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Duane E. Warner

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Gr. Chapter RAM of Michigan

October 8, 1994 – October 7, 1995

Most Illustrious Grand Master

Gr. Council R&S.M of Michigan

May 19, 2001 – August 20, 2002

Born: October 10, 1949

East Grand Rapids, Michigan

Died: May 8, 2011

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Most Excellent Companion Duane E. Warner was born October 10, 1949 in East Grand Rapids, Michigan. The family moved to the Detroit area soon thereafter and he spent his early childhood and subsequent development years in westernmost Detroit and graduated from a High School in Livonia, in 1967. Subsequently, Duane attended Michigan Tech in Houghton, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, and then worked several years for the City of Westland in its Engineering Department.

In 1976 M.E. Comp. Duane relocated to Portage, Michigan, holding various engineering posts with that city and the county road commission becoming a Registered Professional Engineer in 1978 and thereafter becoming an engineer in Indiana, where he was employed upon his death.

In 1995, while serving as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Duane married his wife, Vicki, in Kalamazoo and was proud of his extended family, stepdaughter Rebecca.

Duane first embraced Masonry when he petitioned Wayne Lodge No. 112, F&AM, the work being done in Houghton by Houghton Lodge No. 218, F&AM, as a courtesy. He was exalted in Wayne Chapter No. 182, RAM on November 24, 1972 and subsequently was greeted in Northville Council No. 30, R&SM, 1973 and Knighted in Northville Commandery No. 39, KT, 1974. After relocating to Portage in 1976, M.E. Companion Warner transferred his several Masonic memberships to the Bodies in Kalamazoo where he continued in service as the Secretary of numerous Masonic Bodies at time of his death.

Duane Warner's interest in Masonry is obvious, as he is a Past Master of Kalamazoo-Anchor Lodge No. 22, F&AM; Past High Priest of Kalamazoo Chapter No. 13, RAM; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Kalamazoo Council No. 63, R&SM; Past Commander of Peninsular Commandery No. 8, KT; Past Governor of Western Michigan York Rite College No. 10 and recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross. He was a member of Michigan Priory No. 22, KYCH (being a KYGCH with 2 quadrants); Gate of the Temple Tabernacle No. LXV, HRAKTP; Ionic Council No. 251, AMD; Michigan Forest No. 190, TCL; Valley of Grand Rapids, AASR; Saladin Shrine; Loyalty Chapter No. 487, OES; Calhoun Chapter No. 24, White Shrine of Jerusalem and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Duane was a Senior DeMolay and served as Master Council and Dad Advisor of two Chapters and received the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1983 and has served on the Rainbow Board and as a State Official, Michigan Rainbow.

He held honorary Membership in several Lodge, Chapters and Councils in Michigan and nearby states.

In Memory of our Beloved Companion each Chapter/Council is asked to drape their Charters/Altars.



Robert E. Cooper

Grand High Priest

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"GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST"

"Enhance the Secret"

Greetings My Companions,

Congratulations to Excellent Companion Robert B. Powers, recipient of the Region 3 Meritorious Service Award. We had a great reception for Companion Powers at Mt. Vernon Chapter on April 30. Thank you to the companions for the great meal and enjoyable day.

"Enhance The Secret" awareness events were held at Saginaw's Salina-Pioneer Lodge # 79 and Mio Lodge # 596 on May 4, 2011. Both were well received by the brothers of the Lodges. We trust that they will be desirous of joining our ranks.

Our Past Most Excellent Companion Duane E. Warner, departed this Life, to serve in that higher Lodge above, in which err long we shall be reunited. May Our Heavenly Father have him in his Holy keeping. Soft and safe to you My Brother be your earthly bed. Bright and glorious be your rising from it.

Companions, we have several Goals this year that we are trying to achieve, among them are:

To raise \$3000 for RARA (Royal Arch Research Assistance)

To raise \$5000 for the Royal Arch Foundation

Redesign of the Grand Chapter WEB Site

To hold 3 "Enhance the Secret" awareness events

To encourage the Chapters to employ the Candidate Counseling and Mentoring Programs for all candidates

To encourage the Chapters to participate in the "Goal Cards" program, and to obtain 20 chapters commitment to use them.

To scan the Grand Chapter Archive Records

If you and your chapter can assist in attaining these goals, please do so. Please contact me for further details on any of the goals listed.

