

# MICHIGAN TRIPLE TAU

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## SO THAT IS A PARADE

The year was 1952, it could have been 2008. Mom. When will we be leaving for the lake? Just Relax a little while. We'll pack the car and leave right after the parade.

Why are we having a parade anyways. Isn't it just taking up a lot of the day that we could be at the lake?

The parade is to pay tribute to all of the men and women who have served this country in the military to preserve it for you and me. Not only those who have returned, but those who died while serving and those who have passed away since returning. Let's just watch the parade and enjoy it.

Notice the American Flag which is leading the parade. It is being carried and escorted by men who are currently serving in the military. Isn't it beautiful the way that it floats in the breeze. The red and white stripes symbolizing the blood of all who have bled to preserve this great country. The white for the innocence and purity of this country and those who live within it. The field of blue with the stars of white, representing each state in this country and the expanse of heaven which the blue represents as the glory of God shining upon each of us. That Flag is a symbol of the freedoms that we all, each of us standing here today, enjoy and cherish.

Notice how as the flag passes by you see everyone come to attention. They stopped speaking, yet their eyes never left that flag. Notice how all the men removed their hats and placed them over their hearts. How some men saluted instead. We love that old flag and all that it stands for.

The parade is to honor all who have served over the years to preserve this country and permit that flag to continue to flow over our great land. Let me point out a few of those marching in the parade.

The Boy Scout Troop which is being led by Mr. Markum. He lost an eye while flying over Germany in WWI. The Scout Leader George has signed up for the Marines and will be going in the end of June, shortly after graduation.

The Girl Scout Troop. Do you recognize Elizabeth and Maryann Grower? They lost their father in Korea last year.

That old gentleman on the hay wagon is Amos Scruggs. Amos is the oldest member of town at 104, but he never misses a parade. He says the first big parade that he ever saw was after the signing of the peace treaty at Appomattox Courthouse. He was serving in the Union Army as an aide-camp for some General at the time. The first parade he said that he ever participated in was ten years earlier. That was when his parents had him quietly in the parade that traveled through the Underground Railway. The settled just west of town and the family still lives there.

There goes Sam Ridgeway riding that old mare of his. Notice his hat is tattered and the saddle looks more like a piece of old leather. Well that is the same hat that he says he wore and the same saddle that he sat while riding with Teddy Roosevelt while charging up San Juan Hill. He loves to talk about his times with Teddy and the Rough Riders.

You know Clyde Lee the owner of the hardware store. Well there he is marching by with others who served in WWI. Clyde has breathing problems from some gas that he received while in the bunkers. You'll never hear him complaining and notice that he never fails to march in the parade. He lost a son at Anzio and a Grandson at Pork Chop Hill, but you'll never hear him complaining.

Here comes those WWII Veterans. Note that your Uncles William and Issac are leading the parade. Both served in Europe. Uncle Lehr could not be with them this year as he is back in the VA Hospital again. And there are Val and LaVerne Fraser. Both served in the Navy during the war. LaVerne sailed on three different ships that we sunk by German Subs. He was luckier than many and survived each of them.

And there is Fred Parker. Fred was on Normandy during the D-Day Invasion. He was captured by the Germans, escaped, recaptured and was patriated by the Russians just before the end of the war.

And there is Norm Mueller, your baseball coach. He was captured by the Japanese in Burma. Always stand on his right side when speaking with him as he received a fungus in his left ear while on the march through the jungles.

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### **GREETINGS FROM THE EAST**

My Companions:

I am so glad that spring is here, and we can enjoy warmer weather. It seems like in Michigan, that spring does not arrive until May, although there were a few nice days in April. We had a beautiful day at St. Catharines, Ontario on the 5th of April. We were there for their equivalent of our Grand Convocation. We were there on the 3rd and 4th of April also, and felt like we were treated like royalty by the Grand 1st Principal (same as Grand High Priest in Michigan) and other Grand Officers there. We are planning on returning next year. Their equivalent of Grand Convocation will be in St. Catharines next year as well. We weren't the only ones from Michigan. Dave and Sue Dossette were in attendance as well.

