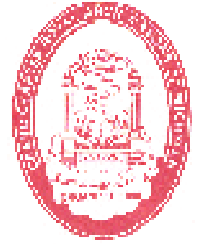


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Who were these old Persians?

I recently read Herodotus' Histories, which is a history of the wars between Greece and Persia. He goes into an extensive background on the build up Persian Power and Greek interactions in Asia Minor where there were numerous Greek colonies. Since many Persian kings are mentioned in Masonry, I thought it may be helpful to my Brothers and Companions if I were to give the kings a chronology and family tree.

Cyrus, the Great, was the founder of the Achaemenid Persian Empire. He lived from 559 to 529 BC. He was known for his tolerance of captive peoples and freed the Captive Jews to rebuild Solomon's Temple under the direction of Zerubbabel.

Cambyses was the son of Cyrus the Great and ruled Persia from 529 to 521 BC. He lack the skill of his father militarily and after he conquered Egypt, he failed in expeditions against Carthage and Ethiopia. Herodotus describes him as a mad man. Perhaps driven so as a result of these failures.

Cambyses' son, Darius I, came to the throne after defeating a man who impersonated his uncle. Darius ruled from 521 to 486 BC. Darius was known as a wise and just king, however he decided to invade Greece in punishment for an attack on Sardis, a city in present day Turkey, which was a provincial capital of the Persian Empire. Storms destroyed much of his fleet and his army was defeated at the Battle of Marathon in 490.

Xerxes, son of Darius, succeeded his father and amassed a huge army to renew the invasion of Greece. He too lost having his fleet defeated at Salamis and his army defeated at Platea, both in 480 BC. It was during this invasion that the famous stand of the Spartans and others at Thermopylae occurred. He does not, to my knowledge, figure in Masonry, however.

Artaxerxes I, was the son of Xerxes and ruled Persia for 40 years beginning on his father's assassination in 464 BC. He was generous in his treatment of the Jewish minorities in his empire.

Note on names:

'Arta' seems to be some sort of prefix in that it appears at the beginning of several names, e.g. Artabanus, Artaxerxes, Artaphernes, Artanes, Artabates, Artabazus. It is not likely patronymic i.e. son of (...) in that it occurs in names like Artaeus and Artanes where the remainder of the name is not a name in itself.

Although not a Persian, the Assyrian king Nebuchanezzar, also know as Nebuchadrezzar, ruled Babylon from =604-651 BC and annexed Judah in 586 BC. It is interesting that his name actually was Nebuchadrezzar. It seems that a medieval achivist/

"Enhance the Secret"

Your Grand Chapter is now working on the second year of an effort to enhance the value of your membership. This will be a multi-year program. It will be changed, updated and refined as needed. So far, this year, we have 3 awareness sessions scheduled:

one in the West Michigan-(Belding) area, which was conducted in January,

one in the East Michigan-(Flushing) area scheduled for March 27th

and one in Mid-State (Cadillac) area scheduled for April 17th.

Although these three areas are specifically targeted, if you would like to attend please contact that area's representatives for information. A Flyer for these events is in your Triple Tau. This program is a joint effort between the Grand Chapter and the local Chapters. A mailing will be made to New Masons in the area and to the local Blue Lodges. In addition to a great meal, a presentation by the Grand Chapter Officers, of the public degree entitled

"The Peculiar Stone"

will be made.

This presentation answers many questions that the Master Mason and his lady, may have regarding his Masonic experience, and what lies ahead as he proceeds into the York Rite.

Although Master Mason's and their ladies are invited and will be not be charged, Companions wishing to attended should contact the local representatives, to determine costs and availability.

Please consider announcing this at the local Lodges. Also, there is information on the Grand Chapter WEB Site (www.ram-mi.org).

Fraternally, Robert E. Cooper, GK

scribe miscopied the name and wrote a 'd' as an'n' and so we have been using an erroneous name since.

Ah, the power of the pen!

Christopher J. King
King, Oakland Chapter #5



Larry Alan Insko Grand High Priest

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Companions:

This has been a very busy month for the Grand Officers, we have helped in degree work in many Chapters.

Did an "Enhance the Secret" Program in Hooker Chapter resulting in two petitions being turned in. Then a seven degree day in Saginaw Chapter where we exalted fourteen new Companions. Finally we just finished two days of meeting in Caro.

With all the degree work that is going on it appears the we are growing, hopefully death of Companions do not over take the number of new Companions. It is great to see so many Chapters doing work in there own Chapters .The work is being put on in a impresses manner and is a lot of fun to witness.

With the "Enhance the Secret" Program in Hooker Chapter we had a great dinner, put on the Peculiar Stone skit and showed a DVD on the York Rite. We were hoping for a bigger turn out but it was still a good afternoon and we received two new petitions. This program is still growing and we will do it again in Flint Rapids Chapter on the 27th of March at 2:00 PM. If you like to attend please let either Dennis Sanborn, Sec. (810)-659-6192 dsanborn@chartermi.net or William Skrepnek, GC (810)-621-4986 lennonpgm@aol.com know as soon as you can.

The seven degree day in Saginaw was long but fun. Fourteen new Companions made it all worth it, what a great way to spend the day. I would like to take time to thank Midland Chapter again for an outstanding job on the Mark Master Mason Degree. I know one new Companion that will not forget being marked. Washington Chapter for a great job on the Past Master Degree thank you guys. Durand Chapter with help from Flint Rapids Chapter and Grand Officers for doing the Most Excellent Master Degree it went very well. The Grand Officers did the Royal Arch Degree. You guys were outstanding. I think it was one of the best all degree days in a long time thank you to everyone who helped and welcome to each of the new Companions in the State of Michigan.

Until next month. Hope to see you in my travels,

Larry

TRIPLE TAU ARTICLES

Your Grand Officers are publishing articles in your Triple Tau this Capitular year. The Grand King has an article each month. Other Officers will let you know of some of their thoughts and concerns on a scheduled basis, they can do so on a more regular basis. Look forward to the articles of your favorite Grand Officer.

April	May	June	August
<i>Due Mar 15th</i>	<i>Due Apr. 15th</i>	<i>Due May 15th</i>	<i>Due July 15th</i>
Lou McCray	Don Galway	David Dossette	Lou McCray
James Kiefer	Tim Forche	Jim Kiefer	Don Galway

We're looking forward to you submitting your thoughts for publication, also.

This **is not** a publication of your Grand Chapter Officers

THIS IS YOUR PUBLICATION!!!

Share the wealth of your knowledge.

Write up an article that you wish to submit. (*Several included this month*)

Let others know what you are thinking! Does not have to be in a final form!

The editor will, **with your permission**, re-write your article for you.

Share your ideas and your concerns!!!



**East Central Regional
Department York Rite Conference**
Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio,
West Virginia, Wisconsin

Louisville, Kentucky 40222

March 13, 2010

Holiday Inn Hurstborne

1325 Hurstborne Parkway

502 426-2600 mention "East Central Regional Conference"

Special Rate but must confirm before February 23.

*** Same date for making meal reservations and ladies program registration.

This is an open Conference/Session for ALL Companions and Sir Knights.

If you do not have a meal and registration form contact the office of the Grand Chapter.

Red Book Proposed Amendments

Must be submitted prior to May 20th for consideration.

They must be submitted to the Red Book Review Committee to insure that they are properly numbered for placement. The Red Book Review Committee will then submit them to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Submit your Proposals early and therefore if there are recommendations that must be done they can be corrected for final submission.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

By now each Chapter should have in their possession forms for nominating a deserving Companion for the Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award. There are three awarded each year, one for each region. There is also one General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal which our Jurisdiction is allowed.

Although as Masons we shouldn't strive for fees or awards, there are Companions in your Chapter that you know who are deserving of Special Recognition. There is always one Companion, who does go that extra level in their Lodge, Chapter and in their Community. Don't forget about the ones who may not have an office but is always there ready to fill in wherever he is needed and does what needs to be done without hesitation. Here is your Chapters opportunity to recognize that Worthy Companion.

This form should be filled out completely as all aspects of a Companion's life will be considered for his selection. The Committee can only evaluate and make a selection on the information you provide. Do not assume the Committee members know the Companion as I will block out the name and any pertinent information as to give away the identity of the Companion to give an equal opportunity to each form submitted. If a Companion was previous submitted but did not receive this award please resubmit his information on a new form and send it in.

If you are not aware of some facts or achievements of this Companion inquire of others who may be of help to you. Information should not be acquired from the Companion and he should not know his name has been submitted. If your Companion is selected to receive one of these prestigious awards, it will be announced at the Annual Convocation in August 2010.

The form should be completed and returned to me by April 1st, 2010 so that I can distribute them to the Committee for final consideration. The more that is written about your Companion the more information we have to consider. In years past we have only received 10 submissions at the most for consideration, so the odds are good for his selection. Please mail forms to me at my home address: 615 Melrose Street, Pontiac, MI 48340-3116 and be sure to keep a copy for your Chapter files. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at 1-248-373-7081 or email me at mikewhiting@webtv.net.

I look forward to receiving your entry and hope that each Chapter will take the time to acknowledge a Friend, Brother and Companion who is most deserving and should be recognized for his achievements.

Mike Whiting, Grand Scribe

Individual Ritual Award of Grand Chapter

Are you keeping your records up to date on the Ritual Award Form? It is available in the Officers Workbook on at the Grand Chapter Web Site under the Forms. ram-mi.org

FROM WHENCE WE CAME

By William A. Siebert, GM2V

Today, I would like to discuss a matter that most York Rite Masons take for granted but is extremely important both to making our meetings more interesting and getting our Blue Lodge brothers interested in the York Rite. I would like to answer the questions: "Why does the Royal Arch Degree exist? Where did it come from?" For the answers to these questions, we need to go back to the beginnings of speculative Masonry.

A casual observer would not regard the Third Degree as having a happy ending. The Master Builder has died and apparently not passed on the valuable knowledge he possessed. Some 19th Century commentators suggested that this was because we would not receive that knowledge until we achieved the Celestial Lodge above. This did not satisfy most recipients of the degrees, who looked for a hopeful solution here on earth. The solution to the problem devised by some "time immemorial" lodges (lodges that did not recognize the existence or the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of England in London) was to create a "second half" of the Master Mason Degree, in which the Master's Word was rediscovered by workmen building the foundation for the Second Temple commissioned by Cyrus of Persia and directed by Zerubbabel, his Governor of Jerusalem.

When the Antient Grand Lodge was founded in 1751, it was tacitly acknowledged that a charter from the Antients conferred the right only to perform the three Craft Degrees, but also this "fourth" degree on any member of the Lodge who has presided over it. A glance at the Coat of Arms of the Antient Grand Lodge shows the Lark of the Covenant, the Lion, Ox, Man, and Eagle; and the motto "Holiness to the Lord" – all very familiar to today's Royal Arch Masons. This rule was quickly copied by the Irish and American colonial allies of the Antient Grand Lodge. Historians believe that the first Royal Arch Degree in the present United States was conferred in December 1753 by the time-immemorial "Lodge at Fredricksburg" that had initiated, passed, and raised George Washington four months earlier.

The "establishment" Grand Lodge of the Moderns at first ignored this apparent innovation in the Masonry they knew. However, many members of Modern lodges sought out Antient brothers that they knew in order to witness and receive the Royal Arch, out of curiosity or pride of knowledge, much as our Canadian companions of today cross to this side of the border to become Virtual Past Masters – a degree they do not confer at home. Eventually, a Brother named Lord Blayney who had gotten the Royal Arch Degree in this manner became Grand Master of the Moderns. He proclaimed a Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch under the Moderns. This allowed Modern Lodges to set up the first Royal Arch Chapters associated with them and to confer the degree on their own Past Masters above the table, as it were. The Antients, desirous of standardizing their own ritual, set up a Grand Chapter themselves about fifteen years later. The American Grand Lodges who became independent of the English at the time their country did also separated the Royal Arch into Chapter during the 1780s.

The York Rite came to Michigan in much the same manner as it came to the Moderns. J. Fairbairn Smith was surprised that Detroit's Zion Lodge No. 1 never attempted to create a Royal Arch Mason on his own. Perhaps they did not realize that they had the power to confer the degree as an Antient Lodge, or they believed that the Canadians across the river were better and more experienced at the ritual. The War of 1812 having settled that Zion's allegiance would be to New York instead of to Quebec, it

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The Past Masters (Allegory) Degree

By: William "Bill" Babka, DDI-19

Companions, I am writing this article concerning the Past Master Degree and how I would like to see it put into place.

Let us consider the purpose of the ritual. It is to leave a lasting inspiration on the candidate, at the same time teaching him the lessons of this degree in a dignified way.

The purpose of the Past Masters Degree is to allow a brother to pass the chair so he may advance to the Royal Arch without having served as a Master of a lodge. Please note what was just said: "Pass" not "go through" it. That means go round and not actually serve as a Master.

No one can serve as Master of a Lodge unless he has served one year as Warden, as stated in the ritual of the Symbolic Lodge. There are two exceptions to this rule: One is the forming of a new lodge where no one has served as a warden. The second is in the case of a Master who dies during his year in office and no one that has served as a warden will assume the Master's chair. These are the only two exceptions, that I am aware of.

The Past Master Allegory allows a brother to sit in the chair but does not make him a master of a lodge. The allegory allows a brother to pass the chair and advance to the Royal Arch.

The reason for the Past Masters Degree in the first place was a regulation that no one could advance in Masonry unless he served as a Master of a Lodge because the Royal Arch was too important to be given to anyone except to a brother that had served as a Master of a Lodge.

The Allegory allows a brother to sit in the chair of honor without making him a Master of a Lodge.

King Solomon names his heir and tells him why he was selected to this high honor. He tells his officers to take their stations in a lodge. Hiram, King of Tyre takes the station of the Senior Warden. He then tells Levi to take the station of Hiram Abiff in the south. This seats him as a warden: not a Master. This fills the requirement that a brother be a warden before he is a master.

Remember, in the beginning of the Allegory, the candidate was told "in the allegory which will follow, you will represent a faithful craftsman whose name was Levi. Imagine yourself to be Levi as the drama unfolds and go with him in spirit as he speaks and acts for you."

The "allegory" to the Past Master's Degree, as printed in the ritual, should be the only authorized ritual of the Past Master's Degree.

I know that change is painful, but we must keep up with the times while at the same time not losing any of the basic principles of the order.

At one time we were twenty thousand strong with one hundred eighty nine chapters. We have lost over one hundred chapter and fifteen thousand members. The last new chapter chartered was October 17, 1975. I think we should make a few changes while we still can.

If our decreasing numbers continue for another 10 years, there will be very few of us left.

The Past Masters Allegory is easier to learn with a lot of small parts and should be easier for more Chapters to use. The brothers who perform it have a lot of enjoyment doing it and the candidates seem to derive much insight from seeing it done.

Most Excellent Companion

Larry A. Inscho, Grand High Priest

with the 14 Companions Exalted
at the All Chapter Degree Day

at Saginaw Valley Chapter No. 31, Saturday, Feb. 6th



Picture by David Seyfreh, PHP Muskegon No. 47, PGC

Most Illustrious Companion

Brian K. Himes, Grand Master

with the 16 Companions Greeted
at the All Council Degree Day

at Saginaw Council No. 20 on Saturday, Feb. 6th



Picture by Duane Todd, PHP Alma No. 123

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

2009 – 2010

Two copies of the Grand Chapter Directors were picked up by each Chapter at the Grand Convocation. On the disk with the Fairchild Proceedings is a copy of the directory. Your High Priest and Secretary, *are expected* to keep all updated as corrections are placed in the Triple Tau.

P. 3 Sharrow, Dennis email change to:

djsharrow@aol.com

P. 4 DDI, District #3, Carl J. Peterson change address and phone # to: 17 East McCoy Rd., Gaylord, MI 49735, 989.732.5334

P. 5 DDI, District #7, David Montgomery, change Email to: dmontgomery@fhgov.com

P. 8 Membership/Instruction Manual Ivan Fletcher change email to: bucks88harley@hotmail.com

P. 17 Sturgis #26 Change meeting date to 3rd Tuesday.

P. 24 Caro Chapter Secretary Wightman change phone number to: 989.325.1559

P. 26, Flint Rapids 116, Address is 349 Seymour Road

----- **From Whence – Continued**

Was decided to send Lieutenant Edmund Kirby to Albany, New York to request a dispensation for a Royal Arch Chapter from DeWitt Clinton, then General Grand High Priest. Such a dispensation was granted on February 3, 1818, with General Alexander Macomb, then Worshipful Master of Zion Lodge, becoming the very first candidate for the Royal Arch Degree.

Blue Lodge Masons should realize that the Master Mason degree, although the highest they will ever achieve, is far from the end of the story. We should recall the longing of our 18th and 19th Century predecessors for something more, and instill that longing in our non-York Tire brothers of today. This is the method by which our Chapters grow and prosper, and by which Masons continue the education to which they have been solemnly dedicated.

Tri-State York Rite Festival

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John William McNaughton, 33rd Degree

Tri-State (Ind., Mich, Ohio)

CHAPTER/COUNCIL All Degrees Day

Saturday, February 27th, Bryan, Ohio

8am registration

***** Note: Ohio does not do the Super Excellent Masters Degree of Council. You will have to do/see that back here.**

KNIGHT TEMPLAR All Order Day

March 6th Angola, Indiana

For additional information contact:

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CALENDAR

** indicates what has been past practice. No official notification yet!

Feb 27 – MI, OH, IND Tri-State Chapter/Council Degrees., Bryan, OH.

March 6 – All Chapter/Council Degree Day – Schoolcraft Masonic Temple

March 6 – Templar Order – Tri-State, Angola, IND. Order of the Temple conferred by ME Grand Master William H. Koon, II with Michigan's Erwin O'Dell and Stan Simons, PGC's as the Wardens.

March 13 - East Central Region Annual Meeting – Lexington, KY, Agenda to be determined.

March 20 – Three Order Day – Battle Creek

March 27 – Enhance the Secret – Flint Rapids Chapter No. 116, 2pm.

April 10 – Michigan MSA Dinner – David L. Hubbard North Branch Masonic Temple, 6:00 pm

April 24 – Council Strawberry Festival – Mason

May 1 – Reception Richard Hitch, GM1V, Westland American Legion Hall, Newburg Rd. 6:00 pm

May 15 – KYCH - Alma

May 18 & 19 – Grand Lodge, Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant

May 22 – Bronze Award, Samaria – Perry J. Parker Samaria Masonic Temple, 12 noon

June 5 – ETS Cadillac Chapter

**** June 12 – Dowagiac All Chapter Degree Day (Outdoor)**

Aug 18 Grand Chapter, RAM DoubleTree Inn, Bay City.

Aug 19 – Grand Council R&SM, Double Tree Inn

Aug 19, Joint York Rite Banquet

Aug 20 & 21 – Grand Commandery KT, Double Tree Inn

Aug 28 – Tri-State, MI, MN, Wisc - Ironwood, MI

Aug 29 – Reception, Lansing, Michigan

Robert E. Cooper, Grand Chapter

Stephen R. Striggow, Grand Council

Loren A. Winn, Grand Commandery

Mark your calendars to attend your Symbolic "Blue" Lodges in your area! Spread the word about the Royal Arch and York Rite Masonry.

Attend the meetings and degrees of the York Rite Bodies in your area. **YOU CAN DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

96th Strawberry Festival All-Council Degree Day

Mark the date on their calendars, Leslie Council #50 will be hosting the **96th Strawberry Festival All-Council Degree Day**, Saturday, April 24th.

Opening @ 1PM and dinner following @ 6PM.

Tim Forche, PTIM, Recorder

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My Companion Secretaries:

Secretary's Scribbles:

Sure hope the weather is nice for you. As you know, Beth and I are on vacation. Leaving as soon as this has gone in the mail and email. We'll be back on the 14th of March. Please hold emails until after then. Thanks in advance for understanding.

We have been working hard attempting to put together an Excel Program for the Annual Return, which we hope will make it much easier for all of the Secretary's to complete, accurately their Return. If all goes well you should be able to use this report next year in order to complete next years return in an even easier manner. A friend, Art Davidge of Washtenaw Chapter is going to try and link the pages together which will make it much easier.

We do not, yet, have electronic deposit so it will be necessary for you to send your check and IRS Report form, signed, by snail mail, all other forms should be able to be sent by email. When I get them I will notify you that they arrived.

The Dues Cards will be sent out to each Chapter immediately after we return from our trip.

You will notice that on page 8 of this Triple Tau there are some changes that have been made to the Ritual, make sure that each of your Companions having a Ritual receives these changes and makes them in the Ritual. No pages will be sent out to replace the original pages, it will be necessary for them to make the changes as noted.

Please check the calendar, each month, and see that it is presented at your Stated Convocation.

I am sure that each of you are correcting your Directories with the changes / updates that are posted each month.

In sending out your DUES NOTICES this year. Make sure that you remember that the Grand Chapter Per-capita is \$11.75 and the General Grand Chapter Per-Capita is \$1.00 for a total of \$12.75 per dues paying Companion. You are collecting for next years, 2011, assessment to the Grand Chapter.

God Bless and Keep each of you.

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



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HOW TO BUILD A WEBSITE FOR YOUR CHAPTER

There are two popular sites used to build and host a website – those are: www.microsoftlive.com & www.google.com

Both sites will offer the same basic features and functions. To use both sites you will have to set up an email account with them. If you plan to use affiliate links to make money for your Chapter you will need to obtain and insert the affiliate links yourself. When using the Microsoft office live site builder. Where as Google sites will add them in for you once you open a Google adwords account.

But really what is the difference? In my opinion the Microsoft site building tool is more user friendly. Even with only the ability to surf the net, email, and read. You should be able to navigate your way through a web design. Google tends to be more for the techy. If you are familiar with the terms and basics of building a website Google will be a walk in the park for you.

There are no costs related to either the Google or Microsoft option. If you want to buy a specific domain name, or URL. Such as www.MichiganRoyalArch.com. You will have to pay for the domain name. These do not cost very much and are worth the price. Where ever you choose to purchase your domain name make sure you can park it at your website.

Affiliate links - Are links that are placed within your site that will take someone who is on your site to another vendor site. In many cases this may be a good way to generate income for your chapter.

Layout – The foundation of every website is it's layout. Think about the last website you visited. What did you like, or not like about that website? Ask yourself "Is it user friendly? Is it easy to read? Does it look good?"

Past Master Degree

In this degree, the candidate is taught that he must learn to obey before he can rule and that he must learn to govern himself before he can govern others.

As dramatized in the Allegory, you will be seated in the Oriental Chair of King Solomon and proclaimed a "Virtual Past Master". When a brother is installed as Master of a Lodge and has passed through the several stations, he is an "Actual Past Master", which gives him the pride and honor of having been chosen to preside and the opportunity to serve the craft with humility.

The Past Masters Degree, the fifth degree in the York Rite Masonry, dates back in Masonic History to England, when all Masters at the time of their installation were required to receive this degree. Only sitting Master's and Past Masters were allowed to be in attendance, which in some jurisdiction, in our Symbolic Lodges and the only way a brother can now receive this degree is through a Royal Arch Chapter.

Content – The next priority should be the content of your site. When inserting or writing the content for your site. Keep it simple and to the point. "Who are you?" "What do you want me to know?" "Where can I go on your site?" "Where are you?" Those are some of the questions that your content should answer.

Curb appeal – Just like selling a house. Your site should have curb appeal. After all it represents your Chapter to people that are complete strangers. If your site looks like a third grader designed it. That is how visitors will perceive your Chapter. If it is well thought out, visual, and informative. Your visitors are more likely to perceive you Chapter as being something they would like to learn more about, or to be a part of, and that is the point of having a website.

Pictures are worth a thousand words – That statement couldn't be more true for a website. Pictures of your Chapter's Officers, Activities, or your Chapter will speak louder than a thousand words. Pictures will peak your perspective Companions interest.

Point of contact – Make sure either the Secretary or the Webmaster (or both) can be contacted through the website. Humans are about convenience. If the Companion cannot get a hold of you then how can they learn more about your Chapter? You must have a point of contact. If you cannot or do not want to turn on the email feature of your site, make sure a point of contact's email is listed. I would recommend to not post phone numbers on a website.

If you have any questions or need a little guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Lewis C. Major III

LMajor3@hotmail.com or (734) 476-5002

Clinton Lodge #175, Tecumseh Chapter #42

Adrian Council #18, Adrian Commandery #4

Companions & SK's:

***Your Grand Chapter
and York Rite Bodies
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It is time for change? We need you the dedicated, devoted, caring and knowledgeable to step forward and devote yourself to serving your fellow Companions in a Grand Line.

Contact your Protocol Committee, or a Grand Officer and let them know that you would like to learn more.

There's never a better time than the present.

Do not delay. Start today!

Ritual Committee Report Of Grand Chapter RAM

Your Ritual Review Committee has reviewed their previous work and the *printing* of the Grand Chapter Ritual along with the *publication* of the same on the CD of the Fairchild Proceedings and is informing each Companion, having the new "**OFFICIAL**" Grand Chapter Ritual, Revised and Printed in 2009, that the following corrections **MUST BE MADE** in each Ritual.

2nd Par. Change "when and officer" to "when an officer"

Mark Master Degree

P. 7 L. 24&25 Insts. L. 24, 25 & 26 should be on one line and be bold.

P. 8 L. 7 Brother should be in line with the speaking parts.

P. 13 L. 4 Brother Senior Deacon should be in line with the speaking parts.

P. 22 L. 20 There should be a comma after Bible.

Past Master Degree

P. 39 L. 22 Line 16 should be Line 17.

P. 52 L. 14 Instructions should be adjusted to line up properly.

P. 52 L. 27 Change SW to JW and JW to SW.

L. 28 Change SW's to JW's.

L. 30 Change WG to SG.

L. 31 Change *WG to SG and Sw's to JW's*.

L. 33 Change SG to WG.

L. 34 Change *SG to WG and JW to SW*.

L. 35 Change southeast to Northeast.

L. 36 Change JW to SW.

Most Excellent Master Degree

P. 74 L. 45 Remove comma after knelt.

P. 75 L. 1 Change to and opened the Bible to.

P. 80 L. 43 Change Brother to Brethren.

P. 81 L. 42 Add after East, to the West.

P. 82 L. 28 Add after file, and then column left.

P. 82 L. 43 Remove "All kneel and stretch forth hands."

Royal Arch Mason Degree

P. 93 L. 11 Should be in bold.

P. 96 L. 23 Add Page 98 Line 1.

P. 136 L. 36 Change threes to three.

L. 40 "

P. 137 L. 2 "

L. 3 "

P. 138 L. 4 Change raise the Arch, to move at this time.

P. 145 L. 13 Change threes to three.

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General Grand Chapter Bronze Award

Ex. Companion

Perry J. Parker

Mt. Vernon No. 37

Samaria, MI

Saturday, May 22, 2010

12 noon



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COMMITTEES

Do you have the expertise in a specific area?

Finance, Education, Computers, Web Site development and upkeep, Proofreading and editing, Fundraising, etc.

Bob Cooper, Grand King is putting together his committees for next year. We could use an infusion of "new blood", ideas.

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All **CHAPTER/COUNCIL** Degree Days

Kalamazoo Chapter No. 13
Schoolcraft Masonic Temple
4371 West U Avenue
Schoolcraft 49087
Saturday, March 6th

8:00 – 8:30 am Registration, coffee, donuts.

8:30 am Open and Mark Master Mason Degree to begin.

Royal Arch Degree may be before or after lunch.

12 noon approximately – LUNCH – Cost generally between \$6.00 and \$10.00.

After Chapter Degrees Council Degrees will continue.

Conclusion – generally 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Wayne Chapter #182

Invites you to mark your calendar to attend the Reception of:

Right Excellent Companion

Richard G. Hitch

Grand Master 1st Veil

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Social Hour: 5:00 PM Dinner: 6:00 PM

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