Upcoming events to be aware of are:

May 23-25 – Grand Lodge – Mt Pleasant

***** Please note that the June 11, Outdoor All Degree Day has been cancelled for this year, while a new location is being checked out.

June 11 – All Degree Day at St Clair # 12 contact Terry Baker

June 25 – MSA – Honoring Companion Ronald Snider of Lebanon # 125 at Bad Axe.

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

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

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

August 7 – Picnic

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

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

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.

"Enhance the Secret"



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Dear Companions:

The Installations of the various Chapters should be completed by the time this article reaches you. My Congratulations, to all the newly elected High Priests and to those High Priest who are serving for another term. My wish is for each Chapter to have a harmonious year and show growth in membership. Remember the Grand Chapter is here to help in any way we can.

My thanks to all the Chapters who asked me to install them this year. I was ably assisted by many Worthy Companions and my thanks go out to them as well. You Companions are the future of this Grand Chapter and working together I look forward to a successful year in office.

St. Clair Chapter #12 is hosting an All Degree Day on June 11. If you plan on attending or bringing Candidates please contact E.C. Terry Baker so there is plenty of food. He promises to have us finished by 2:30. The last count of Candidates I heard of was 10. We may even have some visitors from Ontario as they do not confer the Past Master Degree.

Remember your Annual Returns are due and don't forget to send in your check for the Per Capita. With our Grand Secretary retiring to the Good Life, I'm sure he would like to get everything he can get done out of the way for the new Grand Secretary.

We are all saddened by the sudden death of M.E.C. Duane Warner. He toiled in the quarries of Capitular Masonry for many years, as well as the Blue Lodge. He was also a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons. He was the Instructor General for Grand Commandery. He worked tirelessly for the Order of the Eastern Star and his love for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay was well known throughout the state. Alas my Brother, fare thee well.

Remember Grand Chapter is just around the corner. Hope to see you there.



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When we left the tub in the woods, Fritz the Frog and his two young students were bringing kindling to the fire. As they added wood, the fire relit and soon the tub was as warm and as inviting as before, and, they had a stockpile of fuel to keep the fire going.

But soon again the twins approached Fritz, "How come," they asked, "we've made the tub the warm inviting place it was before and a lot of people stop, but not many stay?"

Fritz had been watching and surely that was true. Many were coming and jumping in but only a few were staying. Others hopped in, stayed only a few moments and then hopped on.

Fritz thought and then gave Tod and Ted this advise. "We have made a nice place for everyone to get together, and it'll stay that way for the foreseeable future. But now we need to be sociable. Greet all the frogs that come our way. Make them feel at home here at the Tub in the Woods. That won't always be easy. They're not all the same and not all likeable. Some croak, some groan, some are big and some are small. Some make huge jumps while others take a lot of very small jumps but are very fast. Why, in Michigan alone it's said that there are 13 different kinds of Frogs and each one of them brings his own specialty to our tub. You may be surprised that the one that you ignore may be the one that really enjoys doing what you don't like to do. So, in short, greet everyone, be sociable. 'TO HAVE FRIENDS, YOU HAVE TO BE ONE', and in the end everyone wins!"

Come join **Flint Rapids Chapter No. 116**

Located at 349 S. Seymour Rd., Flushing 48433

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June 28th --- Flushing Masonic Center

Dinner: 6:00 PM with a Program to follow
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Reservations Required: Cost is only \$10.00 for single or \$18.00 for couple

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Secretary's Scribbles

Hello Companions:

It is now past the due date to the Grand Chapter for each subordinate Chapter to have their Annual Return into the office of the Grand Chapter. My congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all of the Secretaries that have performed their duties in a timely manner and submitted their returns into this office. It is necessary to get your reports in promptly so that we can have an accurate accounting of the Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocation, make an accurate report to General Grand Chapter, make an accurate report to the IRS to insure that we, you, are properly accounted for with the State & Federal Governments, and very importantly for a smooth transition with the new Grand Secretary that all of the records of the Grand Chapter are accurate and up-to-date.

In communicating with the two announced candidates of the Grand Chapter they have indicated that they have appropriate, adequate locations for conducting the business of the Grand Chapter including the storage for easy access of the records. Conversation has also been ongoing with both in answering all of their questions concerning the operation of the affairs of the Grand Chapter and I believe that there will be a smooth, efficient transition.

