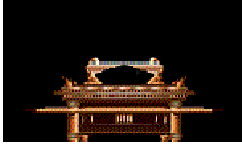


# MICHIGAN TRIPLE TAU

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*Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education*



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## RETENTION

This article started as something simple when I chose the subject for this month's Triple Tau. I must say at the onset that it became far more than that very quickly.

Webster's Dictionary defines RETENTION as follows

Main Entry: **re·ten·tion**

Pronunciation: \ri-'ten(t)-shən\

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English *retencioun*, from Anglo-French, from Latin *retention-*, *retentio*, from *retinēre* to retain — more at [RETAIN](#)

Date: 14th century

**1 a** : the act of retaining : the state of being retained  
**b** : abnormal retaining of a fluid or secretion in a body cavity

**2 a** : power of retaining : [RETENTIVENESS](#) **b** : an ability to retain things in mind; *specifically* : a preservation of the aftereffects of experience and learning that makes recall or recognition possible

**3** : something retained

I know that after this I should have given up. I did not. The question then becomes "How will this pertain to Royal Arch Masonry". One of the problems that we have in our Chapters is the retention of our members, not in the loss of membership that is a problem also, but more so, in having our members attending the meetings of their chapter. This then begs the question why did they become members, along with what has changed to make them not wish to come to the meetings any longer. There are some that will never attend, as they joined to become a member of another Order be it Commandery or the Shrine. What has happened to those members that attended for a time, took part, and now no longer attend. Again the members that have health issues are not the problem. they should not be forgotten. but they are not

problem, and in most cases would attend if they can get a ride.

Having said all that, we must now have to look for the root cause or causes. Do we alienate some of our members by being cliquish? Can it be that we have a communication problem? Have we reached the point that our stated meetings have become boring? We blame all of the go to things TV, Computers, other obligations, but I would suggest that is not the case. We have let our membership down. We may no longer do some of the things we used to do. Pot lucks before the meetings, small programs for our ladies, or maybe euchre after the meeting. The fact that snacks are not available any longer could be the problem. Do you do your own work or rely on all degree days. Are you opening and closing without the use of books. All of these can contribute to the lack of participation.

What can we do, Oh what CAN we do. The answer is as complex as the problem and I for one do not profess to have all of the answers. I would suggest that the individual Chapter have to search for their own solutions. You may wish to start with a brief survey of your members. Keeping the survey short and to the point, asking what has changed and what needs to change? You can then compile the answers and prioritize them. The hard part becomes implementing the action items. The other thing we must remember is to keep the implementation simple and try one suggestion at a time until you reach a solution or determine that this may not be the one that will work for your chapter. Above all remember that the committee is your total membership and engage all of the members that you can reach.

I know that I have not given a solution to the problem, but I do hope that I have started everyone thinking of ways to look at the problem in a different light. I am already planning a follow up article to address the subject. I am doing research on solutions that may work for us. Should any of our members have ideas please feel free to contact me and we look into them and pass them along. The only bad idea is the one we never tried.



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**GREETINGS FROM THE EAST**

Greetings to all Companions:

We are winding down this year and getting ready for the New Year.

With plans for two “Enhance the Secret Programs” already scheduled for next year. We would like to do at least two more. If your Chapter is interested please contact either myself or the Grand King Bob Cooper.

October is a very busy month with out of state Grand Chapters and the Grand Chapter Order Eastern Stars. I was not able to get to as many local Chapters as I had planned, but I will get to every Chapter before I am done with my term of office. I try not to notify you when I am coming. I want to see your Chapter at work in its normal method of operation. I am not looking for you to put on any special appearances for me. I am just coming to observe and make my presence known and felt. I want you to know that I and we, your Grand Chapter Officers care about you and are here to assist you in any manner that we can.

Grand Rapids All Degree Day was a great success again this year with fourteen new Companions that day. What a lot of fun we had and the degree work was great. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done.

The new Red Book has been printed and is ready for distribution at the Grand Chapter Office. We will be handing them out to the Grand Officers and DDI’s the copies for the Chapters at the Grand Officers meeting on November 7th. and they will get them to the local Chapters.

