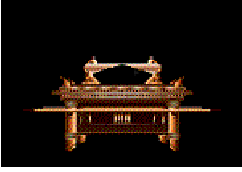


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*Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education -- "Sailing into the Future"*

## *The Craft Rituals of American Freemasonry*

**If you visit other lodges, you quickly pick up on the "differences" that exist between their ritual and your own.** A little digging, and you start to see that there are some word variations, but not "significant" changes in the ritual ...

... unless of course you are in a few select locations of the country. Let us briefly examine the "baseline" of American Freemasonry – the "Webb-form" ritual and some of the "other" rituals in which you may come into contact with.

**"Webb-Form" In 1745 the three-degree system was in place.** Splitting the first degree into two degrees, and taking the then second degree and making it the third degree accomplished this. This was not a very effective ritual, so in order to make the work more "acceptable" revisions were begun in 1769 in England by Wellins Calcutt and William Hutchinson. In 1772 William Preston joined them. In two years, Preston had completed his work, and rewrote the ritual of the three degrees. He was an excellent Ritualist, and his original work is some of the most beautiful ever created. There was one small problem ... it was long! In fact, it is said the 12 parts of his lecture of the Master Mason degree actually took a half-day to recite.

**Enter the colonial Thomas Smith Webb.** Webb loved the Preston rituals ... however, he quickly identified their major flaw. In 1797 he published his first "Freemason's Monitor, or Illustrations on Freemasonry" – in which he gave full credit to Preston for all his work – but made sure that the reader's knew that they were Preston's work so that it would fit the lifestyle of North America.

In 1839 the Grand Lodge of Alabama called for a meeting of all the "Grand Lecturer's" to discuss and determine a "common ritual" for the Craft. After a preliminary meeting in Washington, DC in 1842, the "Baltimore Convention" was held in that city in 1843. The objective of the convention was to "produce uniformity of Masonic Work and to recommend such measures as will tend to the elevation of this order to its due degree of respect throughout the world at large." In 1844 the

"Baltimore Convention" was held in that city in 1843. The objective of the convention was to "produce uniformity of Masonic Work and to recommend such measures as will tend to the elevation of this order to its due degree of respect throughout the world at large." In 1844 the Baltimore Convention published the "Trestle-Board." The Webb-Form ritual is used in 50 of the Grand Lodges of the United States. In all but two cases, it is only ritual sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

Old Ancients

**The exclusive ritual used by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.** This ritual's name is actually derived from the fact that it was the ritual of the Ancient's Grand Lodge during the schism of the Ancients and Moderns (1751-1813). Interesting to note here that the original Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (of which Benjamin Franklin was Grand Master in 1734) was later part of the Modern's Grand Lodge (and Franklin served as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania for the Moderns). The first Pennsylvania lodge to be chartered by the Ancients was established in 1758, and their Provincial Grand lodge was chartered in 1761. The Moderns Provincial Grand Lodge ceased to function in 1785, and the 1786 the Ancients Provincial Grand Lodge declared their independence from England. The work of the "Old Ancients" ritual can best be compared to the work done by Calcutt and Hutchinson prior to 1772 when Preston started working on the ritual.

Many brethren confused the "Old Ancients" ritual with that of the English Emulation Ritual. This is not possible though, as the Emulation Ritual is the result of the Lodge of Promulgation that worked out the differences between the Ancient's and Modern's rituals in 1814, after the reconciliation and formation of the United Grand Lodge of England. There are 4 lodges in Pennsylvania that do their work in the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect. Including one in Philadelphia that also conducts their business meetings in this dialect.

Scottish Rite:

**A unique Masonic experience awaits the brethren from the Webb-form jurisdictions if they attend one of the 10 lodges in the**

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### *"Sailing Into The Future"*

#### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

My Companions:

Another successful Grand Chapter year has been completed, and I want to congratulate MEC Paul Williams, Past Grand High, and his Lady Kathy on their year.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all of you Companions for electing me as your Grand High Priest. I promise to do my very best for our great Grand Chapter. We have a very strong Grand Chapter, and am honored to serve with all of you.

There will be a new program, starting this year called *"Enhance the Secret"*. This is a membership recruiting program started a few years ago. This program is now being put into effect. The web-page is going to be a very strong tool for getting this program off of the ground. This is a very exciting program. More will come out on this, as it progresses.

I wish to congratulate all who accepted appointments on the Committees. To all of the new Committeemen, and new DDI's, welcome. You will be a great asset and strength to our great Fraternity. The Grand Committeemen have always been very active in our Grand Chapter of Michigan.

On the pins, the Grand Officers and DDI's will be handing out, is a ship with a Key Stone on it symbolizing *"Sailing Into The Future"*. We must always keep the future in our minds.

Another item this year is, there will be a raffle for 'a week in a condominium at a Resort on Vanderbilt Beach in Naples Florida.' The Grand Officers, and DDI'S will have tickets. More will be out on this shortly.

Other programs will also be in effect:

Area Degree Teams will be continued, from MEPGHP Paul's year.

I also promise to give strong support to the Youth Groups. These are the future of our wonderful Fraternity. In August I attended the Michigan DeMolay Session, and witnessed the great young men, who will be leading our Fraternity, in the future.

Also let us keep our Ladies involved with us. Let us not forget our Grand Chapter Widows, as they are very important to us.