There is only the one Amendment to the Grand Chapter Red Book of Capitular Law for your consideration at the Annual Convocation.

For next year I have been asked to continue as the

editor of this publication the "Michigan Triple Tau" I have accepted this appointment. It should be noted that I cannot put this publication together alone. It requires each of you to submit your articles and ideas to me. I will continue to edit, and or rewrite, your articles for you, should you request. I will never change your content, even if I do not agree with your particular opinion. Please keep me informed as to how you like the format of this publication and what you might like to see changed. The Triple Tau will be on the Grand Chapter Web Site: ram-mi.org on or before the 28th of each month. It will be a 12 month publication commencing now.

Make sure that you get in any and all corrections that you wish made to the Grand Chapter Directory. I will have the preliminary Directory printed and distributed at the Grand Convocation for each Chapter, but I can only publish that which you have submitted to me.

Beth and I have located a place to retire to. It is in Maricopa, which is some 30 miles south of Phoenix, in the State of Arizona. A small town which has been carved out of the desert. Our arthritis has got to be more comfortable.

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 hesitate to send me an email or give me a call if you should have any questions.

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

CALENDAR

Jun 2 – Past & M.E. – Livingston 30 – 7 pm

Jun 4 – Pontiac Council – Auburn Hills – All Council Degree Day

Jun 11 – St. Clair Chapter All Degree Day.

Jun 25 – MSA – Ronald Snider – Lebanon #125

Jun 30 – RAM – Livingston 30 – 7 pm

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 (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

Do you know of someone who should be receiving this publication?

They do not have to be a Royal Arch Mason – If you think this would help them improve themselves by receiving this publication then –

1. You may forward this on to them by email.
2. You may send their email address to the Grand Secretary to be added. *Give him their Masonic Affiliation, PLEASE.*

3. You may copy the paper and present it to them. Make copies available for the Lodge Brothers. Maybe this is one of those small things attracting members.



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Working Tools as Poetry

In the “Working Tools” lectures of the Masonic Degrees, we can find almost perfect examples of prose poetry. I realize this normally might not be considered the proper place for an article discussing poetry, but recently while going over the working tools of the Royal Arch Degree in my mind, I was struck by the way the words flow in a pattern or rhythm I had not noticed before.

For those who may not have been English majors, and I’m with you, I wasn’t either, poetry as we normally think of it is written in verses, made up of lines that rhyme in particular patterns, and repeating those patterns throughout the poem. Prose poetry is written as normal speech, but frequently using alliteration, allegory, metaphor, or other techniques common to poetry, but without verse or rhyme, and still having a pattern in the way sentences are constructed.

Since it is the working tools of the Royal Arch Degree that created this idea in my mind, let us begin there for examples. Emblematically, the crow is to be used to “lift from his mind the passions and prejudices which encumber his progress” (there is both a metaphor and alliteration). The pick to “loosen long habits of sin and folly” (another metaphor). The spade to “remove the rubbish of vice and ignorance, which prevents him from beholding the foundation of truth and wisdom upon which he is to build the spiritual and moral Temple of his second life.”(the final and most powerful metaphor of the entire presentation). Also notice the rhythm in the sentences, with each tool being used to rid us of two things which keep us from achieving perfection; *passions and prejudice, sin and folly, vice and ignorance*. The pairs continue in the final sentence with the results of having removed vice and ignorance; we will find the foundation of *truth and wisdom* to support the *spiritual and moral* Temple.

In the working tools lecture of the Mark Master Degree, the rhythm of the sentences is not as pronounced. However, if punctuated properly when presented, the lecture about the engravers chisel and mallet still qualifies as poetic prose to me simply because of the beauty of ideas presented. They begin with “The chisel morally demonstrates the advantages of discipline and education.” The mind is compared to a rough diamond, because as the chisel cuts the diamond to show the beauty within the stone, so education reveals “the latent virtues within the mind and draws them forth to range the large fields of matter and space, to display the summit of human knowledge: Our duty to God and to man.”(A metaphor for learning to best use our talents for service to both God and our fellow man. What a terrific concept!) The mallet is used to teach “us to correct irregularities and reduce man to a proper level.” “What the mallet is to the workman, enlightened reason is to the passions.” And so “enlightened reason” can be used to control ambition, anger, & envy, and improve our dispositions so that we may find inner peace and happiness.

Now let us look at the working tools of the Symbolic Lodge.