There has been discussion in some Chapters, as to whether it is legal for Companions to symbolically kneel, and remain standing in the opening of the Chapter, when the Ritual states that they should kneel. This is usually done for the benefit of those Companions who have a hard time kneeling, or getting up after kneeling. It is my ruling, that every attempt should be made to kneel on opening a Chapter as stated by the Ritual. If some Companions cannot kneel and would like to participate in this part of the opening, then it is up to the discretion of the High Priest, King, or Scribe (in the absence of the prior officer(s), to allow the Companions to stand by symbolically kneeling.

It is also my ruling, that when collecting the pass, the pass does not have to be collected from the King, or Scribe. The Ritual state, "Are you sure that all present are in possession of the password". This would include the High Priest of that Chapter, King, or Scribe in the absence of the prior officer(s). Since one of them would be giving the order, it is not necessary to collect the pass word from them.

My travels in May will include, Huron Chapter #27 on the 6th in Port Huron, Excelsior Chapter #25 on the 8th in Ypsilanti, and St. Clair Chapter #12 installation on the 13th. On the 17th, I will be in Alma for the KYCH, and Alpena on the 19th for Sunrise Chapter #74. I will be in Manistique for Eugene Smith's Region 1 Meritorious Service Award on the 24th. During the last of the month, I will be in Detroit on the 30th and 31st for the Grand Lodge of Michigan. I look forward to seeing many of you this coming month, and wish you all the best.

As the Triple Tau will not be printed for June, my tentative schedule for June is Durand Chapter #139 on the 2nd, Horace Maynard Chapter #83 on the 3rd, and Muskegon Chapter #47 on the 5th. Then I want to go to Ingham Chapter #51 on the 10th, Traverse City Chapter #162 on the 11th, and Capital Chapter #9 on the 17th. In addition to these dates and places, I would like to go to the York Rite Session of Wisconsin, but if not then I will go to Dowagiac instead. I will let you know which. I wish you all a wonderful summer, and hope the Lord blesses and keeps you in the safety of His hands.



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Dear Companions:

Fraternally,

I hope that all of you, companions and your families had the very best of Easters. This is a special time of the year.

There are many events coming up in the upcoming months. The reception of RE James Kiefer, Grand Master of the Second Veil, was held in Grand Rapids. It was a great reception and excellent meal. On April 12, a reception for John roe, Meritorious Service Award recipient was held at Bedford. Also, a reception was held for RE Louis McCray, Grand Master of the First Veil, in Alma. These were all great events honoring Companions, for what they had achieved.

Coming up on May 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a reception for EC Eugene Smith recipient of the MSA for District #1. This companion travels 85 miles each way to attend every Chapter meeting in Escanaba. Also, he goes to all of the Chapter events in the Upper Peninsula. Gene is a very dedicated Mason.

Let us remember the Golf Outing coming up Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. All of the three York Rite Bodies support this event. When Howard Little started this event going, there were a few of us there, to help get this event started. It has been growing larger every year. The proceeds off of this event are split 3 ways for the Charities of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. As a remembrance to Howard Little let us continue to support this even. There is always an excellent program and meal after the event. The ladies are also invited to attend, and participate in the golf outing. Every year there are more ladies playing in the outing. The Ladies of the 3 Grand Bodies pick some par three threes and sell chances on closet to the hole.

As, M.E. Paul Williams said in the last Triple Tau, the weather is starting to improve. I realize this last winter was one of the most severe in history. This made it difficult for some to travel.

Masonry has many wonderful individuals involved. Ann and I had the opportunity to visit a 98 year old Mason, in home care facility, and we were amazed at the sharp mind this companion had. This was one of the most wonderful mornings Ann and I have ever had. If any of you companions have a few hours to spare, go to visit. It really means a lot to these persons.

May God Bless all of you companions, and your loved ones.

Fraternally,

Bill & Ann

***2009 Grand Chapter  
Educational Seminar***

R.E. Comp. R. Michael Colpus has set the plans for the 2008/9 Educational SeminarRetreat of your Grand Chapter.

All Companions of the Grand Chapter are welcome to attend and contribute. Mike is making specific plans for the activities of the session.

The meetings will be held at the Oakland Chapter on Wilmot Street in Auburn Hills.

