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Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education -- "Quality Yields Quantity"

WOODSON ORVIS, MSA



Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and District Deputy Instructors present to celebrate with Woody Orvis his recognition as the 2007 Region 3 Michigan Meritorious Service Award Recipient.



Most Excellent Companion Paul D. Williams
Grand High Priest

Presenting to Woodson "Woody" Orvis his certificate as MSA recipient.

The dinner was held on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Romeo Masonic Temple.

An excellent meal was prepared and served by the Order of Eastern Stars Chapter No. 19.

A beautiful evening to recognize and congratulate Woody for his years of dedication and devotion.

BEDFORD CHAPTER NO. 188 ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Cordially invites you to a
Reception
and
Testimonial Dinner

Honoring
Excellent Companion
John G. Roe, PHP

Recipient of the
Michigan Grand Chapter
Meritorious Award

Saturday, April 12, 2008
Bedford Masonic Center
160 N. Bedford, Bedford, MI

Reception: 6:00 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
\$12.50 per person
Reservations Required

Reservations with Remittance
by April 4, 2008 to:
Arnold L. Fenrich, Sr.
10211 Terry Lane
Portage, MI 49002-7105
1-269-327-9752

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Please Reserve ___ places at \$12.50 each for dinner.
My check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

Make checks payable to: **Bedford Chapter #188, RAM**

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____



Paul D. Williams, Grand High Priest

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“Quality Yields Quantity”

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

My Companions:

As I write this Triple Tau article for March, we are getting ready to go to the George Washington Birthday Celebration in Caro. I know it will be a very enjoyable time, and Kathy and I are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

My schedule for March will start out at Kalamazoo Chapter #13 at Schoolcraft on the 1st. They are having a seven degree day, with registration starting at 8:00am. Then on the 3rd, I plan to visit Alma Chapter #123 in Alma. On the 11th, I will be at Centreville Chapter #11 for their inspection, and in Milan on the 12th for York Chapter #150's inspection. My last visit this month, will be Homer Chapter #130 on the 17th in Homer.

Kathy and I will be going to the East Central Regional Conference on the 7th and 8th of March, in Bloomington, Illinois. It is always an enjoyable time that we have at these conferences each year.

Our Chapter, Huron Chapter #27, in Port Huron is having a Royal Arch Widow's Degree on the 28th of March. This will be a fund raiser for RARA and the Royal Arch Foundation. Dinner will be at 6:30pm, followed by the degree. *I am hoping this event or one similar will be portrayed through the state, to raise money for these worthy Charities.*

On the 29th of March, will be the reception for Jim Kiefer, the Right Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil. The reception will be at the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple. The social hour at 4:00pm, and the dinner at 5:30pm. Jim is a great asset to our line of Grand Officers, and I hope many of you will attend.

Winter is coming to a close; we can hardly wait!! I am getting tired of the cold weather, and know you are too. May the Good Lord be with you all, and bless you.

God Bless you all, and remember, *“Quality Yields Quantity.”*

The Joy of Refreshment

Saturday, February 23 was spent, by many a good Companion, in the pleasure and enjoyment of refreshment.

The refreshment of the body, by joining together, as Masons are known to do in the Knife and Fork Degrees of the Craft at a very enjoyable noon luncheon.

The refreshment of the soul as we joined with numerous Companions from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio to celebrate the annual recurrence of the Tri-State Festival. The refreshment of the soul as we were able to rekindle many old friendships and were able to light that spark of Brotherly Love as we made new and lasting friendships.

Refreshment of the mind as we were able to observe the Capitular and Council Degrees put on, some by the companions of our jurisdiction but others by the companions of our neighboring sister jurisdictions. How refreshing to see those same lessons taught, however, taught in a slightly different manner and approach.

No one could possibly leave an event of this nature and magnitude without being refreshed and rejuvenated.

The food was excellent. The conversations were pleasant and uplifting. The work was all done in a superb and efficient manner. Let's go forth and spread the Joy of Refreshment, even if it is only within our local Chapters.



