that Past Masters Degree. The day was filled with Friendship and Fun and when talking to our new Companions afterwards they were impressed with the work conferred upon them. With a little planning you may consider this option as a way of increasing membership and participation in your Chapter.

I am still looking for District Deputy Instructor's, maybe you could take a Chapter under your wing and give them a little guidance. Also work with them before the Inspections and help them get a better score. How many of you have just one or two nights a month to help our Chapters in growing stronger and better?

Have you made your reservations for Grand Chapter yet?
Hope to see you there.

Michael Whiting, Grand King

**Committee Report
er RAM of Michigan**

Committee held three meetings in the past year, with almost all sent at least once. As in the previous year, the meetings were held in conjunction with the Fall & Spring conclaves of the KYCH and at the Grand Chapter Educational Retreat in January.

The committee has moved further along with the program to assist Chapter Education Officers with suggested topics for lectures and discussion during chapter convocations. Many of these topics are now available at the "downloads" link on the Grand Chapter Website at ram-mi.org.

The Committee is now looking at other suitable subjects for addition to the list and we hope to add more soon.

The Committee still recommends that any Chapters which are not already doing so, begin using the Program for Candidate Counseling found in the Officers Workbook, that each chapter should have, 5 of, in its possession. It is a series of lectures intended to be read to the candidates before and after each of the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry. In the event of an All Degree Day the lectures could be given to the candidates during the breaks between degrees. Because these lectures help put the degree work into context to aid the candidate in understanding the lessons of the degrees, we feel that this program is a valuable tool both for candidate education and member retention.

The members of the Education Committee thank the Grand High Priest and the Grand Chapter for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Flint Rapids Chapter No. 116

349 S. Seymour Rd., Flushing 48433

Celebrates their **first 125 years**

in **Royal Arch Masonry**

June 28th --- Flushing Masonic Center

Dinner: 6:00 PM with a Program to follow
Including a Saint John's Day Celebration

Reservations Required:

**Cost is only \$10.00 for single
or \$18.00 for couple**

Contact:

Dennis Sanborn, PHP – Secretary
810-659-6192 or at dbsanborn@chartermi.net



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Secretary's Scribbles

Hello Companions:

This year is flying by! Not only for me, but, I'm also sure for each of you.

My sincere thanks to those of you who have been diligent in getting your reports and paperwork in to the Grand Chapter Office. Not only does it make my job, and yours easier, but it will also make the job of my successor that much easier.

Unfortunately, although the Election Returns, 990's and Annual Returns were coming in in a timely manner, to begin with, that has slowed down drastically and if yours is not in you must do so **IMMEDIATELY**. A delay in getting them in will cause a serious problem for the relocation of the Grand Chapter Office and for the New Grand Secretary, it also means that if your Return is not in and complete NLT the 10th of August 2011, you and your delegates will not be able to register at the Grand Convocation.

The following Chapters do not have their returns in as of June 23rd: Washtenaw #6, Washington #15, Excelsior #25, Huron #27, Marquette #42, Union #55, Manistee #65, Colon #81, Iosco #83, Lapeer #91, Cadillac #103, Delta #118, North Branch #138, York #150, Midland # 169, Wayne #182 & Colonial #187.

Dealing with the IRS on the issues of the 990's reporting is continuing to be a problem which Brent is working on. The only thing that I can figure out is that they, the IRS, has too many different divisions working on the same issue and that they never wish to speak with each other. Speaking of the 990 IRS Forms, Brent has indicated that there are still a few of you that have not yet submitted your forms, no wonder that we may be having a problem with your Chapter in keeping our Tax-exempt status.

The Proceedings for last year are now done. They will be in the mail to you in a few days. CD copies of the Proceedings that is. Please look them over, if you find anything that you need corrected let me know so that I can get it done.

I am still missing a few of the Chapters Election Returns. If you have not submitted yours for your Chapter is it because you do not wish to have the correct contact information in the Directory for your Chapter? Get those in immediately, so that I can update the Chapter Directory and have it as correct as possible for distribution at Grand Chapter.

