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Worshipful Masters' Address #5

William Young, PHP, Mt. Pleasant #111

Who did build the Great Pyramid? How? How was Enoch involved?

To explain that I need to point to the canonized bible and the statement canonized. There are other books out there that should have been included within the bible but were not. Just as there are as many reasons why they were not included as there are books that should have been.

Point of fact. Have you ever heard of the book of Adam and Eve? Or what about the book of the Twelve Patriarchs? Have you ever found them? Have you ever even read the bible that everyone always seems to quote? I don't mean read it like you read a menu for dinner; I mean read it, and comprehend, as well as understand what you read? Consider this: The bible records a line from Adam to Noah. Why? Why keep that record if we are all descendants of Noah anyway? Why? Adam was the first monarch of this planet. Not just the city he built but this whole world. What is the one line in the world today that is well known? The Queen of England. Why? Her line is traced back to Judah (one of the 12 sons of Jacob/Israel). Judah's last statements to his descendants (though they were still in Egypt) just prior to his death is detailed in the book of the 12 Patriarchs. Hence the title. Why? Why is their line singled out? Because they were chosen by the one being of creation. They were chosen. From Adam on down they were chosen. That line is detailed for two reasons. They were ruling and they were chosen. Adam was the total monarch of the world. He gave that ruler ship up to the evil one when he disobeyed the command of the creator and ate the forbidden fruit (remember Genesis?). Adam lost his total monarchy and simply ruled his city (as city that was very advanced even from what we are now) A city that most consider fable – Atlantis – a city destroyed by a flood (coincidence to Noah?)! Adam passed his ruler ship on to his son when he retired (he didn't die until much later because of a reason I will get to next month). Adam's son Seth (the chosen heir) and his line to Noah ruled that city until it was destroyed in the time of Noah. Why do we have their record of lineage? Because they were the ruling line! The name of the City was irrelevant to them just like our home town would be to us today.

The books of Enoch, like the books of Jubilee and Jasher should have been included in the canonized bible but were not. Actually there are

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Retention

This is the art of keeping your membership coming back to your meetings and staying active.

Some would say that this is not an art. I for one, would submit that it is, and should be practiced every day. Have you ever noticed that the largest words in the English language only contain three or less letters. **I, can, do, it, if, you may help.** We can do it. You can do it. These sentences contain very few letters, but have powerful meanings.

The High Priest of a chapter is the team leader of his chapter and without you as a member of the team, puts him at the disadvantage of being one member short. The ideas and input you have, that will not be available to him and the team without your presence. Saying that you can not make a difference is cutting yourself short. Every contribution to the chapter makes a difference whether it is large or small. The only bad idea is the one not heard or tried.

Here are some things that may help your chapter with retention.

DEVELOP A FIVE YEAR PLAN

1. Create a Mission Statement

To ensure everyone in your chapter is operating on the same page, so to speak, it is essential

to formulate a chapter mission statement. For example:

Capitular Masonry is a fraternity of men with a mission to:

1. Promote the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.
2. Improve the individual character, leadership, and spirit of our Companions through relevant programs.
3. Inspire men to support the principles of the organization.
4. Promote family and community values.
5. Strengthen and promote Capitular Masonry and its worldwide brotherhood.
6. Serve mankind through the impact of its extensive

charitable outreach

What does your Chapter have as its mission?

What does your Chapter have as a vision?

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A number of passages in our King James version that were translated wrong to begin with (ask me about 'thou shalt not suffer a witch to live' some time). What I am amazed at the fact that the King James bible is actually rather close to the proper translations in most of it. It says something about the translators over the centuries. But there were errors that were compounded and as such I am not going to get into them here.

Enoch, according to the Book of Enoch and the Book of Jasher, was the foreman of a rather interesting group of builders prior to the great flood (Noah). Remember your bible Enoch was the father of Methuselah and the Great Grandfather of Noah.

To make a long story short: Enoch built the great pyramid for two reasons. To be a witness for the ages. And to be a storehouse for a record of the events from their time kept by Enoch and all of his ancestors (the ruling monarchs) prior to him.

But where is the record? The whole pyramid has been excavated and nothing was found. That's not quite true. There is a door that was discovered a few years ago with the so called air passage south of what is called the Queens Chamber in the Great Pyramid. That door is sealed and the Egyptian government (today) refuse to give a permit to open it. They are afraid of what they will find in it I already know. Proof of what we call Atlantis and proof of the ancients all the way back to Adam. Exactly what the Darwinists can not allow to be discovered.

How was the pyramid built? The use of sound waves (ultra low and very low frequency). Who built it? Enoch was the designer or grand master based on instruction from the creator. Angelic hosts were the building crew with their mastery of sound. Sound far fetched? Wait till next month when I explain how Adam and his descendants lived so long.

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Set Measurable and Meaningful Goals

A Chapter may aspire to several goals. As you formulate your mission, start thinking about just what it is you and your fellow chapter members are trying to accomplish through the active duties of the chapter. Here are some examples:

- Understand the makeup of our Chapter and what the Brethren desire.
- Be attractive to Masonic Brethren.
- Build closer working relationships with Grand Chapter and other Masonic-based organizations.
- Be an organization that is managed effectively.
- Be led by men with effective leadership skills.
- Be recognized as a fraternal organization committed to philanthropy and community service.
- Be active in the community at large.
- Be endorsed by the member's family.
- Develop and implement an aggressive retention program that reduces attrition, improves attendance and encourages Officers.
- Develop and conduct groups to assist Companions in encouraging participation, involvement and retention.
- Conduct critical review of meetings and other Chapter functions.
- Determine a percentage retention figure and establish it as a goal to maintain.

Specify Your Objectives

A Chapter may eventually have several specific objectives it

wishes to accomplish, such as:

- Develop and implement a member improvement program. Provide ongoing and regular feedback to all our Companions.
- Conduct "Focus" groups to assist our Companions in achieving success and determining ways of increasing participation.
- Sponsor and coordinate programs of interest to our Companions and their families.
- Understand the social and ethical needs of families in today's society and how this relates to and affects the individual Companion.
- Increase a long-term sense of commitment to the Fraternity.
- Establish widows and family life programs.
- Increase youth awareness and interest in the Fraternity through DeMolay, Rainbow, and similar activities.
- Develop a program for the orientation and education of candidates.
- Videos & DVDs.
- Special programs of interest.
- Assure timely implementation of retention initiatives.
- Explore areas of mutual interest with your Companions.
- Build and strengthen partnerships with other Chapters for mutual program development and membership retention.
- Improve interactive communications within the Chapter.
- Expand the use of men with effective leadership skills, who can assume positions of responsibility within the Chapter.
- Identify and recruit support from leaders in the community.
- Increase the involvement of our Companions in charitable programs.
- Establish criteria to be used in promoting membership benefit plans.
- Centralize Chapter training and other programs to be consistent across the state.
- Enhance and expand relationships with related Masonic bodies.

An integral part of developing your Five-Year Plan will be to identify the objectives your Chapter wishes to accomplish. That process will require active engagement with your members, if it's to be successful. How should this be done? This is where effective Chapter management comes into play.

Effective Chapter Management: Consultation and Consensus-Building

"Brethren, such is the nature of our institution that, while some must of necessity rule and teach, so others must of course learn to submit and obey... " Masonry is a fraternal organization, which prides itself on the equality of its members. As noted in the preceding quotation from the "General Charge," certain members must take a leadership role for each individual Chapter to survive and flourish. How this Chapter management is conducted can have a profound effect on the success of the Chapter.

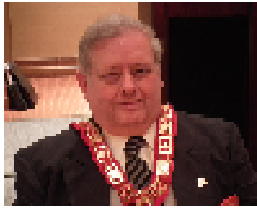
The purpose of this portion of this article is to examine the various techniques of Chapter management that exist, and to determine which approach to leadership is best suited to a modern day Chapter.

The goal is to determine how to best develop and implement a successful Management scheme for your Chapter.

Management Styles

Chapter management can

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Companions:

By the time you receive this article most Chapters will have had their Elections of Officers and some their Installations. My Congratulations to the newly Elected Officers and I look forward to serving with each of you in the coming year. This Grand Chapter is only as strong as you Companions make it. The Grand Officers can institute new programs for Education, Membership and Retention but we rely on each Chapter to carry them out.

We realize that each Chapter is different and might want to modify these programs to their individual needs. Our Grand High Priest has started a Goals Program that might help you in improving your Chapters and making them stronger. These Goal Programs can be found on the Grand Chapter Web Site and they were designed not only for each Chapter, but also for each individual. The Grand High Priest has a Goal that he has set of getting 20 Chapters to agree to sign up for this program.

The time is almost here for the filing of the Chapter Annual Returns. Most Chapters get these returns in on time and we commend the secretaries for their efforts in doing so. There are always Chapters who are late and some wait until Grand Chapter to turn in their reports. I cannot emphasize the importance of getting all of these reports in on time. They provide information for the Directory as to who the Officers of your Chapter are and when your Chapter meets. Even more important we get an accurate count of membership so you are not charged unfairly on your Per Capita.

I am required to present a budget for the coming year so I need to know how much money I have to work with. A prompt return would be greatly appreciated. The responsibility for the Return does not just fall on the secretary. It's the duty of the High Priest of each Chapter to make sure that these reports are in on time. If they are not in on time that Chapter will be denied representation at Grand Chapter and I would definitely like to see each Chapter well represented.

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run the gamut from totally autocratic to fully democratic. The successful formula probably lies somewhere in between. Perhaps you will identify the style that is employed by your Chapter. Maybe you will be pleased with what you find. You may identify problems with your Chapter's management style. If you do recognize problems, perhaps this portion will enable you to identify solutions to those problems.

Changes are occurring daily all around us. We cannot drag our feet in an attempt to stop the changes. We must adapt to those changes so that we will survive. Capitular Freemasonry, therefore, must also change to keep up with the evolution of society. In this manner, not only will Capitular Freemasonry survive in the new century, it will flourish. The key is to recognize that Capitular Freemasonry cannot stand still in this fast-paced world. It must be at the forefront of change, not in those areas which are inviolable, but in Chapter management.

Starting the Chapter Retention Program

1. Meet with the High Priest, King and Scribe (if you aren't one already) and provide them an overview of the Chapter Retention Program
2. Form a small committee of two or three Brethren with whom you can easily work.
3. Meet with your new committee and review the Retention Program with them. Do some brainstorming and give some thought to the condition of your Chapter. How has attendance been? What are your observations? You may want to include your High Priest in this meeting as well (assuming you aren't the High Priest already).
4. At the earliest opportunity, speak to the Chapter and give an overview of the Retention Program to the Companions. If time permits, put some questions to the floor, ask the Companions what they like or dislike about their Chapter. If you are thinking of doing a survey, tell them. Ask for their suggestions and their feedback.
5. Surveys - many Chapters have tried them with varying results. Only a small percentage of the surveys are returned. Give plenty of thought to what you hope to achieve and how you will get your Brethren to complete and return this survey. You may get some ideas or an explanation from some of the Brethren as to why they don't attend.
6. Document your plan in writing.
7. Try to think of **ONE** thing you could do right away that might inspire someone to come back to Chapter ... then focus on that one idea. Don't start a lot of different projects at once.
8. If possible, avoid being placed on other committees.
9. Don't postpone the start-up of this important program. Like the Nike commercial says, "JUST DO IT!"

I will continue this article and train of thought in a future article as I am sure the Editor has other articles to add to this issue.

GRAND HONORS

It should be an honor and pleasure to serve as an Officer in any Masonic Organization. To serve not only your local Companions but to serve all of the Companions of the State is a Grand Honor. One not to be taken lightly, but one to be respected.

Your State Grand Chapter has several Offices to be filled at this years Grand Convocation, August 17th.

Grand Master of the 1st Veil which currently has only one announced candidate: Michael Roberts, PHP of River Raisin Chapter #22.

Grand Secretary has only 2 announced: Carl J. Peterson, PHP of St. Ignace Chapter #134, DDI Dist. #3 and Robert E. Cooper, PHP of Kent-Newaygo Chapter #38, GHP having announced, so far!

Grand Sentinel has no announced candidates yet.

You still have time! Announce for any of the above positions to serve. Become a Grand Officer!!!

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

**NEXT CORRECTIONS WILL BE AFTER THE ELECTION
RETURNS ARE IN AND THE 2011-12 DIRECTORY IS
PRINTED!!!**



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Secretary's Scribbles

Hello Companions:

My goodness is this year ever going by rapidly. May already. Most of the Chapters have had their election of Officers and a good number have even completed the Installation process. In getting in the Election of Officers Reports and the Directory Corrections pages it is good to see so many new names on the list. Young blood into the leadership roles. That is also a great sign for the future. If you haven't sent in your Election Report and Directory Correction Form yet, please do so ASAP so that I can get the Directory updated and ready to hand out at Grand Chapter. *** If you wish this past years High Priest to be listed in the listing of Living High Priests YOU MUST include this information on the updated Directory Corrections page. It is not an automatic Add!!!

Your Annual Returns are due in the mail to me by the 15th of May. If you have been keeping your records of membership up to date throughout the year, you should have not problem or great difficulty with filling out this return. It is not intended to be a deep river, a high mountain or very rough and dangerous roads.

Should your problem in submitting the return be that you do not have the final financial picture as of April 30th just contact your Financial Institutions and request the figures for the close of business on April 30th. They have to

supply you with the correct data.

This issue of the Triple Tau has the information necessary for registering for the Grand Sessions of Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery. This is being given to you early so that you make sure that you get your reservations in without delay. Do not hesitate. Let's change the practice that appears to have been slipping into Masonry and everyone daily lives of putting off until the last minute.

Are you submitting corrections of your memberships addresses to our office? If so good! If not you are not completing your work as a Chapter Secretary. The Grand Chapter Records cannot be kept up to date if you do not supply the information to us.

Most of the Forms that you need are available on the Web Site under the "Downloads" Section.

There is a lot of valuable and important information in the Officer's Workbooks. Use it!! Do you know what needs to be updated or rewritten, added or subtracted to make it more useful? Submit your suggestions to the Instructional Manual Committee.

Do not hesitate to send me an email or give me a call if you should have any questions.

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

CALENDAR

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

**Apr 30 – Robert Powers Rec. MSA – Samaria
4 & 5 PM**

May 4 – MIO Lodge, ETS Program after Regular

May 21 – KYCH – Alma Pathways

May 23 – 25 – Grand Lodge – Mt. Pleasant

*****Jun 11 – Chapter All "Outdoor" Deg. Day, Paw
Paw**

Jun 11 – St. Clair Chapter All Degree Day.

Jun 25 – MSA – Ronald Snider – Lebanon #125

Aug 6 – York Rite Charity Golf Outing - Gladwin

Aug 7 – Grand Chapter Picnic – (Sprague's Cabin)

**Aug 16 – 20 Grand York Rite Sessions – Lexington
Hotel, Creyts Road, Lansing**

Aug 17 – Grand Chapter Gr. Convocation

Aug 18 – Grand Council – Gr. Assembly

Aug 18 – Grand Banquet

Aug 19 & 20 Grand Commandery – Gr. Conclave

**Aug 27 – Tri-State – Wausaw, WI 8 am (Mich., Minn.,
Wisc.)**

**Aug 29 - General Grand Council - Triennial
Assembly – Raleigh, NC**

**Aug 30 – General Grand Chapter - Triennial
Convocation – Raleigh, NC**

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

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

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

3. You may copy the paper and present it to them.

Make copies available for the Lodge Brothers. Maybe this is one of those small things attracting members.

PROGRAM XVII
General Grand Chapter
South West Region
Rep. R. Hutchens, 1999-2002

The Symbolism of the Most Excellent Master Degree

This degree provides us with an opportunity to learn something of great importance in Freemasonry: the distinction between 'ritual' and ceremony'. The intent of ritual is to actually transform the character of the candidate, whereas a ceremony imparts a lesson and/or acknowledges the completion of some particular aspect of the transformative process that ritual is intended to accomplish. Within these definitions, the Most Excellent Master Degree is a ceremony.

The purpose of this ceremony is to bring some measure of completeness to the story between the death of Hiram before the Temple is completed and the Royal Arch Degree where the Temple has been completed and the Word is recovered. In this degree the Temple is completed and dedicated.

The candidate is 'received and acknowledged' a Most Excellent Master. Implied in this acknowledgement is the assumption that the candidate has in fact mastered the teachings of the preceding degrees. The present system of granting degrees hardly provides the opportunity to discover if this is actually true. As a Mason, it becomes your responsibility to reflect on your own progress in Masonic enlightenment and to work assiduously to earn that which you may have been given too lightly.

The Most Excellent Master is particularly charged to dispense light and truth to the uninformed Mason. This may well be the most serious responsibility a Mason is ever given in any degree of the Craft, of whatever Rite. True Masonic labor is to learn, and teach others. This demands the pursuit of knowledge beyond the ritual itself and even beyond the literature of the Craft. We can easily imagine what a great benefit to Freemasonry in particular and even the world in general would ensue if every Mason received this charge and acted upon it.

Many Masons have served this Fraternity for years and yet the spiritual Temple they were charged to build remains unfinished. Often the foundation is laid, but the real work comes when the principles of Freemasonry challenge the habits and customs of our life.

Some Masons, in their zeal to improve the Fraternity, forget they became Masons for the Fraternity to improve them.

A thought for your
inquiring mind and for
possible discussion!

Is this a:
CAPSTONE
or is it a
KEYSTONE?



From your Executive Director of District Deputy Instructors

Spring is finally upon us, I hope. It is time for me to start getting all of your Inspection Reports together for the Annual Report to Grand Chapter. I hope your Inspections are scheduled and when you have them you're having fun. Remember that these are not a test, they are tools to see that we are all doing things the same way and the correct way as outlined in our rituals.

If there is something you really don't like and would like to see changed in how the Inspections are done, please feel free to let your DDI or myself know.

All the Chapters should have a full set of rituals. These are not supposed to be locked up in a cabinet but available for any of the Companions to use. There should be a sheet with all your rituals numbered so that they can easily be checked out by any interested Companion. I have been to some of the Schools of Instruction and glad to see that the rituals are being used, but, I've been seeing several different editions being used. The only official edition is the new white notebook form. All other editions are out. It is a little difficult to reference a page and line number when there were four different books being used. If you can't bear to toss the old versions out then please keep them at home as a historical reference.

Chapters, please get all of your paperwork in on time and plan to be at our Grand Session in August.

This is OUR Grand Chapter and it will only be as good as the efforts which we put into it. Tim Forche, Ex. Dir. DDI's

Has your Chapter conferred upon you the rank and title of "*Life Member*"?

This is a very nice distinction.

Most Chapters in so doing so indicated that you no longer must pay dues to them to maintain your membership. Isn't that nice, but, how many of the Chapters are in very tight financial straits?

Life Memberships that do not require any payment to the Chapter, other than that of the Per-Capita payment to Grand Chapter, can be one of the reasons that the Chapter is in such poor financial conditions.

Remember that even though you are not required to pay dues they still must pay rent to the Temple Association.

They must still pay for meals, postage, duplicating costs, etc. to operate **YOUR CHAPTER**.

You can financially **help** your Chapter, and also, eliminate that annual payment of Per-Capita for the Grand Chapter by purchasing a "***Pre-Paid Membership***" in your Chapter.

To purchase the rate is only seven (7) times your Chapters dues and per-capita. One time payment.

Robert E. Cooper, Grand High Priest

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GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST

“Enhance the Secret”

Greetings My Companions,

Congratulations to the Upper Peninsula Chapters. April 16th All Chapter Degree Day, Exalted 9 New Royal Arch Masons. Thanks to all the companions who assisted in the Degree work, well done. May I also express congratulations to the members of Midland Chapter # 169, for the great job presenting the “Enhance the Secret” Awareness Event at Midland Lodge on April 7th.

I wish all the New High Priests, Officers, and Members of the Chapters best wishes for a Most Happy and Successful Capitular Year. I trust you had a great Installation and now will be hard at work with your New Plans for the year. Please feel free to contact myself or any Grand Officer or DDI’s for help and assistance during your year. We are happy to be of service to you.

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

- To raise \$3000 for RARA (Royal Arch Research Assistance)
 - To raise \$5000 for the Royal Arch Foundation
 - Redesign of the Grand Chapter WEB Site
 - To hold 3 “Enhance the Secret” awareness events
 - To encourage the Chapters to employ the Candidate Counseling and Mentoring Programs for all candidates
 - To encourage the Chapters to participate in the “Goal Cards” program, and to obtain 20 chapters commitment to use them.
 - To scan the Grand Chapter Archive Records
- If you and your chapter can assist in attaining these goals, please do so. Please contact me for further explanation and details on any of the goals listed.

Up coming events to be aware of are:

- May 23-25 – Grand Lodge – Mt Pleasant
 - August 6 – Golf / August 7 – Picnic / Sign Up Now
 - August 17, 2011 – Grand Chapter – Grand Session – Lansing
- Please take note that effectively immediately it gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of John Berry, HP of Midland Chapter No. 169 as the new District Deputy Instructor of District No. 4 to replace R.E.C. Richard James. EC Berry resides at 2288 Thayer, Freeland, MI 48623. Phone number: (989) 708-6295 and email at: jcberry1@charter.net. Thank you EC John and the very best wishes.

May God Bless each of you. Sharon and I wish you a wonderful Spring Time and we are looking forward to seeing you in our travels.

St. Clair Chapter No. 12

Chapter All Degree Day

Saturday, June 11th

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

12:00 noon LUNCH

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

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

Send headcount to: Terry Baker 810.364.7352 mrmrswhip@aol.com

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37 Royal Arch Masons

Is proud to announce and honor our



Excellent Companion
Robert B. Powers

as recipient of the *Region 3*

Michigan Meritorious Service Award

Saturday, April 30th

Social Hour – 4 pm

Dinner – 5 pm

Grilled Steak Dinner

(Chicken on request in advance)

RSVP either: James Jerry Vann, 734.347.1897

or K. Lee Yeager, 734.847.6660 or

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Tickets will be held at the door

Amendments to Grand Chapter

Do you know of something that you would like to see changed to the Red Book of Capitular Law?

Do you know of something that you do not like about the current Red Book and/or the way that it is written.

What change would you like to see made?

Write up your Proposed change and get it submitted to the Grand Chapter prior to **May 20th, 2011.**

Write up your change in the correct manner. Indicate each place in the Red Book which will be affected by the change. Must state exact wording as it is currently worded and as you would like it to be amended to read.

We currently have one (1) proposed amendment on file with the Grand Chapter.

Lebanon Chapter No. 125

Royal Arch Masons

Of Michigan

Is proud to honor

OUR

Excellent Companion

Ronald L. Snider

Region 1

Michigan Meritorious Service Award Recipient

with a dinner and program on

Saturday, June 25th, 2011

Lebanon Masonic Temple

120 Park St., Bad Axe, MI



2011 York Rite CHARITY GOLF OUTING GLADWIN HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE

3551 W. M-61, Gladwin 48624 -- 989-426-9941

Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery
To all Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights, Friends and Relatives

Saturday, August 6, 2011 Tee time: 11:00 AM,

Four Person Scramble (Men and/or Women).
Make up your foursome -- or we can place you on a team.

Only \$60.00 per person (includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes!!!)

Not a golfer!? Come and join us for dinner at 4:30 PM. Cost for dinner is only \$ 18.00 per.

We are asking YOU as Individuals, Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderys, Colleges, etc.
sponsor a hole or tee box for only \$25.00 per.

All profits will be divided equally, FOR THE CHARITY OF CHOICE, of the three Grand Bodies.

More information contact:

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Roy A. Ickes at 586-749-9990 / ickes4@comcast.net

Return reservation form by July 1, 2011 to:

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or Robert E. Cooper, 101 20 Mile Road Cedar Springs, Mi. 49319

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

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

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

Please have the sign read: _____

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

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

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Foursome of: _____

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

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

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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

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

Make this the largest Charity Outing EVER!!!

MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE 2011 SESSION COMMITTEE – INFORMATION

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

Meal Reservation Form (Please Print)

Name: _____ Ladies Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Special Dietary requests: _____

Grand Chapter - Wed., Aug 17, 2011

7:00 am Chap.. Memb. Breakfast No. ___ @ \$13.00 = _____
 12 noon Ladies: GC Luncheon No. ___ @ \$16.00 = _____
 12 noon Comp. Chap. Luncheon No. ___ @ \$16.00 = _____
 7:00 pm Masquerade Theme Party [Dress: Mask or Costume]
 (Buffet) No. ___ @ \$30.00 = _____

Grand Council – Thur., Aug 18, 2011

7:00 am Coun. Memb. Breakfast No. ___ @ \$13.00 = _____
 12 noon Ladies Luncheon No. ___ @ \$16.00 = _____
 12 noon Comp. Coun. Luncheon No. ___ @ \$16.00 = _____

JOINT YORK RITE BANQUET – 7:00 PM

London Broil No. ___ @ \$36.00 = _____
 Lemon Ginger Grilled Chicken No. ___ @ \$36.00 = _____

****Banquet Recommended Dress: Grand Officers – Tuxedo/White Dinner Jacket with Collar. Ladies: Evening Attire. General Membership – Business Suits. Ladies – Sunday Best.****

Grand Commandery – Fri., Aug 19, 2011

7:00 am Comm. Memb. Breakfast No. ___ @ \$13.00 = _____
 12 noon Ladies Luncheon No. ___ @ \$19.00 = _____
 12:15 pm Sir Knights Luncheon No. ___ @ \$16.00 = _____
 7:30 pm Round Table Dinner
 Tuscan Chicken No. ___ @ \$36.00 = _____
 Whitefish No. ___ @ \$36.00 = _____

**** Round Table Recommended Dress: Grand Commandery Officers & Sir Knights: Full Dress Uniform w/o Sword & Chapeau. Grand Officers of other Bodies: Tuxedo/White Dinner Jackets with Collars. G.O.'s Ladies: Evening Attire. Sir Knights Ladies – Sunday Best.****

Sat., Aug. 20, 2011

8:00 am Comm. Memb. Breakfast No. ___ @ \$13.00 = _____

Sub Total \$ _____

Registration Fee **\$ 10.00**

TOTAL \$ _____

checks payable to: **MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE COMMITTEE**
 Send to: **MICHIGAN GRAND YOURK RITE COMMITTEE**
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 Postmarked before July 22, 2011

The 2011 Grand York Rite Committee will not be able to accommodate any of the Heads of Foreign Jurisdictions for their housing while in attendance at our Grand Sessions. We regret this, but, financial restrictions has caused this inconvenience.

*** The Committee will pick up the housing for the head of each International General Grand Body, or his designated representative along with the food for the days of that organizations sessions and for the Joint York Rite Banquet. ***

The Grand Chapter will pick up 2 nights housing for each of the Grand Chapter Widows, plus their meals on Wednesday and for the Grand Banquet on Thursday.

All room reservations must be made directly with the Hotel, not through the Committee or the Grand Chapter. Make sure to identify yourself a **Michigan Grand York Rite Member** and contact the Hotel before July 16, 2011.

All Meal reservations must be submitted to the Committee, accompanied with your check. Any meal reservation postmarked after July 22, 2011 is subject to a \$25.00 Late Fee!

****The High Priest (Grand First Principal) and his lady, **ONLY**, (No Proxies can be accepted), of each Foreign Jurisdiction will be furnished with complimentary meals on Wednesday, August 17th and for the York Rite Banquet on Thursday, August 18th.*** Besides putting your Title as "Grand High Priest" on this reservation form you must put the word **Comp.** on the forms for the meals which you wish to join us for.*

Those Companions from Foreign Jurisdictions attending the meals are not required to pay the Registration Fee of \$10.00 required of the Companions, Sir Knights of the State of Michigan.



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Companions,

It has been a busy month for the Grand Council Officers. On April 8th and 9th the Grand Council Officers traveled to St. Ignace for the annual Grand Officers Retreat. The retreat was attended by the current officers along with several Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Arch Deputies and members from St. Ignace Council #92. On Friday a general meeting was held with many issues were discussed in developing a new 5 year plan. On Saturday the Arch Deputies attended a workshop put on by Grand Lecturer Terry Baker.

Saturday evening everyone attended a dinner hosted by St. Ignace Council in the lodge.

I would like to thank Illustrious Companion Bill Ford and Lady Helen for all the help they gave us on our retreat.

Important dates coming up are Grand Council of Ontario May 28th, 3 Degree Festival at Pontiac #3 on June 4th, Wisconsin Grand Council June 16th and You-Per Council on June 18th in Kingsford. The information for You-Per Council will be on the website along with meal reservation forms.

Travel Safely during the Memorial Day Holiday and Keep in mind the reason for Memorial Day is to Remember the lives of those who paid the Supreme Sacrifice so we could be free to practice the tenants of our noble order.

Yours in Cryptic Masonry,
 Stephen R. Striggow MIGM

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

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

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

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

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

**General Grand Council R&SM
International**

Monday, August 29th
Raleigh, North Carolina



our own
PMIGM
George C. Sellars
 Candidate for
Most Puissant
General Grand Master

General Grand Council

The governing body for the Cryptic Rite in the world. Most all, with a few exceptions, of the Grand Councils have affiliated with this great Cryptic family.

Triennial meetings, assemblies, are held to set the rules, regulations, rituals, groundwork and framework for governing the Cryptic Rite and to establish and ratify the expansion throughout the world.

At these Triennial Assemblies we also elect from the Craft Illustrious Companions to speak for and to lead or govern over Cryptic Craft.



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**Grand Commandery
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On March 28th 2011, in Cadillac Michigan, the Grand Commandery of Michigan established its first Outpost. The Outpost is a means by which a Templar presence can be established in areas of our state that either has no Commandery or that distance of travel is a problem. By belonging to the Outpost a Sir Knight will become or remain active in a local setting, develop an active relationship with local Sir Knights, and enhance the Commandery to which he belongs. It will also allow local Chapter and Council members to experience Templary and more easily allow our Ladies and families to participate in activities of Templary. It is necessary to have at least three Sir Knights to establish an Outpost and it is also helpful to have a active Chapter presence.

The Grand Commandery is presently trying many new ideas and methods to strengthen and develop our Commanderies, and to establish a strong York Rite presence throughout our State. The Officers of the Grand Commandery appreciate all of the new ideas that have been submitted and encourage continued input by our Sir Knights to help us in this task.

Loren A. Winn
 Grand Commandery Knights Templar

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

Uniform for the events of the Grand Conclaves of the Grand Commandery are Full Dress Uniform w/o sword. The only times anyone will need their swords during this Conclave will be if they are in either the Honor Guard during the opening ceremony, or during the Installation ceremony.

For the Round Table Banquet on Friday evening you do not need your sword, Chapeau or gloves.

Most all of the work, voting and speeches will be conducted on Friday morning. The Divine Service will be conducted just prior to the Round Table on Friday evening.

Saturday morning the Conclave will reconvene for the purpose of election and installation of Officers.

That afternoon will be one of the most impressive experiences that you can either participate in or witness in Masonry. The Pass in Review Parade and the Drill Competition. Come out and join in the Pass in review, no practice necessary. Full Uniform with sword.

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

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Prior to the Grand Commandery each Commandery is required to conduct its School of Instruction to insure that each Commandery and Sir Knight are performing the Order of the Temple in the most, possibly, correct manner.

It is getting close to when the Commanderies of Michigan must complete their final preparations for the Annual Inspection, which is held in the fall of the year, following the Grand Commandery Session. The dates are, or are being, set at this time.

Stay in contact with the Commanderies in your area to insure that you are not conflicting with them. We need each others help and assistance which they cannot give if we are meeting at the same time.

In order to perform a most beautiful Order of the Temple each Commandery should always have a "Live Candidate". One who is receiving the Order for the first time.

In order to get the candidate ready for his Journey it is necessary that he receive the Order of Red Cross and Order of Malta. Who will be putting these on? Get the word out to all!! Assist others in need.