KING'S KORNER:

**William B. Fairchild, 627 S. 15th St., Escanaba 49829
(906) 786.8526 wfpopeye@uplogon.com**

Dear Companions:

I hope this finds all of you, and your families, in the best of health. Please keep in our hearts the blessings, from our Heavenly Father, to the family of Fred and Janet Schneider. They are going through a great trama, in their lives, with the sickness of their Daughter.

As Most Excellent Paul said, it was a great Educational Seminar in Lapeer. The DDI's had their meeting and made several suggestions. ME Carl Hobday, chaired the DDI meeting, in the morning. The DDI's showed their concern in the point gradings in the Inspection forms. They revised the forms, and made it quite more simple to understand. ME,Carl, is making up the new forms, and I am sure all of you will like the new system. It was approved by all of the Grand Officers. More will come out on this, when ME Carl completes the new forms.

May God Bless all of you, and your Families.

Fraternally,

Bill & Ann



Indianapolis or Bust by Bicycle



Companions, as you may remember, in the last issue of the Triple Tau I started that I was going to Ride "Old Faithful" (my Bike) to Indianapolis, for the Tri Annual Meeting of General Grand Chapter, to raise money for R.A.R.A. We are in the process of looking at maps and discussing which way we will go. I will again be accompanied by my able-bodied assistant "Nurse Jane" who is also known as my daughter, Jennifer. She will be operating the sage wagon. To you non-bikers, that is mobile parts mobile, that is when she is not too busy antique shopping! Later this winter or early this spring we will drive down to Indianapolis to seek which route will work the best.

There has been an article prepared for the Royal Arch Mason Magazine which will come out this winter announcing the ride and asking for contributions. The Editor of the Royal Arch Magazine, Ed Sebring, has volunteered to be the Target for a PIE in the Face to be thrown by the Grand High Priest of the state that contributes the most money to R.A.R.A. So let's give OUR Grand High Priest that opportunity.

Companions, you have over the last three rides helped to raise over \$4,400 for RARA. If you or your Chapter would like to make a contribution to the fund, make your check out to Paul VanDeLester (and in the memo line put "RARA Bike Ride) 4115 East Kirby Road, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017.

ALL MONEY COLLECTED GOES TO R.A.R.A. NOTHING GOES TO THE COST OF THE RIDE. ALSO, REMEMBER: THIS GIFT IS TAX DEDUCTABLE.

***** Knights Templar *****

March 1 in Angola, Indiana

9:00 a.m. Order of the Red Cross Tri-State Cast
12:15 p.m. Order of the Temple Michigan

Kalamazoo All Chapter/Council Degree Day

March 1 8:00 a.m. Registration Schoolcraft

All Order Day

March 15 Battle Creek KT Battle Creek

• ***** Cryptic Degrees*****

• **April 24, Bryan, Ohio**

7:30 p.m. Super Excellent Master Degree Ohio

Council All Degree Day

April 26 1:00 p.m. Opening Mason
6:30 p.m. Swiss Steak Dinner, w/ Strawberry Shortcake Mason

K.Y.C.H.

May 17 12 Noon Luncheon Alma Pathways

Chapter Outdoor Degree Day

June 14 8:00 a.m. Registration Dowagiac

Grand York Rite Golf Outing

August 3 Gladwin Golf & Country Club Gladwin

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

Grand York Rite Sessions of Michigan

Grand Chapter, Wednesday, August 6th.

Grand Council, Thursday, August 7th.

Grand Commandery, Friday & Saturday, August 8th & 9th.

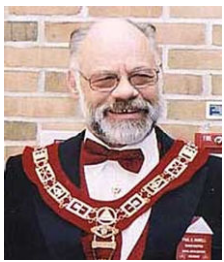
Joint Grand York Rite Banquet, Thursday, August 7th

Radisson Plaza Hotel
100 West Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI

Reservations: 888 201-1718 Email: rhi_kala@radisson.com
(make sure that you tell them you are with the Grand York Rite)

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Secretary's Scribbles:

My Companions:

I hope that each of you have been keeping Beth up to date on your membership, their current status, address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. Beth is in the process of printing your Chapters Dues Cards, and they can be not more correct than what you have submitted to her and kept her updated with.

We will be sending the dues cards out, as we have done since we took over as Grand Secretary, with the Annual Return Information for this year. Shan't be long, hopefully in arriving.