Proposed By-Laws Changes, Requests for Dispensation and Permissions should go directly to the Grand High Priest and not to the office of the Grand Chapter. By sending them to the Grand Chapter Office you only delay the process and add another chance for them to be lost in the mail.

Have you checked out all of the information that can be found on our Grand Chapter Web Site? Any errors which you find, suggestions that you wish to make concerning, changes you would like to see, contact the Web Master at: bcooper@mkassoc.com – Do not send them to the Grand Chapter Office!!!

Do not hesitate to send me an email or give me a call if you should have any questions, problems or concerns.

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

CALENDAR

- Jun 11 – Royal Arch Degree – Mt. Vernon #37
- Jun 25 – MSA – Ronald Snider – Lebanon #125
- Jun 30 – Royal Arch Degree – Livingston 30 – 7 pm
- July 13 – Mark Master – Monroe #1 – 7 pm
- July 18 – Past & Most Excellent – Washtenaw #6
- July 20 – Past & Most Excellent – Monroe #1
- July 27 – Royal Arch Degree – Monroe #1
- Aug 6 – York Rite Charity Golf Outing - Gladwin
- Aug 7 – Grand Chapter Picnic – (Sprague's Cabin)
- Aug 16 – 20 Grand York Rite Sessions – Lexington Hotel, Creyts Road, Lansing
- Aug 17 – Grand Chapter Gr. Convocation
- Aug 18 – Grand Council – Gr. Assembly
- Aug 18 – Grand Banquet
- Aug 19 & 20 Grand Commandery – Gr. Conclave
- Aug 27 – Tri-State – Wausaw, WI 8 am CST (Mich., Minn., Wisc.)
- Aug 29 - General Grand Council - Triennial Assembly – Raleigh, NC
- 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

***** Effective with the September Issue this Publication will be available only on the Web Site at www.ram-mi.org on or after the 28th of each month. No reminders will be sent out regarding it being ready for you to download. Go directly to the site each month!!!**

ANNUAL YORK RITE PICNIC

WHERE: SPRAGUE FAMILY COTTAGE, Near Gladwin

WHEN: 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

Brian K. Himes, K.Y.G.C.H. General Chairman 24584 Laetham Ave. Eastpointe, MI 48021 (586) 772-5582 bhimes617@aol.com	Larry A. Inscho, K.Y.G.C.H. Registration Chairman P. O. Box 143 Fostoria, MI 48435 (989) 795-2138 laika@tds.net
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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 2nd ballot.

If the Proxy is issued to a Companion who is not otherwise entitled to a ballot then he does receive and is authorized to vote within 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 Stqated 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 hove 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 Committee. Please make every effort to get your Companion in attendance for the Grand Convocation on Wednesday morning and he and his lady, family, for the Banquet on Thursday evening.

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.

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 517.403.8616
or

Wes Tapp: tapp.wes@gmail.com 517.902.4148

Upcoming Degrees:

Friday, June 24th – Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37,
Samaria – Royal Arch Degree. 7 pm

Thursday, June 30th – Livingston Chapter No. 30,
Howell – Royal Arch Degree. 7 pm Contact
Don Galway if you are willing to assist.

Wednesday, July 13th – Monroe Chapter No. 1,
Detroit – Mark Master Degree. 7 pm

Monday, July 18th – Washtenaw Chapter No. 6,
Ann Arbor – Past and Most Excellent Degrees,
7 pm.

Wednesday, July 20th – Monroe Chapter No. 1,
Detroit – Past and Most Excellent Degrees, 7pm

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

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.

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 be June 18th, 2011.

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

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 Gaming Event

The Royal Arch Foundation is official Charity of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. It is a local Charity. 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 Foundation?

Your Foundation has approved dates for the Poker Fund Raiser at "The Electric Stick", 6581 N. Wayne Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

Need two Companions per shift. 6 pm to 2 am. Easy work and time goes by fast. The job is to count money and chips during the course of the evening.

Dates: Friday – Sunday's: June 24th – 26th; July 1st – 3rd, July 8th – 10th. Please sign up at: www.ram-mi.org/TH/TH or contact Wayne Turton @ 248.474.9133 or wayneturton@att.com



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,

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

Louis C. McCray at 989-728-5384 / elcemccray@yahoo.com

Steve Striggow at 248-634-3479 / striggosy@comcast.net

Roy A. Ickes at 586-749-9990 / ickes4@comcast.net

Return reservation form by July 1, 2011 to:

Louis C. McCray, PO Box 483 Hale, MI 48739

or 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 Charity Outing EVER!!!

The 2011 Grand York Rite Committee will not be able to accommodate any of the Heads of Foreign Jurisdictions for their housing while in attendance at our Grand Sessions. We regret this, but, financial restrictions has caused this inconvenience.

**** The Committee will pick up the housing for the head of each **International General Grand Body**, or his designated representative along with the food for the days of that organizations sessions and for the Joint York Rite Banquet.**

**** The Grand Chapter will pick up 2 nights housing for each of the **Grand Chapter Widows**, plus their meals on Wednesday and for the Grand Banquet on Thursday. They should indicate "Comp." by each of the meals that they will be joining with us.**

All room reservations must be made directly with the Hotel, not through the Committee or the Grand Chapter. Make sure to identify yourself a **Michigan Grand York Rite Member** and contact the Hotel at 517 323-7100 before July 16, 2011. The Committee will not make your room reservations for you.

All Meal reservations must be submitted to the Committee, accompanied with your check. Any meal reservation postmarked after July 22, 2011 is subject to a \$25.00 Late Fee!

*****The High Priest (Grand First Principal) and his lady, ONLY, (No Proxies can be accepted), of each Foreign Jurisdiction will be furnished with complimentary meals on Wednesday, August 17th and for the York Rite Banquet on Thursday, August 18th.**

***** Besides putting your Title as "Grand High Priest/Grand First Principal" on this reservation form you must put the word "Comp." on the forms for the meals which you wish to join us for.**

Those Companions from Foreign Jurisdictions attending the meals are not required to pay the Registration Fee of \$10.00 required of the Companions, Sir Knights of the State of Michigan.

The York Rite Masonic Bodies of
Oakland Chapter No. 5 R.A.M.
Saginaw Council No. 20 R.&S.M.
Mt. 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, MFGM
Roy A. Ickes, REGC

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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Reservation and remittance before Aug. 20, 2011



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Companions,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. It is going by very quickly and it will soon be time to assemble in Lansing for the Annual Assembly. This past week the Officers of the Grand Council traveled to the Grand York Rite Session in Wisconsin and then returned to Kingsford/Iron Mountain for the annual You-Per Council. I would like to thank the councils in the UP for all their hard work in setting up You-Per Council. It was a great weekend of Cryptic Masonry. Next year it will be in St. Ignace and if you have never attended you should make it a point to be there. Congratulations to Grand You-Perite Bill Leveque and Deputy Grand You-Perite Brian Himes on their election. The Honorary You-Per degree is for all members of the family that come to You-Per Council.

I would like to remind everyone that is planning to attend Grand Council to register and make their meal and hotel reservations as soon as possible to allow the committee to properly plan without the last minute scramble.

Yours in Cryptic Masonry;
 Steve

Livingston Council No. 73 -- *Annual Ben Johnson Day*
 All Council Degree Day -- Saturday, September 10th, 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 or 517.546.9432 with your reservations.

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

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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

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Sir Knights and Companions All,

I bring you Greetings on behalf of our Grand Commander, Sir Knight Loren A. Winn and the Sir Knights of Michigan.

I am writing this on behalf of our Grand Commander who has been suddenly called out of town to care for his brother on his failing health. I would also like to mention Lady Gail's sister, whose health is also failing. I ask each of you to keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

The Grand Commander's theme this year has been "Continue the Legacy" which applies not only to Templar Masonry but to all. The dictionary simple defines legacy as "something handed down or received from an ancestor or predecessor".

When we look at this great Masonic fraternity, we know that our forefathers have left us a great and wonderful legacy. We live in difficult times, but they are also times of great opportunity. We live in an age of technology where Truth is easily obscured, where facts are manipulated to meet the desire of what is convenient. Masonry is needed now, more than ever. Our challenge is to change with the times and continue our legacy, by passing it on to a generation that has few restrictions of space and time. The world is literally at their fingertips. To help us meet this challenge, we have inherited great ritual to communicate our values and ethics. However, we cannot rely on these alone to meet our goals. As each generation emerges, we must be sensitive of the societal and technological changes. We must use these changes to provide new and exciting events and opportunities to demonstrate that Masonry is relevant. We must be creative in thought and action, without fear of change or failure. We must actively involve and mentor our future Companions and Sir Knights. We must develop a program with continuity that will evolve for decades to come. We must do what is best for our fraternity, not necessarily what is easiest. Sir Knights and Companions all, let each of us assume the challenge that is ahead of us to continue the legacy and I quote "Let us embrace the changes that have been thrust upon us and stand together to pass on our legacy to future Knights Templar and this great Masonic fraternity".

On another note, the Grand Commandery is excited about an Out Post that has been established in Iron Mountain. It is our hopes that another Commandery will soon be open in the Upper Peninsula.

Keep in mind that as the summer months are upon us, there are many opportunities to become visible. We would love to have you join us at the several parades which are listed on the Grand Commandery web site (<http://www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mi>) on the events page.

If you haven't already done so, it's time to get your reservations in for the Grand York Rite 2011 Session in Lansing Michigan. The information and forms are also posted on our web site on the events page and can be easily downloaded for your convenience. Hope to see you all there....

Yours in Templary,
 Roy A. Ickes
 Deputy Grand Commander

Sir Knights,
 Please be advised that we have moved our Grand Commandery of Michigan Website address to:
www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mi
 Please bookmark it and refer to it often.
 Send any corrections, additions or removals to me at:
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. With this information readily available on the website for Sir Knights to access directly, it will be easier for all of us to know what is planned and make arrangements to attend and participate.
 Yours in Templary,
 Howard H. Crumit, Jr., K.C.T.
 E. Grand Captain General

APPOINTMENT – INSPECTOR GENERAL
 S.K. James C. Eubank, PC, 1, has been appointed, to take over immediately, as Instructor General. His Address, Phone and email are as follows:
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 Please assist in making this a smooth transition.

Past Commanders Association
 Fri., August 19th 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.*

Petition for Membership

Michigan Council Order of High Priesthood



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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

Office Use Only:

City State ZIP Code

Received: _____

Paid _____

Date: _____

How did Adam live to be over 900 years old? According to the book of Adam and Eve; Adam and Eve, before their fall, had what could only be described as a glowing radiance. An inner light that not only grew beyond their body but an intelligence that also mimicked that of the creator. As Adam was created first. Its logical that Adam would indeed possess certain properties that would have degenerated as the line continued away from him. There have been some that have claimed the idea of their great intelligence to be in error because they feel they can not have lost intelligence. A point of view that is skewed from logic. Point of fact: in High School I knew an upper classman who had a motorcycle accident. He ended up with a plate in his head from the accident. After that accident he was not as smart as he had been before. There was a remarkable difference in his personality as well. Facts that back up the ancient books are all around us if we simply open our eyes and look. But like unplugging an electric device from the wall socket dies we have become just as dead in our outlook. Its that reference that point to how he lived so long.