It is in the Entered Apprentice Degree, where the candidate is presented with the idea of using tools as a metaphor for methods of self improvement that we first find the sentence structure that was written about in the Royal Arch Degree. Here is the twenty-four inch gauge being used for a more *noble and glorious* purpose (only one purpose but a still a metaphor and using a pair of adjectives to describe the purpose). We have the common gavel also being used for a more *noble and glorious* purpose, that of divesting our *minds and consciences* of all the *vices and superfluities* of life (a metaphor with three pairs).

In the Fellowcraft Degree, the rhythm changes to accommodate three tools in one sentence, the plumb, square and level, and explaining their use in another single sentence to indicate walking upright, squaring our actions, and moving on the level of time.

The working tools of the Master Mason Degree are broken down into two groups, the trowel and everything else. In describing the Masonic use of the trowel, a single sentence is built around pairs of subjects, the cement of brotherly *love and affection*, one sacred *band or society, friends and brothers, contention or emulation*, and *work or best agree*.

By using these several pairs, the long sentence develops a rhythm that makes it both easier to repeat and easier to follow and understand.

In conclusion, as regards poetry of any sort, I would like to adapt a famous quote about modern art by a person unknown to me, “I may not know much about it, but I know what I like.” and I like the poetry as found in our ritual.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
GRAND CHAPTER LAW**

AMEND Sec. 219 CONVOCATIONS

Now Reads:

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

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

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

Amend to Read:

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

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

Reasons:

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

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

St. Clair Chapter No. 12

Chapter **All Degree Day**

Saturday, June 11th

8:00 am Coffee & Registration
8:30 am Mark Master Mason Degree
10:00 am Past Master Degree
11:00 am Most Excellent Master Degree

12:00 noon LUNCH

12:30 pm Royal Arch Degree
2:30 pm Completed and on the way home

Bring your candidates from around the state. Will be glad to work with and for you.

Send headcount to: Terry Baker 810.364.7352
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Lebanon Chapter No. 125

***Royal Arch Masons
Of Michigan***

Is proud to honor
OUR

***Excellent Companion
Ronald L. Snider***

***Region 1
Michigan Meritorious Service Award
Recipient***

with a dinner and program on

Saturday, June 25th, 2011

Lebanon Masonic Temple
120 Park St., Bad Axe, MI

To make your reservation contact either:
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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:

No officially announced candidates, however, have received verbal word from one Companion that he would be getting his paperwork into this office.

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

The Royal Arch Foundation is the official Charity of the Grand Chapter 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.

Each Chapter should have had it as a major goal that of raising funds for the Foundation equal to at least \$1.00 per member per year.

That would not require a lot of effort and work on anyone's part.

It is the Foundations responsibility to manage YOUR funds. It is your responsibility to see to it that they have the funds to manage.



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:

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Return reservation form by July 1, 2011 to:

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

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

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

We would like to sponsor a hole or tee box or hole for only \$25.00.

Please have the sign read: _____

I _____ will be participating and eating: (\$ 60.00)

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Foursome of: _____

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

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

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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

Make as many copies as needed.
Pass them out to everyone.

Make this the largest Charity Outing EVER!!!

MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE 2011 SESSION COMMITTEE – INFORMATION

The Annual Meetings will be held at the Lexington Hotel, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917.
517 323-7100, NLT July 16, 2011. Room Rates: \$109.00 per night plus State and Local Taxes– specify Single, Double, Triple or Quad. Must identify yourself as a Michigan Grand York Rite Member when calling to make your reservation.

Meal Reservation Form (Please Print)

Name: _____ Ladies Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Special Dietary requests: _____

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 YOURK RITE COMMITTEE**
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 Postmarked before July 22, 2011

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.*

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 before July 16, 2011.

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" 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.



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Companions,

Since the last article it has been a very sad time for the Grand Council of Michigan. The sudden passing of Most Illustrious Companion and Grand Sentinel Duane E. Warner, has left us all sad and with a big hole in our hearts. Our prayers go out to Lady Vicki and the family.

It is very hard to believe that Grand Lodge is upon us and the Grand York Rite Session is just around the corner. The call has gone out and the information is in the mail. It would help the committee greatly if you would send in your reservations as soon as possible so the proper planning can be made in a timely manner. I hope to see you all at Grand Session.