The Government personnel along with the various acts of Congress since 911 have attempted to make our jobs more difficult than they should be. It is therefore, even more important and imperative that you as the Secretary of your Chapter submit your Annual Return back to the Grand Chapter in a very timely manner. **We are going to attempt to meet the IRS requirements for you and file for you, however, if you do not file with us by May 15th you may have to file on your own. Good Luck in doing so!** There requirements are now such that they must be filled on line via e postcard so that for some of you would make it even more difficult.

Filing your Annual Return to the Grand Chapter is not difficult, if you just sit down and do it. It actually only takes a matter of an hour or two and most of that time is spent making sure that the information is correct as to what you have on your files for your Chapter. Much of it can be done well in advance of the close of your Capitular Year, April 30th. The financial report is the only thing that must wait until after April 30th and you can get that on May 1st by going to the bank and requesting it.

It is important that we have your election of officers reports back in a very timely manner also. Please make any corrections to the directory that you have at that time. This includes whomever you may wish to add to your PHP's of your Chapter. Just because you elected and installed him does not mean that he served! We do not automatically add a High Priest to the listing of Past High Priests unless you tell us to do so!@

Always keep a smile on your face and a chuckle in your voice.



Robert E. Cooper Grand Principal Sojourner

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Grand Chapter "Enhance the Secret"

Dear Companions,

As referred to in last month's article, your Grand Chapter is developing a Multi-Year Program.

The first of these tools was discussed in a previous article. This was the Mentor Program. Created to assist and guide our new members in the various aspects of the Royal Craft. You may down load this proposed program from the "Downloads" page of our web site (www.ram-mi.org). Just go to the page and look for the "Proposed Mentor Program" and click on it. If you have not had an opportunity to review this program, please take the time to do so and give us your comments.

The next tool that we would like you to review will also be posted on the "downloads" page. It is the New Member Packet. Please take a look at this document as well. Please let us know what your opinions are. There is a place to enter your own chapter information, in addition to the Grand Chapter and Royal Arch information. This information has been created over the years to help explain and inform the companions about the Red Lodge here in the State of Michigan. It is intended that your secretary download and update it with your specific information, and make it available to any and all new members that your may initiate.

Stay tuned to the Triple Tau for further information on the progress of this effort.

Your support will be critical to the success of these initiatives. Your feedback and ideas will be needed.

Thank you very much.



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A GRAND OFFICERS THOUGHTS

After spending 2 weekends in January with the Grand Officers of both Grand Chapter and Grand Council developing ideas and strategies for the coming years, I came away with mixed emotions.

I am proud to be a part of such talented and

dedicated Companions who give of their time and money to keep advancing the progress of the Grand Chapter. The Grand Officers, District Deputy Instructors and Committee Members have many ideas and programs that they are working hard to implement.

What good are their efforts if each Chapter and Companion does not embrace them and at least give them an honest effort? Not all plans come to a successful end, but how do we know if we don't at least try?

From many failed attempts, success has been attained. We all have to work hard at achieving any goals that are set for us. Your participation and ideas are always earnestly solicited and encouraged.

In the coming months, many of you may be asked to serve on Committees or as District Deputy Instructors. I encourage you to think of what you have to offer this Grand Chapter when you accept this position. New ideas are always needed and what works in one part of the state may not work in another.

This is your Grand Chapter and we are equals when it comes to working for the betterment of this Organization. I encourage your support and continued dedication in making the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan one of which we can all be proud.

Recognition Dinners

March 29, 2008: Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7, reception to honor Jim Kiefer into the Grand Chapter Line. Grand Rapids.

April 12, 2008: Bedford Chapter 188 to recognize Ex. Companion John G. Roe, Region 2 Michigan Meritorious Service Award.

April 26, 2008: Iosco Chapter No. 83, reception to honor Louis McCray into the Grand Chapter Line. Alma Pathways.

May 24, 2008: Manistique Chapter No. 127 to recognize A Eugene Smith, Region 1 Michigan Meritorious Service Award.

In anticipation of his election as Grand High Priest for 2008-09 Bill Fairchild has set the date of 20 September, 2008 for his reception.

Watch the Triple Tau for additional information. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Amendments

By-Laws to the Red Book

Nothings perfect!

Do you have changes that you think should be made to the Red Book of Capitular Law?

Any Companion can submit changes to the Red Book that they deem would be in the best interest for all.

Must submit the proposed Amendments to the Office of the Grand Chapter, 17635 Manitou Beach Road, Addison, MI 49220, in triplicate, prior but not later than 7 May 2008.

The Red Book Review Committees work is not to change any of the intent, only hopefully to the simplification of the Red Book.

Do you know of some discrepancies in the current Red Book? Send that information to the Red Book Review Committee for their consideration.

GRAND HONORS

We haven't even had the receptions for the newest Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter and it is already time for you to be thinking about, know stating, the fact of should you or a good Companion Friend of yours be a candidate for the Grand Honors of the Grand Chapter?

This is a tremendous commitment for any Companion, and his lady, to make. One that you will never regret.

It means that you and your Lady both agree that Capitular Masonry is a very important part of your lives and that you both are willing to commit yourselves to the betterment of Masonry for the next several years. The only thing that stands between you and your commitment to the Royal Arch is your family and your work. Capitular Masonry is the culmination of Masonry.

Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7 RAM

Cordially invites you to
The reception for:

R. E. C. JAMES M. KIEFER

Grand Master of the Second Veil
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

Saturday March 29, 2008
Grand Rapids Masonic Temple
233 E. Fulton
Grand Rapids, Mi. 49509
Social Hour - 4:00 PM

Dinner \$20.00 per person - 5:00 PM

Reservations with remittance by March 21st to:

William Herman
4727 12 Mile Rd. NE
Rockford, Mi. 49341-8202
(616) 866-0669
kahna11@hotmail.com

Tickets @ \$20,00 each: Number required _____ X \$20 = _____
Please make checks payable to Grand Rapids Chapter # 7
Your tickets will be held at the door

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

**Sunrise Chapter #74 & Iosco Chapter # 83
R.A.M.**

invite you to a reception dinner for:

R. E. C. LOUIS C. MCCRAY

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

To be held at

The Doig Conference Center
Masonic Pathways
1200 Wright Ave.
Alma, MI. 48801

Saturday April 26, 2008

Social Hour to Begin at 4:30 PM

Dinner at 5:30 PM

\$20.00 per Person

**Please send reservation request by April 17th
with remittance payable to**

Iosco Chapter #83 RAM

**P.O. Box 185
Hale, MI. 48739-0185**

Please reserve _____ seats for me @ \$20.00 each in the name of
Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____
Tickets will be held at the door

General Grand Chapter – Ritual Award
“Without the Hope of Fee or Reward”

The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International announces the establishment of an award to acknowledge those companions who work “Without the Hope of Fee or Reward” and excel in ritualistic work.

A beautiful jewel has been struck for this purpose and it shall be awarded to those Companions who have performed the following ritualistic parts:

1. Conferred the Mark Master Degree as Right Worshipful Master
2. Conferred the Past Master Degree as Right Worshipful Master
3. Conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree as Right Worshipful Master
4. Conferred the Royal Arch Degree as the High Priest (Joshua)

The Companion must have performed the above parts *from memory*, on at least two (2) occasions for actual candidates. The work must be accomplished between the time period of January 1, 2000 and August 15, 2008.

Nominations

Secretaries of Constituent Chapter are to send nomination forms to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary is to send the nomination form to the General Grand High Priest, who will have the Companion’s name inscribed on the jewel and returned to the Grand Secretary for presentation. The jewel shall be presented to the Companion at a Chapter Convocation.

* * * *Please note? This award may or may not be continued into the next triennium.* * * *

Nomination Form

(Please duplicate as necessary)

I certify that Companion _____ a member in good standing
of _____ Chapter No. _____ in the Jurisdiction of

Michigan has performed the required ritualistic parts
and is entitled to wear the Ritualistic Jewel.

Secretary

_____, 200____
Date

Constituent Secretaries send to:
Paul C. Howell, PGHP, Grand Secretary
17635 Manitou Beach Road
Addison, MI 49220

Grand Secretary will forward to Larry E. Gray
General Grand High Priest
General Grand Chapter RAM International

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