Moses had a radiance that expounded from him when he came down from the mount (Exodus 34:30). The original Hebrew pointed to giving off rays (by glowing so much). What happens when you unplug an electrical device? It dies. If it has battery power it will continue to run until its personal power pack runs out. That is exactly what has happened. Adam and his descendants (up to Noah) had nearly direct communication with the creator. Enoch is a perfect example of that. Just those fleeting moment of being with the being of creation logically prolonged his life – how long did he live? According to the book of Genesis Enoch lived 365 years before ‘he was not for God took him’. Isn’t it curious that’s the days in our current year? Why was he taken away? Two reasons. To be placed with the Watchers (angelic hosts) who constructed the great pyramid (and other monuments around the globe). And to make sure that he did not perish during the flood. Enoch saw the flood but not from the earth. Enoch would have lived long past the flood on this earth had he been allowed to remain here because of the power from the creator to him (would have rejuvenated his body in such a way that it would have seemed immortal) which would have been against the creators own word to Noah. Lets put it this way. If Enoch had lived through the flood with Noah and his family he would logically be here now (as he continued to commune with the creator). That being said from the time of Christ faith has to will out over actual experience (as its better to not see and believe). Yes Enoch could prove all – but if he were here to do that we would not need faith and the creator would never know if he could trust us for the next phase of our lives (or rather after we die from this life and move to the next plane of existence).

The idea that someone lived Nine Hundred and Thirty years seems rather preposterous to us today. Why? Because no one lives past the age of One Hundred Fifty today. An electric machine given power, when its built, slowly dies over time and it will die a lot sooner than it would if it was linked to the power source. IE: we are powered up at birth but after a few decades we slowly loose power (proven fact by the actions of people today) until age (as we claim today) catches up and our bodies give out. Consider that a battery that has never been charge (lost sight of creator)

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Hello Paul,

I wanted to make another attempt to try saying something meaningful and that I could communicate in the Triple Tau if its deemed appropriate. It's basically an article inspired by Fritz the Hot Tub Frog but I took his ideas out of the hot tub, pumped them full of steroids and drew them out to what I perceive as the conclusions. Hell, the frog is asking me to think! Hope he likes the conclusions! Joking. Rick

A Companions guide to the State of the Fraternity (The Call for Positive Change)

Companions/Brothers, earlier in the year I wrote an article on “The Importance of Leadership and Its Impact on Masonry”. Many within our fraternity seem to be listening as the article eventually made its way to several Masonic publications around the United States and later to various locations throughout the world. Unfortunately, leadership is no longer enough, years of inattention and indifference to our philosophy have left the fraternity in a near fatal state of decline. It's not too late, like our ancient Grand Master Hiram Abif with due attention to our principles we may yet resurrect our fraternity to its prior state through remembering and practicing the five points of fellowship:

1. *Foot to foot that you will never hesitate to go on foot and out of your way to aid and serve a needy Brother.*
2. *Knee to knee, that you will remember a Brothers welfare as well as your own in all your addresses to the Deity.*
3. *Breast to breast, that you will ever keep in your breast a Brothers secret, when communicated to and received by you as such, murder and treason excepted.*
4. *Hand to back, that you will ever be ready to stretch forth your hand to aid and support a fallen brother, and that you will vindicate his character behind his back, as well as before his face.*
5. *Cheek to cheek or mouth to ear, that you will ever caution and whisper good counsel in the ear of a brother, and in the most friendly manner remind him of his errors and aid his reformation, giving him due and timely notice that he may ward off approaching danger.*

Thus it is the goal of this current article to emphasize the fifth point of fellowship and whisper good counsel in the most friendly manner and remind us of our errors, hopefully giving due and timely notice to ward off the approaching danger. To accomplish this, the true state of our fraternity needs to be examined in the most realistic manner (no metaphor, parables, analogies or excuses) and strategies discussed that provide means for each of us to decide Masonry's future fate! Let us not forget our fraternity's documented history which “*began with the first speculative Grand Lodge, formed in London in 1717, which expanded across the continent of Europe and to the four corners of the earth*”! Here in the most straight forward manner possible is what is being said now about our fraternity:

- *From 1963 the fall in membership has been sadly consistent and steep. Our numbers have fallen by 14,061 or 30% in the last twenty two years.*
- *Over 116,000 in 1996 to less than 99,000 in 1999, an average loss per year of nearly 4400 members. One statistic, deaths, over which we have no control, averaged over 4200 per year during that same period. But death is not the only cause of loss. Voluntary withdrawals plus men dropped for non-payment of dues average 3375 per year and for the same*

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