The upcoming activities are a Festival on June 4th at Pontiac Council # 3 Open at 1 PM. You-Per Council on June 18th in Kingsford. The information for You-Per Council is on the website along with meal reservation forms. Annual York Rite Golf Outing and Picnic in Gladwin on August 6 & 7. The York Rite Picnic on August 7th was a special project of our Past Right Illustrious Companion and Past Most Excellent Companion James R. Sprague. He loved having all the companions together at his cabin for a weekend of fellowship and he will be greatly missed. Lady Jody and family are carrying on the tradition and hosting the picnic again this year. It would be a great tribute to Jim to have a full house at his favorite project that he always put on with so much love and pride for the craft and his companions.

Let us all go in Peace and Practice Charity.

Steve

**U.P. (Upper Peninsula)
 All Council Degree Day**

will be coming soon. June 18th at the Ironwood Masonic Temple in Kingsford, Michigan. That is right on the Wisconsin border.

Beautiful location. Beautiful time of the year. The only thing that will beat the beauty of the Upper Peninsula is the portrayal of the Super Excellent Masters' Degree in full ceremonial form and regalia being put on by your Grand Council Officers.

Remember if your Companions received only the Super Excellent Master Degree in short form you should have them in attendance at the U.P. All Council Degree Day, or at another location, so that they can witness their required Full Ceremonial.

Grand Council R & SM
Thursday, August 18th, 2011
Lexington Hotel
925 S. Creyts Road
Lansing, MI 48917

Pontiac Council No. 3, R&SM

All Council Degree Day

Saturday, June 4, 2011

Open: 1 pm

Royal Master – 1:30 pm

4:00 pm --Super Excellent Master Degree

Grand Council Officers portraying

6:00 pm -- Dinner Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Dinner

\$15.00 per dinner. Make your Reservations with:

Mike Whiting, PMIGM, Recorder NLT 5/31

615 Melrose Street, Pontiac, MI 48340-3116

248-373-7081 mikewhiting@webtv.net

Tickets will be held at the door!

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.



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The warmer months of our year have now arrived and with them a great opportunity to display our York Rite / Masonic presence. As Templar Masons we have a distinct advantage in the fact that we are a uniformed and highly recognizable branch of Masonry. Practically every City, Town and Village has a parade or other activity during this time of year which presents opportunities for us to participate in and communicate in some way who and what Masonry is. Through these activities we are also provided a medium by which we can demonstrate the philanthropic activities which Masonry has provided to each community during the year.

As Templar York Rite Masons we should start with participating in Parades, give drill demonstrations, provide escorts for various activities, participate in flag ceremonies and memorials and in General **BE VISABLE**.

Some of the activities which are regularly participated in are the Memorial Day parades in South Lyon and Port Huron. The Fourth of July Day parade in Northville and of course the very popular and nationally acclaimed Cherry Festival parade in Traverse City. For details please refer to our Templar website or contact the Grand Recorder. Also each of your local communities have scheduled activities and, I'm certain, would welcome your participation.

Loren A. Winn, REGC

APPOINTMENT – INSPECTOR GENERAL

With the untimely passing of Eminent Sir Knight Duane E. Warner, S.K. James C. Eubank, PC, I, has been appointed to take over immediately as Instructor General.

His Address, Phone and email are as follows:

James C. Eubank, PC,
 65265 Powell,
 Washington Twp, MI 48095
 Phone: (586) 752-4361
 Email: eubankagy@msn.com

Please assist him as needed in making this a smooth transition.

Grand Commandery K.T.

Fri., August 19th & Sat., August 20th, 2011
 Lexington Hotel
 925 S. Creyts Road
 Lansing, MI 48917

Uniform for the events of the Grand Conclaves of the Grand Commandery are Full Dress Uniform w/o sword.

If you have not already done so, begin practicing for the Drill Competition. Either your Commandery or your Battalion working together.

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.

Also, please take a look at it and make sure the information it contains is correct insofar as your Commandery is concerned and send any corrections to me at: caonline@msn.com.

Our Webmaster handles the Grand Encampment website, as well as various other Grand Commanderies and 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. Send the details of any specially planned events to me at caonline@msn.com and they will be added to the website "Events" page. For example, see the information just posted for Northville Commandery with details as to the annual Northville Parade and breakfast coming up.

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.

Thank you very much, and I look forward to hearing from you as new activities are planned and announced.

Yours in Templary,

Howard H. Crumit, Jr., K.C.T.

E. Grand Captain General

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan