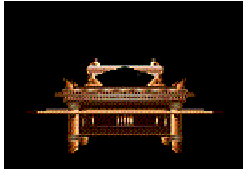


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Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education -- "Sailing into the Future"

The Sojourners' Story

The Sojourners' story is one of real drama, so much so perhaps that we concentrate on the narrative and forget that it is also full of allegory. Any search for the lessons taught by the Order will naturally look to it at an early stage; so it came next in the search.

The Royal Arch is often said to complete the Third Degree because it concerns the finding of that which was lost. This never seemed wholly satisfactory, and yet there was something incomplete about that Degree. When some years later the Royal Arch ritual was revised by the deletion of the recognition word, the 'loss' theme became even more difficult to understand. Over the years I have come to the conclusion that while it is correct to say that the Royal Arch does complete the teaching of the Craft it is not so much by finding something physically lost as by supplying what was missing, the sense of an all pervading eternity in which our lives are set. Nevertheless, there was something found by the Sojourners; and it was only later that I saw what should have been obvious from the start, the discovery came about because the God of Israel had spoken to a Persian monarch – a heathen.

The Jews had not regularly and faithfully kept up the worship of the God Who had brought them out of Egypt, and after the building of Solomon's Temple there were times when even the Sacred Scroll of the Law was lost: see for instance the episode recorded in 2 Kings, 22.8, where the story is told of the religious revival that followed its discovery in the reign of Josiah less than 40 years before the destruction of the Temple by Nebuchadnezzar. So there was a real symbolism in the discovery of the Scroll and of the Ineffable Name; God did keep faith and might even reveal His will through the medium of those not of the Jewish race. But in 1980 this realization lay in the future.

This was the first occasion on which the Address was wholly given over to a consideration of the esoteric meaning of the Order. Some of the thoughts in it are developed further....

WITH THE INVESTITURE of the new officers we begin to look forward to the session which is now starting, when we shall again pass on to those who in course of time will succeed us the story that had been handed down to us – a tale full of wonder, one that we here so soften that we may be in danger of forgetting its magic and its mystery. To me is still full of unsuspecting meaning; there is continually something new to be learnt from it.

Think for a moment about the central part of the story. Three men returned from captivity in a foreign land where on a least one occasion they had been in danger of wholesale

Massacre because they were Jews. They came back to the ruins of the city of their great king, David; the city in which his son, Solomon, under whom their nation had seen its greatest age, had built a House dedicated to their God, the House where the Ark which bore witness to the covenant of God with His people had finally come to rest. To them the city was sacred, part of their history, made more precious because until then they knew it only by repute; now they saw it, the destined place where they knew God Who had long before brought their race out of captivity in Egypt and Who now brought their generation out of Babylon had decreed He would cause His Sacred Name to dwell. They came to a city; they found a desolation, a deserted ruin. Where once the Temple had proclaimed the majesty of God and the authority of His people all that was most sacred to them lay forlorn and ravaged. It must have been a vivid reminder of the disobedience which had led them into captivity. Small wonder that they were content to be employed in a menial task so long as it related to the rebuilding of the house.

There then they toiled, dutifully clearing away the rubble and the ruin, until one day they came upon carving of such beauty that they paused and probed it with great care, finding first one, then another pillar 'of exquisite beauty and symmetry' and a way between them. Now they began to order their work to follow the line of the path they had found. It guided them past six more pairs of pillars; did they realize that they were being led below the place where the Holy of Holies had stood? And then – nothing. Only solid rock. In disappointment and frustration one of them struck the ground with his crowbar and it met the earth with a hollow sound. They looked again and found that they were standing on masonry. They opened the vault and long lost treasures were found.

Do you notice once again here that constant contrast between the Craft and the Royal Arch, the contrast of the ephemeral and eternal? When the ground was opened by the trusty Fellow-Crafts in the Craft legend, they found a mortal body; when the Sojourners opened the vault an altar of God was revealed.

The chamber in which the secrets had lain hidden for some 500 years was apparently plain, but its furnishings if simple were magnificent; an altar of virgin marble surmounted by a plate of gold hidden beneath a veil place there by – well, by whom? One of the fabled Grand Masters? King Solomon himself? Who could tell? Who can tell now? It matters not. What does matter is that for all those years it could have lain there, its very existence unsuspected, awaiting that moment.

For think back now over those 500 years *Continued page 3*



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“Sailing Into The Future”

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Greetings to all Companions:

Another month has passed on. The winter has sure been severe this year. This is one of the harshest winters in Michigan for many years.

February will be a very active month for the Chapters in Michigan. Ann and I are looking forward to visiting Chapters this month. Starting on Feb. 7th I will be at the All Chapter/ Council Degree Day in Flint.

I will be at Alma Masonic Center on Feb. 16th.

Feb. 17th, Lansing.

Feb. 18th, Monroe Chapter (Special for conferring of Degrees.)

Feb. 19th Mt. Pleasant

Feb. 20-21 Caro, for Grand Officers Meeting, Foundation Meeting and the 89th Annual George Washington's Birthday Celebration put on by Caro Chapter

Feb. 27-28 Tri-State Royal Arch Association, in Angola, Indiana. Homer Chapter #130 of Michigan will be conferring the Mark Master Mason Degree.

Companions, again I want to express my sincere thank you to MEC Paul and Beth for their tremendous work on the Triple-Tau. They are to be congratulated for this wonderful publication. Companions, let us keep supporting this great publication by sending in articles, and putting in Ads. Paul and Beth are going to take a few weeks vacation. We wish you the very happiest of vacations.

Let us continue to support the *“Enhance the Secret”* Program. I have high expectations for this program. The Grand Officers are doing a Program called the *“Peculiar Stone”*. This is really worth seeing. The Companions are doing a great job on this. There will be three dates, this spring that they will be putting this on. West-Michigan, Grand Rapids, March 28, 4:30 PM

East-Michigan, Westland; May 2nd

Mid-Michigan May 23rd, North Branch

Also, please support Pat Hobday on her table sales. All the proceeds from these sales go to RARA. Thank you Pat for all the hard work you are putting in on this endeavor.

The Ritual Committee has informed me that have been continuing to work on the Rituals and that we should be hearing about them soon. March 27 There will be a Dinner, for EC Charles Myer, Recipient of the Region No. 3 Meritorious Award. Congratulations, Charles. It will be at the Trenton Masonic Temple, 2550 Jefferson, Trenton, Mi. Social Hour 6PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM.

All of the Grand Officers and DDI's have Raffle Tickets for the FREE WEEK IN FLORIDA in February 2010. All proceeds will go to the RAM Foundation. There are a limited number of tickets that have been printed. Get yours early, while there are still some available. The drawing will be at Grand Chapter this year. You do not need to be present to win.

Ann and I wish all of you Companions, and your Families the best and safest of Travels. May God be with all of you. Fraternaly,

“Enhance the Secret”

Your Grand Chapter is embarking on an effort to enhance the value of your membership. This is not a 1 year program, but, will be a multi-year program which your Grand Officers have endorsed. It will be changed and refined as needed.

We're starting this year with 3 initial awareness sessions. If you would like to attend please contact that area's representatives for more specific information.

This program is a joint effort between the Grand Chapter and the local Chapters. A mailing will be made to New Masons and to the local Symbolic “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 presented. This presentation will answer many questions that the Master Mason may have regarding his Masonic experience, and what may lie ahead as he wishes to proceed into the York Rite.

Although Master Mason's, and their spouses, are invited to this FREE MEAL, members wishing to attend may also contact the local representatives, to determine costs and availability. Please announce this and encourage all Master Masons to attend.

There will be information on the Grand Chapter WEB Site (www.ram-mi.org) soon.

to the days when we are told that the vault was first built and the secret passage constructed. Very few could have known of it. What the world would see and was meant to see was the splendour of the Temple which the king, following the command of God, had built to house the Ark and Mercy Seat under the great outspread wings of the cherubim; the building whose costliness and splendour had been the object of admiration to the surrounding nations and whose fame had spread to the then known world. It was there in Jerusalem for anyone to see and admire. Resplendent in gold, furnished with wealth and splendour, the sacred shrine of the Jewish people at the height of their power, it was calculated to impress and to compel an envious admiration. To the Israelites at large and to the outside world, that was surely what the Temple meant. It inspired, it was meant to inspire, the awe and wonder which vividly mirrored the power and the glory of God, and to convince all other peoples of inferiority.

Yet all the time, unseen and unsuspected, below the most sacred part of that Temple the Royal Arch legend says that there reposed an inner secret which was to outlast the splendour; in an underground vault, without show or ostentation, the Grand Masters had placed the Ineffable Name with the sacred scrolls and vouched their authenticity by causing their own names to be inscribed there.

It does not matter how time may have distorted the legend over the intervening centuries. What does matter, or rather one of the many things that matter, is that we should realize the contrast between the outward appearance and the hidden heart. There was no inconsistency. The Temple proclaimed to all the power and majesty of God; the secrets were for those chosen to share them. All could see the Temple; only the initiated knew what it concealed.

So it should be with Freemasonry. In this sense are we charged to practice out of the Lodge those duties we have been taught in it; in the sense are we instructed to prove to the world what manner of men Freemasons are so that even those who are not of our fraternity may understand that at our hands they may expect compassion, sympathy, justice and charity, and may know that, though we do not as Freemasons proselytize for any one religion, we revere the Creator and each of us practices whatever religion he professes.

Let me quote from the final paragraph of an Address given in 1985 by RW Bro E. L. Baillieu in his capacity at that time of Assistant Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England; speaking at a Masonic meeting in Australia he said 'The world regards us as a secret society essentially concerned with the welfare of Masons and their dependents, and possessing very few principles. Young men out to be clamouring to join us, but they are not doing so, not because they cannot afford to, but because they are given no sufficient indication of what we stand for – our system or morality and our concern for the whole human species. I am convinced that Masonry requires from us a positive and not a passive role. To be worthy of our principles we must do something in the short span allowed us to improve the society in which we live; we cannot properly sit back and leave the task to others.'

We must of course, as in effect Bro Baillieu went on to say, be jealous of our secrets; but that does not mean we must hold our Freemasonry so secluded and so wrapped in mystery that the world in its ignorance is left to think of us as selfish, self-centred and uncaring. Where the dividing line between secrecy and concealment lies in something each of us has to decide for himself. All I ask is that you consider it and make

your own decision, and that you do not unduly criticize those who may, as they will, put the dividing line a little further one way or the other than you yourself may have placed it.

Above all, Companions do not become so circumspect or constrained that it in any way inhibits your own enjoyment with your brethren. Freemasonry should be enjoyed; our meeting should be happy and companionable occasions. Much of our strength lies in the way in which solemnity of procedure and cheerful companionship are mingled in all our meetings. Both in and out of the Lodge room; and in that and in the face we openly present to the world will lie our future. Each of us has his part to play in ensuring that our Fraternity develops and advances for the benefit of mankind in general as much as for that of Freemasonry in particular. So Companions keep the secret vault secure but do not be afraid to let the world glimpse the glories of the Temple.

Understanding the Royal Arch
By Richard Sandbach
Chapter 5
Pages 24-27

Eastern Michigan Association

Pays a fraternal visit:

Companions Paul Williams, P[GHP, PHP #27; David Dehn, PHP #27; Ray Spooner, Master of the 3rd Veil and Terry Baker, PHP 37 & DDI #8, all in their red coats, traveled to the Sarnia Masonic Temple, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, Wednesday, January 28th and extended fraternal greetings following the annual installation of Officers of Wawanosh Chapter #15 RAM of Ontario.

The Installation kicks off a year of recognition as Wawanosh Chapter begins its 150th anniversary. Ex. Comp. Robert Hollier of Sarnia, a current 30 year veteran RCMP Officer, was installed as the new "Excellent Z", our High Priest. It was an impressive ceremony, and on its conclusion, PGHP Williams brought greeting on behalf of MEGHP William Fairchild.

DDI Baker presented Ex. Comp. Hollier one GHP Fairchild's fraternal ships pins.

It was an excellent evening, topped off with the usual dining tables of fine refreshments as provided by our Canadian Companions

Terry Baker DDI #8

Eastern Michigan Association of R. A. M. *Installs 2009 Officers*

Following the brief business meeting of the Association, held at the Richmond Masonic Temple on January 29th, the following officers were elected and installed into their respective stations.

President – Leo Solomon

Vice-President – Bernard Kirchoff

Sec/Treas – Robert Greenwood

Chaplain – Tom Houghton.

The Installing Officer was Ex. Comp. Terry Baker, DDI #8.

The Association is composed of six chapters: St. Clair #12, Romeo #17, Huron #27, shores #69, Lapeer #91 and North Branch #138.

A special "thank you" was extended to Exc. Comp. Paul Heller, PHP #17, for his several years of faithful and dedicated service to the Association.

Terry Baker, DDI #8

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. *** Tentative Activity*

**** Mar. 7 – Kalamazoo All Chapter/Council Degree Day – Schoolcraft Masonic Temple**
Mar 14 – East Central Conference – Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery – Petersburg, Oh
Holiday Inn French Quarter
Mar 21 – Cadillac Chapter All Degree Day
Mar 21 – 3 Order Day – Battle Creek. Registration 8:30 am
Mar 27 – Region 3 MSA – Charles T. Myer, PHP, Trenton Chapter No. 173, Trenton Masonic Temple
Social – 6 pm, Dinner – 6:30 pm
Mar 28 – Grand Captain General Workshop, Lansing Masonic Temple, 9:30 am
Mar 28th – “Enhance the Secret” Program – Grand Rapids Masonic Temple, 4:30 pm
Apr 18th – All Chapter Degree Day - Escanaba
Apr 25 – Strawberry Festival All Council Deg Day – Mason – 1 pm opening, Dinner – 6 pm
May 2 – “Enhance the Secret” Program – Westland Masonic Temple, 4:30 pm
May 9 – HRAKTP & KYCH – Mason Masonic Temple
May 9 – Bronze Award Dinner, Allen Christ, Washtenaw Chapter No. 6, Ypsilanti Masonic Temple
Rec. 5pm, Dinner 6 pm.
May 23 – “Enhance the Secret” Program – North Branch Masonic Temple, 4:30pm
**** June 13 – All Chapter Outdoor Degree Day – Dowagiac**
Aug 5th – Grand Chapter RAM – Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint 48507
Aug 6th – Grand Council R&SM – Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint 48507
Aug 6th – Grand Banquet – Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint 48507
Aug 7 & 8 – Grand Commandery KT – Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre, Flint 48507

Directory Corrections

Page 4. Harry A. Walbridge change email to:
walbridh@charter.net

Page 27. Remove Sam Pratt, PHP High Priest of Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 111, Deceased.

Page 29. Remove Raymond Hulla, PHP from the Living Past High Priests of Manistique Chapter No. 127

I am a little disappointed to hear that some Companions are not keeping their Directory's, which were passed out to all Chapters at Grand Chapter, corrected with the changes as I have posted them for you.

Fare-Thee-Well

Sam Pratt, PHP, 1972, of Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 111, long time Secretary and currently serving as High Priest passed away on January 22nd. He was born on April 13, 1915 and Exalted a Royal Arch Mason on June 5th, 1958

Theodore R. Baderstadt of Sunrise Chapter No. 74 passed away on January 30, 2009. He was the father of Jan L. Baderstadt, PGHP, 2003.

Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Flint All Chapter/Council Degree Day *Saturday Feb. 7th, 2009*

Washington Chapter No. 6 and Flint Council No. 56 hosted an all Chapter/Council Degree day on Saturday, Feb. 7th at the Flint Masonic Temple.

It was a long day for the participants. The degrees were put on in Chronological Order which is one of the few times that they have been done in that manner in Michigan.

There were 13 candidates for the Chapter Degrees and 19 for the Council Degrees.

The Royal Arch Degree was put on by the Grand Chapter Officers and the Super Excellent Masters Degree was conferred by the Grand Council Officers.

Chapter Rituals

Harry Walbridge, PGHP and chairman of the Ritual Review Committee is well aware of the very pressing need of the Chapters for Rituals for all of their new members. He understands that you cannot expect anyone to learn something which they do not have, unless of course it is done by the time old manner “MOUTH TO EAR”.

They, the Ritual Review Committee is attempting to get the review of the ritual done so that they can be put to press.

He's asking that you please be patient and bear with them until the process is completed and the rituals printed.



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My Companion Secretaries:

Beth and I will be back from our travels and hard to work again on the 28th of February.

Our first order of business will be getting the Annual Report Forms and Dues Cards out to you. The Annual Report Forms can be taken off of the Web Page of the Grand Chapter. Let me know if you would prefer to do it this way. It will save me, and you, time and the Grand Chapter money.

Don't forget when sending out the dues notices to your Companions that the Per-Capita is now a total of \$11.75 an increase of \$.55 from last year.

Beth and I want to give a very special thank you to each of you who have submitted membership corrections to our office. This may seem like nothing to you, however, it makes answering questions about members and past members much easier.

We will be submitting a roster of membership with membership information recorded on it as best as the Computer has been permitting us to do. Please check it over, make appropriate corrections including new addresses and email address for us. Afterward keep a copy for your records and return the original to us with those corrections.

We print the Directory off of the information that you return to us. If you do not include last years High Priest as a Past High Priest then we do not include him as a Past High Priest. If you do not indicate that a Living Past High Priest should be removed because he is no longer "living" or no longer a member of your Chapter then he will not be removed. We can not attempt to guess at your desires or intent.

Hope each of you have sent or given your Masters Pins Reports to the Director of District Deputy Instructors, Tim Forche. If not, please get them to him ASAP. It is a new job for him. Please do not make it any more difficult than it already is. Let's work on keeping all of our Chapter records straight and up to date.

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

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Reality and Ritual

By Fred C. Klienknecht

"There just isn't time in the world today for Ritual." A Brother said recently, "I wish it were different, but we just don't use ritual in our lives any more. It just doesn't relate to reality."

He then shook my hand, picked up his coat and hat, and left my office. I glanced out the window as he left, and noticed him putting his hat on as soon as he left the building. Then he reached the sidewalk, pausing to let a woman pedestrian pass, waved his hand to hail a cab, and disappeared down the street.

Of course, shaking hands, not wearing a hat inside, giving the right of way to a woman, hailing a cab by waving, all are rituals. Four acts in less than a minute - not bad for someone who has no time for ritual in his life!

Ritual in some form is a central part of our lives. In our Order, as everywhere, ritual is the oldest and most powerful means of teaching. It is even more than teaching! It is a major source of identification with any group. Each family has ritual ways, or certain ways to celebrate certain days. All cultures have rituals. Ritual is a primary way of telling "us" from "them." Anthropologists inform us that when rituals break down, our civilization is in trouble. All important moments in our lives are marked by ritual - birth, coming of age, joining a community of faith, marriage, death -- they are all marked by rituals.

As Masons, the ritualistic experience binds us into a special community, and unites us with men who might be very different in income, education, social status, race, creed, language, occupation, or experience.

Yet, however we may differ; the Ritual experience of becoming a Mason is a bond stronger than all those differences.

The performance of the Ritual, the conferring of Degrees, is the only real business of Masonry. All the rest, such as charities, educational programs, fun and fellowship, are outgrowths of the lessons taught in those Rituals.

If you haven't been to a Degree ritual for some time, make it a point to visit a lodge and experience it again. If you approach it with an open heart and mind, you will find new lessons and fresh insights every time. Reality and Ritual are closely related as the oak and the acorn.

They are what we, as Masons, are all about.

Upper Michigan York Rite College # 40

Cordially invite you to the

Upper Peninsula Royal Arch

All Chapter Degree Day

Class will be in Memory of:

M. E. C. George E. Sealander, P. E. D. P

Saturday, April 18, 2009
Escanaba Masonic Temple
617 Ludington Street
Escanaba, Michigan 49829

- 10:00 a.m. **Upper Michigan York Rite College Annual Assembly (College members)**
- 11:30 a.m. **Light Lunch (Soup and Sandwich)**
- 12:30 p.m. **MARK MASTER DEGREE (Marquette #43)**
- 1:35 p.m. **PAST MASTER DEGREE (Manistique #127 / Delta #118)**
- 2:15 p.m. **MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE (Mackinaw #134 / Delta #118)**
- 3:30 p.m. **ROYAL ARCH DEGREE Grand Chapter**
- 6:00 p.m. **DINNER**

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**“Enhance the Secret “
Dinner & Program**



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Invites YOU

To a **Royal Arch** awareness program
in your area.

See below for the location nearest you!!!!

What are the wages of a Fellowcraft, and how do you receive them?

How is your work inspected?

What happens to the craftsmen, when the Temple is finally completed?

What is the Long Lost Master's Word?

Event Agenda

Assemble & Dinner

Introductions

Grand Officer's Presentation of **“The Peculiar Stone”**

*****For more information & Reservations*****

West Michigan Area:

To be held **Saturday, March 28, 2009**

Grand Rapids Masonic Temple, 4:30 pm

Bruce Hayden, PHP, 616-455-7742, br2ch@att.net

James Kiefer, GM3V, 616-662-0288, vetjim@sbcglobal.net

East Michigan Area:

To be held **Saturday, May 2, 2009**

Westland Masonic Temple

Donald Toms, PHP, 734-729-3454, donaltoms@gmail.com

David Dossette, GRAC, 734-941-3056

dbldfotog1@aol.com

Mid-State Area:

To be held **Saturday, May 23, 2009**

Chester Gross, PHP, 989-673-7875

chetson@centurytel.net

Louis McCray, GM2V, 989-728-5384

elcemccray@yahoo.com

Make your reservations, today. Bring a Master Mason, who is not a Royal Arch Mason, or two or three.

Enjoy the Friendship, Fellowship and a special Royal Arch portrayal put on by **YOUR Grand Officers**.

They have been working hard in the planning of this program.

This program is being prepared to help you improve **Masonic Awareness** about the **Royal Arch** in your area.

**95th Strawberry Festival
All-Council Degree Day**

Mark the date on their calendars, Leslie Council #50 will be hosting the **95th Strawberry Festival All-Council Degree Day**, Saturday, April 25th. Opening @ 1PM and dinner following @ 6PM.
Tim Forche, PTIM, Recorder

**East Central Regional Conference
of the
General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons, International**

To be held on March 13 – 14

Holiday Inn French Quarter, 10630 Fremont Pike
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551 @ exit 193, I-75.

Hotel phone number for reservations:

419-874.3111, mention “East Central Region”

Joint Meeting with

General Grand Council

and the

Grand Encampment KT USA

How do we get anything done?

I look at the calendar of activities for possible events for members of Michigan York Rite and I am amazed. How do we get anything done? The listing on page 4 of this publication is only a partial listing yet it shows how one can be kept busy in all of their ‘spare time’.

A Grand Officer has committed themselves to be in attendance and assist in any manner possible for as many of those activities as is possible. They will attend all All Degree Days, Major Dinners, Chapter Meetings and Degrees (especially, but not limited to, those within their assigned Districts). They are to assist the Chapters in understanding and following the Red Book and their Chapters By-Laws.

The District Deputy Instructors duties are to attend and support all of their assigned Chapters in the understanding, interpretation of and performance with the Rituals of the Grand Chapter and the attainment of excellence in the ritualistic work of all of the Companions. They are to work with and support each other and travel to as many functions of the Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters as possible.

Grand Representatives are to be in contact with their counterparts in the Sister Jurisdictions. Send them appropriate Holiday Cards and greetings, keep them informed of our Grand Chapter functions and insure that our Grand Chapter is aware of the activities of their Grand Chapter. They are our liaison with our counterpart in that Foreign Jurisdiction of our Grand High Priest, always extending his warmest fraternal greetings.

You, me, we are all Companions and our duties are equal to and greater than all of the above. We are the liaison with the Symbolic Lodge Brothers, spreading the word. Encouraging them to join with us, putting on the best possible ritual for them and finally giving them each a reason for why they would want to come back and participate in our meetings.

A lot to ask! How do we get anything done? It's really easy. Because we love what we are doing.

General Grand Chapter International
Bronze Award

Presentation to:

Excellent Companion

Allen C. Christ

Washtenaw Chapter No. 6

Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

Ypsilanti Masonic Temple

5752 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti 48197

Saturday, May 9th, 2009

Reception: 5:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Mail Reservations to: **Arthur W. Davidge, 4551 N. Maple Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103**

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Excellent Companion

Charles T. Myer

Region 3, Meritorious Service Award

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

Friday, March 27, 2009

Social Hour: 6 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM (Buffet Style)

Trenton Masonic Temple, 2550 W. Jefferson., Trenton, MI 48183

*Seating is limited. Reservations are a **MUST** !! NO WALK-INS!!!*

***** Reservations due by March 17, 2009 *****

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