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**TRIPLE TAU ARTICLES**

Your Grand Officers are publishing articles in your Triple Tau this coming year. The Grand King will have an article each month. Other Officers will let you know of some of their thoughts and concerns on a scheduled basis. Look forward to the articles of your favorite Grand Officer. We’re looking forward to you submitting your thoughts for publication also. Remember articles are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the publication.

November	December	January
James Kiefer	No Triple Tau	Lou McCray
Don Galway	Published	Tim Forche
February	March	April
David Dossette	Mike Whiting	Lou McCray
Richard Hitch	Bill Siebert	James Kiefer
May	June	August
Don Galway	David Dossette	Lou McCray
Tim Forche	Jim Kiefer	Don Galway

Any article that you wish to submit does not have to be in anything considered as a final form. The editor will, with your permission, re-write your article for you. Let others know what you are thinking.

Share your ideas.

Share your concerns.

This publication **is not** a publication of your Grand Chapter Officers. IT IS YOUR PUBLICATION. Make it even more so by you writing articles on your topic of interest.

Share the wealth of your knowledge. It took you a long time to gather it. Do not let it be gone when you are not available to verbally spread your thoughts.



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Dear Companions,

Hopefully, Most of the Chapters have received the New Rituals. If you have not, please let us know. The New Format and Binders will allow the Grand Chapter to more easily and economically issue changes, fixes, and revisions.

We thank the Ritual Review Committee and our Grand High Priest for their excellent efforts in developing and preparing this work. If anyone has any questions or comments regarding the Ritual of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan please direct them to the Ritual Review Committee. The committee chair and members may be found in the Grand Chapter WEB Site which is [www.ram-mi.org](http://www.ram-mi.org) then go to Mail, then committees.

Our Ritual is undoubtedly the most important part of all our Masonic treasures. It is the means by which we communicate and connect to the CANDIDATE. We are conveying all of our hopes and desires for him, and ourselves. It only stands to reason that we should present it in the best possible way.

The Ritual should be presented from memory, in appropriate customs, and with the correct props. How we perform and execute our Ritual is as equally important as the words. I commend all companions that do ritual, and encourage each to improve his proficiency. There is no substitute for practice. Why not take a piece of ritual, present it during the Educational portion of your meetings, then review and discuss it. What's it's meaning? Did you use all the correct words? Did everyone understand the words?

During our a recent review of the Ritual the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers made some additional observations and instructions that are not spelled out in the Ritual.

1. When forming groups of threes; it should be done west of the Altar, Anyone may start the word.
  - a. The Grand Council is NOT included in the groups of three, it is their responsibility to observe, and see that all is done properly.
  - b. the veils may be included, if they are needed to complete the hollow square around the Altar.

This means that there should be at least one group of three.

c. The Grand Council and Veils should return to their stations at the same time. When giving the signs – face ahead, don't face the East. Don't speak thru a sign, give the persons title, then give the sign.

d. The pass is collected from everyone in the Chapter Room, except for the Grand Council, the COH or RAC should not ascend the dias.

e. The COH, does not speak when holding the flag. He does not repeat the "Pledge of Allegiance"

Let's take more pride and rededicate ourselves to improving our Ritual Work. After all, it's what separates us from the community and makes us Freemasons. Set a goal to get more involved in Degree Work.

Thank you and let's make this year a most successful and happy year for Royal Arch Masonry.

Remember to "Enhance the Secret".

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**CARO #96 ANNUAL  
 GEORGE WASHINGTON  
 DINNER**

You really need to plan on being there this year. It will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010.

Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings.

The evening's presenter will be the director of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

There will be a Grand Officers and a Foundation Meeting earlier in the day at the Caro Masonic Temple.

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**Information from your  
 Protocol Committee**

Companions one of the responsibilities of this committee this year is to assist the Grand High Priest in scheduling his visitations.

If you have a Special event coming up please give the Grand High Priest advanced notice so he can arrange his schedule. As you know he is a busy man with many requests.

At this time we are scheduling your Meritorious Service Award Dinners. It is a wonderful thing to be able to visit your Chapter on these special nights.

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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The primary duties of the Education Committee are to

1. assist the Membership Committee in the continuing development of the Grand Chapter "Enhance the Secret" Program for increasing our membership,
2. help in the development of retention programs to keep our current members, and
3. to review and/or rewrite membership materials of the Grand Chapter in an attempt to make us more relevant and interesting to our members, both new and old, so they will want to be active participants in chapter life.

We also plan to have short articles appear in the Triple Tau on a regular basis to keep the chapter members informed as to our progress in achieving these responsibilities.

We further hope to work with the DDI's and Chapter Education Officers in re-establishing the importance of a Chapter Education Program. This is something that seems to have fallen by the wayside in recent years in a number of chapters. We hope to do this by (re)creating a program of short talks or lectures to be presented to the chapters at each of their regular convocations. These lectures could be on a subject of local interest to a particular chapter, a subject chosen by the education officer or recommended by another companion, or picked from a list of sources that the Grand Chapter Education Committee will suggest. We would ask only for a few restrictions: The lectures be kept short, 3-4 minutes, and somehow related to Craft and Capitular Masonry.

As chairman of the committee, I would ask that each of the chapters who are not already doing so, begin using the Michigan Program for Candidate Counseling. This is found in your Chapter Officers Workbook, which should be in the possession of each dais officer, the Secretary and the Education Officer. The program is a series of eight lectures, one to be given to the candidate before each degree to prepare him for what to expect to learn from that degree, and one to be given at the conclusion of each degree to explain the significance of the degree he has just experienced and answer any questions. When coupled with a good mentor, I think this would be an invaluable tool in keeping our new companions interested and coming back to their chapter.

We, your education committee, are always open to suggestions or comments. If you have any ideas or remarks, please contact one of our members.

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## GRAND OFFICERS MEETING

Companions

There will be a Grand Officers meeting on Saturday, **Nov. 7 at 10:30 am** at:

Oakland Chapter #5

2181 Willot, Auburn Hills, Mi. 48057

All Past Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and DDI's are encouraged to attend.

Other Companions from around the state are welcome at this meeting.

The new Red Book will be able to be picked up at this time for proper distribution to the Chapters.

Other topics of interest to each of you will be brought up and discussed at that time.

Hope to see all there

Larry A. Inscho  
Grand High Priest

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## AWARDS DATES

Companions,

The dates for the MSA Dinners, that I have as of now are.

Region 1 North Branch Chapter #138 Feb. 12  
7PM. (tentative)

General Grand Chapter Bronze Star Award  
presentation: Early May.

The currently scheduled dates for the Enhance the Secret Programs are:

Hooker Chapter#73, January 30.

Flint Rapids Chapter#116, March 27.

These dates have been cleared with the Grand High Priest, as of now, and more information will be coming in the future for each of us to make more specific plans and arrangements.

Should you be planning a function please contact myself, Mike Whiting, Grand Scribe, Chairman of the York Rite Cooperation Committee. We are attempting to coordinate dates to create the least amount of confusion.

**DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS**

**2009 – 2010**

Two copies of the Grand Chapter Directories were in the materials which were picked up by each Chapter at the Grand Convocation. Your High Priest and Secretary, *are expected* to keep them updated as corrections are placed in the Triple Tau.

- p. 4 DDI, District #1, William Mercier (134) change phone number to: 906.450.2141 and email to: [billdsl@jamadots.com](mailto:billdsl@jamadots.com)
- p. 4 DDI, District # 3, Carl J. Peterson (134) change phone number to: 989.723.5334 and email to [Peterson.carl77@yahoo.com](mailto:Peterson.carl77@yahoo.com)
- p. 7 Remove Joseph E. VanCamp (11) from the Credentials Committee (deceased)
- p. 12 Remove Edward J. Fitzgerald from the Past High Priests (deceased)
- p. 25 Change address of HP William Yong to P.O. box 1253, Mt. Pleasant 48804, phone # 989.775.5902
- p. 25 Change phone # of Dan Ertel, King to: 989.424.7689
- p. 25 Change phone # of Mike McNabb, Secretary to: 989.775.8200
- p. 33 Remove: Centerville, Charlotte and Gaylord as locations for Chapters (Consolidations)
- p. 33 Change location of Jackson #3 from Jackson to Michigan Center.

**RITUALS**

Each Chapter has it's ten (10) required copies of the Rituals in their possession at this time.

Additional copies are available from the Grand Secretary for \$15.00 per copy. \$10.00 if you want the inserts only.

**ESOTERIC**

The ESOTEIC WORK has compiled, corrected and approved by the Ritual Review Committee. It is ready for printing and will be as soon as the drill is available for drilling the holes. Each Chapter will receive two (2) copies; 1 for the High Priest and 1 for the Secretary to be included, after the Ritual and before the Red Book, in their Ritual/Red Book Binder, just issued.

**RED BOOK**

The Red Book Review Committee has completed their most task. 5 years of diligent study and rewrite.

The Red Book of Capitular Law has been formatted for and printed.

Two (2) copies will be distributed to each Chapter. 1 copy for the High Priest and 1 for the Secretary to be included after the Esoteric Work along with the Ritual in their Ritual/Red Book Binder.

**CALENDAR**

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

- Nov 30 – SEMJYR Association 6:15 pm Dinner – Excelsior Chapter No. 25, Ypsilanti**
- \*\* Jan, 2010 – Grand Chapter Educational Seminar, information to follow as determined and set.**
- Jan 30 – Enhance the Secret – Hooker Chapter No. 73, Belding Masonic Temple**
- \*\*Feb 6 – All Chapter/Council Degree Day – Flint/Saginaw/BayCity Area**
- Feb 13, 2010 – Geo. Washington Dinner, Caro Chapter #96.**
- Grand Officer's Meeting – 10 a.m.**
- Feb 27 – MI, OH, IND Tri-State Chapter/Council Degrees., Bryant, OH.**
- March 6 – All Chapter/Council Degree Day – Schoolcraft Masonic Temple**
- March 6 – Templar Order – Tri-State, Angola, IND. Order of the Temple conferred by ME Grand Master William H. Koon, II with Michigan's Erwin O'Dell and Stan Simons, PGC's as the Wardens.**
- \*\* East Central Region Annual Meeting – Location and Agenda to be determined.**
- March 27 – Enhance the Secret – Flint Rapids Chapter No. 116.**
- \*\*March 20 – All Order Day – Battle Creek**
- April 24 – Council Strawberry Festival – Mason**
- \*\* May ? – Bronze Award, Samaria**
- \*\* May 8 - KYCH**
- \*\* June 12 – Dowagiac All Chapter Degree Day (Outdoor)**
- Aug 18 – 21, Joint York Rite Sessions. DoubleTree Inn, Bay City.**
- Aug 19, Joint York Rite Banquet**

Mark your calendars to attend your Symbolic "Blue" Lodges in your area! Do not forget to attend their Installations in force and show strength in presenting the Master's Pins. Spread the word about the Royal Arch and York Rite Masonry.

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

Show others that you care about them! They will repay you by showing that they appreciate your dedication, concern and devotion.

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**Chapter Caravaners**

How do you like that title? Does your Chapter have one? A group dedicated to traveling to surrounding Lodges and Chapters, making visitations, showing support and offering assistance as needed.

It is a great way to strengthen your Chapter!



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My Companion Secretaries:

The Education Committee will be working on new materials to be distributed at Chapters and Lodges. In the mean time, however, I have reproduced several of the older materials and have distributed them to two Chapters in the last week so that they can better spread the word.

Speaking of spreading the word – I have heard that there is renewed interest in Capitular and York Rite Masonry within a couple of the regions of the State that are currently not well covered in spreading the light. Several Companions are working with these Brothers to attempt to build the strength and support necessary for them to institute a new York Rite Base, and therefore to again begin building and strengthening this beautiful organization.

Are you in a region that is not well covered or represented by the York Rite? You could be that one individual that gets the flame rekindled in the area, and lights that spark within our Brothers.

Make sure that you insure that the presentation of the Master's Pins is made in an impressive manner with educational information and enthusiasm on the part of the presenter. Make the presentation one that the recipient and those viewing will be impressed with. Have materials to be passed out and also have petitions for them. Explain the importance of the moving line officers being members of the Chapter and York Rite to be better able to understand and explain their work that they are presenting.

We have ad space available in this publication and we have several ads included. Hopefully we will have some ads in the near future for Masonic Regalia, etc. Please note these ads and support the advertiser whenever possible. They are assisting you with their ad, it is the least that you can do by assisting them.

Wishing all of our Veterans a Happy Veterans Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> and wishing each and every one of you a very happy, safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Remember it is the Veteran who has made this possible.

God Bless and Keep each of you.

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

Companions:

Stretch forth your hands.

During this time of celebration. Invite a Brother, Widow, Family member or one that you know is alone to your place to enjoy the festivities of the day.

I'm sure that they would appreciate a little Turkey, Duck, Ham or whatever you place on the table. They would also enjoy the warmth and friendship.

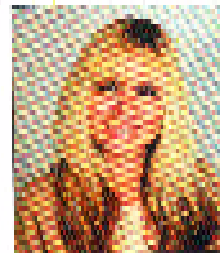
What better time is there than to remember and live the tenants taught in Masonry. Share your Brotherly Love and affection.

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## General Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel (Revised Requirements)

General Grand Chapter is happy to honor our ritualists by presenting a jewel to those Companions who excel in ritualistic endeavors. This prestigious award is presented at no cost to Companions who qualify by completing at least 12 points total from the following options:

1. Conferred the Mark Master Degree as Right Worshipful Master (3 Points)
2. Conferred the Past Master Degree as Right Worshipful Master (2 points)
3. Conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree as Right Worshipful Master, 1<sup>st</sup> Section (2 points)
4. Conferred the Royal Arch Degree as the High Priest (3 points)
5. Served as Principal Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree. (3 points)
6. Presented the Lecture of the Mark Master (2 points), or Most Excellent Master (2 points), or Royal Arch Degree (3 points)
7. Served as indicated in the following degrees: (2 points)
  - a. Sr. Deacon in the Mark Master Degree AND
  - b. Sr. Warden in the Most Excellent Master Degree AND
  - c. Royal Arch Captain in the Royal Arch Degree

8. Served as indicated in the following degrees: (3 points)
  - a. Master Overseer in the Mark Master Degree AND
  - b. Sr. Deacon in the Most Excellent Master Degree AND
  - c. Captain of the Host in the Royal Arch Degree.
9. Served as Master of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Veils in Royal Arch Degree (1 point each)

The Companion must have performed the above parts, on at least two (2) occasions, from memory with actual candidates in order to get the points available from that requirement. Performances must have been witnessed and attested to by one of the following: Current holders of the GGC Ritualistic Jewel (Bob Cooper or Paul Howell, Past or Current Grand High Priest).

Each ritualist is expected to do a creditable job in the part including memorization, no "mistakes" quota, floor work, vocal shading and emphasis, and gestures, etc. appropriate to the part.

These parts must have been performed since January 1, 2000.

Final date to submit nomination will be August 15, 2011.

Forms are available from the office of the Grand Secretary for those who qualify.



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### Philosophy of Mark

The temple we build is the temple of our present life, the Mark we choose is the character of our thoughts, words, and deeds. As a brother's Mark becomes identified with his name, so does the moral quality of our acts become synonymous with that name; for the Mark Degree demands fair work and square work, because, as Ecclesiastes IX.I says: "The righteous and the wise, and their works, are in the hands of God."

*From Keystone of Mark, by J. Fairbairn Smith*

**Norman E. Payne, PHP**  
**Region !!**

### Meritorious Service Award Recipient

The banquet to honor E.C. Norman Payne as the recipient for the Michigan Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award from Region 2 was held on Saturday evening October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Homer Masonic Temple.

EC Norman requested that they have a Chili Dinner that evening. It was excellent!!!

The Temple Dining Room was filled to capacity.

Many of his family members were able to be in attendance along with his Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights to honor him. The only thing missing from this beautiful evening was Norman Payne in person. He was in the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital. He, however, got the opportunity to speak with most in attendance by phone.

On Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, GHP Larry Inscho and PGHP Paul Howell, Gr. Sec., went to the VA Hospital and were able to present EC Norman his pin and certificate in person. He was extremely gracious and appreciative. Spoke at length of his family and his many close and dear friends his love of Masonry, Capitular Masonry, and his love of the ritualistic work.

As we departed, he wished us all, all Brothers and Companions only the best in prosperity and Brotherly Love.

EC Payne passed away on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>. He will be missed. "Fare Thee Well."



## A Place For Mom

### General Information about VA Aid and Attendance

**What is Aid & Attendance?** Benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in bathing, dressing, meal preparation, medication monitoring or other various activities of daily living. This benefit is available to individuals who reside in assisted living communities, personal care homes, skilled nursing facilities and those receiving personal in-home care.

**How can these benefits help someone?** Aid and Attendance can help pay for care in the home, skilled nursing facility, personal care home or an assisted living community. A veteran may be eligible for up to \$1412/month, while the surviving spouse of a veteran may be eligible for up to \$907/month. A married couple may be eligible for up to \$1,674.00.

**Who is Eligible?** Any War Veteran with 90 days of active duty with at least one day during active War time. LA surviving spouse of a War Veteran may be eligible if married at the time of death. The individual must qualify both medically and financially. Assets cannot exceed \$80K however, may things including their home, vehicle, annuities, pre-paid funeral expenses and many other are not included in this number. For further information regarding financial qualifications, please seek the professional advice of an attorney or financial planner.

**Eligible dates are: 4/21/1898-7/15/1903, 5/9/1916-11/11/1918, 12/07/1941-12/31/1946, 6/27/1950-1/31/1955, 8/5/1964-5/7/1975, 8/20/1990-present.**

**How do I apply for this benefit?** There are two ways to apply for this benefit. There are some communities that will assist you in applying or refer you to a professional, who will complete the documentation for you. You may also apply by contacting your Regional Veteran's Administration Office. To locate the closest regional office visit the VA website at:

<http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash+1>

**How quickly would I receive the benefit?** This is determined by the accuracy of the initial application. The average process takes between 3-6 months. However, the VA does pay retroactively from the date of application. The resident is paid directly from the VA. This program financially assists the resident with paying their monthly rent, care and /or services.

**Assistance:** Should you need assistance in obtaining a local number for your regional office, feel free to contact your Family Advisor with A Place for Mom.

\*\*\* For informational purposes only. Cannot guarantee eligibility. Information is subject to change without notice!

### *The Lost Word - - An Endless Search*

Ancient Craft masonry has been defined, and rightfully, as that which deals with the LOSS, the RECOVERY, and the PRESERVATION of a WORD.

To the Symbolic, of Craft Mason, is explained the Loss, exemplified in the degree of Master Mason. That which was lost was recovered as is well explained to those who have been exalted Royal Arch MASONS. How that Word was preserved is known only to those who have been made Royal Masters in the Cryptic Rite; of that we are not at this time concerned.

Just why should we be concerned with a WORD? What was so valuable about such a word as to surround it with so much mystery? And what value was such a Word if it could be obtained?

According to Dr. Hensoldt: *This Lost Word, according to the ordinary conception (which is altogether erroneous), is a certain mysterious conglomeration of letters or syllables, devoid of meaning to the uninitiated, which, if correctly pronounced or remembered, will enable the adept to perform miraculous feats and 'understand all things'.*

The Hebrews have a wonderful volume called the Kabala (or Cabala), of occult or mysterious character, which tells of a Word hidden within its pages, which, if rightly pronounced (or understood), will convey divine wisdom. From it we infer that it was a word of four letters; these letters have been referred to for years past as the "tetragrammaton".

The Lost Word is not a new idea.

Vyasa, who lived in India more than two thousand years before our era knew of the Word.

Valentinus Berthold, writing in 1327 A.D., in speaking of the Egyptian Sphinx, says that near a marble Sphinx in Egypt there is to be found:

*Behold the WORD, wise Pilgrim, ay the Word,  
That solves the hoary riddle of the Sphinx -  
The Word that solves the Mystery of Life!*

An so it would appear that to Freemasonry is given the task of carrying on the old tradition of the Word which was Lost, in the hope that future generations may discover it. It will be revealed to those who have labored in this world to obtain it.

In the meantime, it is our duty as Freemasons to carry on the tradition, to live the Life, and to inspire those about us with the necessity of living the righteous life, doing unto others that which we wish they should do unto us. Then, if we are deserving of it, the Word - known to us as the *Master's Word* will be revealed, and we shall be exalted, not as Royal Arch Masons, but as members of the Undissolving Lodge which is Eternal in the Heavens!]

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