Rooms have been set aside at the Candlewood Suites, 1650 N. Opdyke (within walking distance of the Temple. The cost per room is only \$74.99 per night, plus. Phone number: 248.373.3342. Call ASAP to reserve you room.

The dates, October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

***Parade Continued***

Do you see Mrs. Greenstreet, the third grade teacher, over on the other side of the street? You probably note that it appears that she's crying. Those are tears of joy and sorrow. She was in a concentration camp in the big War. She survived, he parents, 2 brothers and 1 sister did not. Never ask her why she always wears a long sleeved blouse. Her husband, Hiram, was one of the soldiers who released her from the camp at the end of the war.

Here comes Jake Smith. Once known as the biggest hell raiser in town. Just back from Korea. He says, with a twinkle in his eyes, that he will be soon be fitted for his new leg and be back to his old ways.

Notice how each of them walk upright, straight and stiff. Notice the seriousness on their faces, even when they are smiling and waving.

They love this country. They are proud of what that flag stands for and that they helped in some small way to preserve it. They are true Americans!

Wipe the tear from your eyes and let's get going. We have to get the car packed in order to get to the lake.

Paul C. Howell

**May 17** **K.Y.C.H.** **12 Noon Luncheon** **Alma Pathways**

**Chapter Outdoor All Degree Day**

June 14 8:00 a.m. Registration Dowagiac

**Straits Area Council #92 – All Degree Day**

June 21 1:00 pm Opening & Degrees St. Ignace  
6:30 Dinner (Res. Required)  
8:00 pm You-per council Degree – Family affair

**Grand York Rite Golf Outing**

August 3 Gladwin Golf & Country Club Gladwin

**Grand York Rite Sessions of Michigan**

**Grand Chapter, Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Grand Council, Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Grand Commandery, Friday & Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Joint Grand York Rite Banquet, Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Radisson Plaza Hotel

100 West Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI

Reservations: 888 201-1718 Email: [rhi\\_kala@radisson.com](mailto:rhi_kala@radisson.com)

*(make sure that you tell them you are with the Grand York Rite)*

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**Dowagiac (Outdoor setting)**

**All Chapter Degrees**

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Sponsored by St. Joseph Valley Chapter No. 2

At the Alby Sammons Farm

two and one-half miles west of Dowagiac on M-62

Schedule:

8:00 A.M.	Opening
8:30 A.M.	Mark Master
10:00 A.M.	Past Master
10:45 A.M.	Most Ex. Master
Noon	Lunch
1:00 P.M.	Royal Arch Degree
3:30 P.M.	Closing

Lunch will be the famous Barbequed Pig, Baked Beans, Cole slaw, Iced Tea and Lemonade.

Remind candidates to please bring clothing suitable for walking the River Jordan

You must bring pennies for the Mark Degree

**The Butterfly and the Flower**

Once there was a man who asked God for a flower and a butterfly.

But instead God gave him a cactus and a caterpillar.

The man was sad, he didn't understand why his request was mistaken.

Then he thought: Oh well, God has too many people to care for ... and decided not to question.

After some time, the man went to check up on his request that he had left forgotten.

To his surprise, from the thorny & ugly cactus a beautiful flower had grown. And the unsightly caterpillar had been transformed into the most beautiful butterfly.

GOD always does things right! His way is ALWAYS the best way, even if to us it seems all wrong.

If you asked God for one thing & received another, TRUST. You can be sure that he will always give you what you need at the appropriate time.

What you want ... is not always what you need!

God never fails to grant our petitions, so keep on going for HIM without doubting or murmuring.

**Today's THORN ... Is tomorrow's FLOWER!  
GOD GIVES THE VERY BEST TO THOSE  
WHO LEAVE THE CHOICES UP TO HIM!**



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### Secretary's Scribbles:

My Companion Secretaries:

As you read this I must tell you that I know that this is the most difficult time of the year for each of you. You have the Annual Returns which must be completed and sent in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Each of you is slaving away to insure that your Report, both Membership and Financially complete and accurate. Soon I will have these and everything else at my home and ready to begin getting everything completed for the Ann Convocation.

I say soon. Right now, may I assure you, I am not even thinking about you. Beth and I are in Law Vegas on Vacation. Hope you don't mind that while the craftsmen are hard at work in the quarries the rest of us are on vacation. Wine, women and song. I will not go to sleep at my post, however.

Soon after we are back, May 7<sup>th</sup>, I will again be opening the Grand Chapter Office and then there will be no rest for the wicked. The only respite that I will have will be that there will be no Triple Tau published in June. The July issue will be primarily directed and devoted toward the Grand Convocation. Legislation, should we have any, information on candidates who have announced and any other important and earth shattering news.

By the way. I will be willing to accept the office of Grand Secretary for another year, if elected, maybe even two more years. Beth cannot retire and therefore I will still be remaining in Michigan and hate sitting around doing nothing. When she is retired and we move to warmer climes, I will probably not be sitting around, as I have given some thoughts to writing a book or two, attempting to figure out how to hit a golf ball correctly, enjoying the fresh air and getting a good tan.

Good luck to each of you, Stay well! Keep a smile on your face and a chuckle in your voice.

**THE FREEMASONS - MYSTERY, MYTH AND TRUTH** film is available on DVD.

**Best selling author John J. Robinson ("Born In Blood") collaborated and participated in making this film.**

We encourage brethren to use this DVD to promote our Masonic legacy and attract new, worthy candidates. Our hope is that it will help revitalize the Craft both here in the US and beyond.

This beautiful film traces the complete history and majesty of the Craft. It features noted Masonic historians John J. Robinson and Jerry Marsengill and a cast of professional actors in dramatic recreations of Masonic history. This film answers most all questions about the fraternity.

Go to <http://www.freemasonsfilm.com/downloadvideo.html> to watch a 2-1/2 minute preview trailer of the film.

**The many-fold use of the film could be to:**

- 1) Educate and renew the enthusiasm of our present membership;
- 2) Inspire newly raised Masons to begin their active participation in Lodge;
- 3) Enlighten our families about the wonderful Fraternity to which we are devoted;
- 4) Attract well qualified candidates;
- 5) Discredit anti-Masonic propaganda and general misinformation;
- 6) Serve as an entertaining, general introduction to Freemasonry for non-Masons.

In addition to showing the film at open-lodge nights, we offer these suggestions for leveraging the DVD:

If a member's wife, family or friends have difficulty understanding what Freemasonry is all about, watch the video together and discuss it.

If one's neighbors have seen an anti-Masonic TV program, website or book and have asked you to respond to any false assertions, invite them into your home and show them the real story of Masonry.

- Interest the younger generation in the values of the Craft without boring them by entertaining them with this film that offers Hollywood-style production values.

Other uses include presenting a copy to a new member as a lodge- welcoming gift, rewarding an outgoing Master or officers with a personal copy, and sending it as a birthday or holiday gift to a Brother Mason or loved one.

The film is 56 minutes long plus 7 minutes of additional footage and many extras on the DVD.

Visit <http://www.freemasonsfilm.com/shop/> for more information and how to order your copy of THE FREEMASONS on DVD.

*A portion of the funds from sale of this DVD benefits Masonic charities.*

**ORDER NOW AND RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL DVD ABOUT THE GROTTOS AS BONUS GIFT.**

**MANISTIQUE CHAPTER NO 127**

Invites All To A  
Reception Honoring

**Excellent Companion  
Eugene Smith, PHP**

Recipient of the  
*Michigan Grand Chapter  
Region 1 Meritorious Service Award*

Saturday, May 24, 2008  
Manistique Masonic center  
2098 S. Cedar St., Manistique, MI

*Reception: 5:30 pm  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Only -- \$8.00 per person*

Send Reservations to:  
Kenneth A. Rautiola  
5107 W. River Rd.  
Manistique, MI 49854  
(906) 341-8422

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$8.00 each for  
dinner. My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
is enclosed payable to:  
Manistique Chapter No. 127 RAM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lady: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Office of the Grand Chapter closed!  
April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Vacation – Las Vegas  
We won't be taking your money!!!

Grand Chapter New Phone Number:  
517 262.5140

Secretary's/Secretary: 517 262.4070

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It is important that each Chapter get its Annual Election return and Annual Return materials and forms back into the Grand Chapter on time and accurately. If they are we will do everything in our power to take care of the IRS 990-N for the Chapter.

The Election Return and Directory update must be returned within 24 hours of the election.

The Annual Return must be completed and placed into the mail between May 1 and May 15. Get started now and they can be completed easily.

**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**

Are you considering an interest in the Grand Chapter Line in the near future. This year is an excellent time for you to get started. We have an opening at the Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil. This is a tremendous commitment for any Companion, and his lady, to make. One in which you will never regret!

It is an enjoyable and rewarding travel through a Grand Line. Seriously consider it.

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.



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## **Michigan Masonic Museum and Library**

Dear Companions,

The Michigan Masonic Museum and Library, located in Grand Rapids in the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple at 233 E. Fulton is a major resource for all Masonic brethren and scholars.

**The Collections:** The Library collections are comprised of

some 5,000 volumes, including Proceedings Michigan and national Masonic Bodies, Research Transactions of Papers from numerous Lodges and Societies of Research, bound periodicals, published books on Masonry including history, philosophy, biographies, leadership and music. There are some 750 volumes in the Rare Books collection, dating from the 1700's

The Ritual Room comprises over 500 rituals and monitors dating from the post-Civil War era, with relatively complete collections of Michigan Craft Masonry rituals, independently published national rituals, and appendant bodies' rituals.

The Museum collection includes rare Masonic aprons dating from the 1700's, Past Officer jewels including 2 Past Grand Master Jewels dating from 1855 and 1977, china, glass, textiles and paper.

The Archives of the Grand Lodge, including the original Minute Book from the Grand Lodge of Michigan dating from 1926, other Lewis Cass signature documents, and numerous other articles documenting the history of Michigan Masonry.

**Access to the Collections:** The 5,000 square foot Museum and Library was opened in 2001, designed by the architectural firm Fishbeck, Thompson and Kerr as a complete rehab of cleared space in the Grand Rapids Masonic Center. The Masonic Foundation did not share in the conversion cost of the spaces, it was a turnkey project financed by the Temple Association. It provided all new, independent heating, cooling, humidity control, electronic and television security, housekeeping, secured storage rooms with covered, attached free guest parking.

The Museum and Library has public hours from 1:00 to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Weekend tours are available on an individual scheduled basis. Morning and evenings are work times for the Director and occasional volunteers.

The museum and Library has a website [www.gl-mi.com/library](http://www.gl-mi.com/library) currently under construction, which includes images of part of the collections and the library catalog.

**Outreach:** You may visit the Museum and Library during the public hours, or make arrangements for a tour. This can be a great outing for your Lodge or Chapter members.

Plans a underway to extend the website as well as create a traveling Power-point presentation.

**Contributions:** If you have Masonic materials that you would like to preserve, display, or donate or to arrange for a tour, please contact the Director, John A. Wallsteadt @ 616.459.9339 or toll-free @ 888.748.4540 or via email at: [Library@gl-mi.org](mailto:Library@gl-mi.org)

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## **Law of the Garbage Truck**

I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on this breaks, skidded and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!'

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

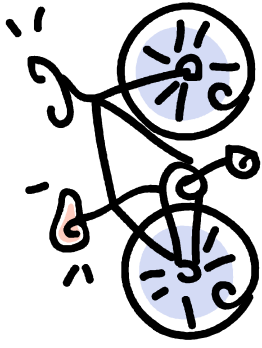
He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so ...

**'Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.'**



# Indianapolis or Bust by Bicycle

## 2008 YORK RITE GOLF OUTING

**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
4 person Scramble for  
members, family & friends)  
(Men and Women)  
\$60.00 /person Includes  
18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes

Tee time: 11:00 A.M.  
Gladwin Golf Course  
3551 W. M-61, Gladwin, Michigan

Want dinner only?  
\$18.00 at approx. 4:30 P.M.  
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We would like to sponsor a hole or tee box for only  
\$25.00. Have the sign read:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be participating:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$60.00)  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Playing with: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dinners Only: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Steak \_\_\_\_\_ # of Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find my payment for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Robert E. Cooper –  
marked: "YR GOLF Outing"

Send to:  
Robert E. Cooper  
101 20 Mile Road  
Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Companions, as you may remember, in the last issue of the Triple Tau I stated 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.**