Ann and I just returned from General Grand Chapter, held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Right Excellent Companions Larry Inscho, Grand King, and Mike Colpus, Grand Scribe, also attended with their Ladies. It was an interesting Session. Being around other jurisdictions, many new ideas were discussed. A person always comes away with new ideas.

I will always be there to support all of you Companions. Please feel free to come to me, at any time.

The Michigan Grand Chapter has a very strong, dedicated line of Grand Officers. It is an honor to be serving with this great line of Grand Officers.

The new Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil is REC Donald L. Galway, PHP of Livingston Chapter. He will be a great asset to our Grand Line. He is the Secretary of Livingston Chapter and has been serving for the last several years as a District Deputy Instructor in our Grand Chapter. Welcome.

Again, please accept my sincere gratitude, and thank you, to all of you Companions, and your Ladies, for all of the assistance, guidance and support given to my Lady Ann, and myself.



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Dear Companions:

Greetings from the right:

This month I would like to report on General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, Triennial Session, which was held at the end of August in Indianapolis, Indiana. My lady Kathy and I attended along with MEC Bill Fairchild and lady Ann and REC R. Michael Colpus and lady Sandy.

We know have a new Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion Emory J. (Smokey) Ferguson PGHP of Alabama will be leading us for the next three years. We are looking forward to working with Smokey, he plans to carry on with some of the programs that ME Companion Larry Gray started plus he has a few new ones to assist and promote growth within the craft.

ME Companion Edmund D. Harrison of New York is now the RE General Grand King.

The new guy on the block is ME Companion Louis E. Bartrand of Washington who was elected as the RE General Grand Scribe. ME Companion Louis was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Luther-Lakes Lodge #370, Luther, Michigan and was a member of Traverse City Chapter.

It should be another good three years in York Rite Masonry World Wide, under this able and capable leadership.

The General Grand Chapter presented one new Charter for a new grand chapter. It went to Togo South Africa and it reinstated the Charter of the Grand Chapter of Monaco.

Michigan was honored at this session. Two of our dedicated Past Grand High Priests were awarded the ***General Grand Chapter Silver Medal Award***.

ME Companion James R. Sprague, PGHP 1998-99, for all the hard work and time he spends on the York Rite in general and the Royal Arch at all levels from his home Chapter through serving on committees of the General Grand Chapter. Thank you Jim for all you do and congratulations, it was well earned.

ME Companion Stanley B. Luykx, PGHP 2004-05, for all his hard work and time in supporting RARA by raising money through several "Bike Rides for RARA" as well other jobs in the Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter. Thank you Stan for all you do and have done.

MEC Jim and Stan join only 5 other Companions from Michigan to have received the Silver Medal. What a great honor this is for them. Again congratulations.

It was a great pleasure and honor to attend this Triennial of the General Grand Chapter and to see and hear all of the wonderful things that are going on worldwide in the Masonic Fraternity, especially in the enhancement of Royal Arch Masonry.

Remember:

**"ENHANCE THE SECRET"**

Thank you again

### ***Ads in your Triple Tau.***

The ***Michigan Triple Tau*** is an official publication of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, published 10 months, except for December and June. The Publication is made available to the York Rite Bodies of Michigan and via email to most Foreign Jurisdictions of the General Grand Chapter.

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Cost will be only \$100 per year for a business card size advertisement, 2 X 3 ½".

Contact Paul Howell, Grand Secretary, Editor

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

## **K.Y.C.H.**

October 11, 12 Noon St. Ignace Masonic Temple

### **Grand Commander Reception**

October 12 Muskegon, MI

### **Grand Chapter Educational Seminar**

October 17 & 18 Pontiac Masonic Temple Auburn Hills, MI

### **MSA Dinner: David W. Miller, PHP**

November 1 Belding-Ionia Masonic Temple Belding, MI

The following Dates are *tentative* dates from previous years events only:

*(Please put them in your calendar in pencil)*

Feb 7 – All Chapter/Council Degree Day Flint/Saginaw/Bay City Area

Feb. 14 – Caro, George Washington Birthday Dinner *Grand Officers Meeting earlier in the day.*

Feb. 28 – Tri-State, Ind./Michigan/Ohio All Chapter/2 Council Degree Day

Mar. 7 – Kalamazoo All Chapter/Council Degree Day

Mar 14 – East Central Conference – Grand Chapter & Grand Council

Mar 21 – 2 Order Day – Battle Creek

Apr 25 – Strawberry Festival All Council Deg Day – Mason

May 16 - KYCH

June 13 – All Chapter Outdoor Degree Day - Dowagiac

## **2009 Grand Chapter Educational Seminar**

R.E. Comp. R. Michael Colpus has set the plans for what he assures us will be a very educational and informative 2008/9 Educational Seminar/Retreat of your Grand Chapter.

**All Companions** of the Grand Chapter ***are welcome and encouraged*** to attend and contribute.

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 Phone number: 248.373.3342.

Friday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>

2-6 pm PGM Conley speaking on leadership & renewal.

6:30 Dinner by Pontiac Council - \$12.50

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

9 am – Officers Meeting

10:30 Showing of: “The Last Lecture”

Noon Lunch by GO’s ladies

1 pm – til Several major topics for discussion

6 pm Dinner by Pontiac Council \$12.50

7:30 - Hospitality Room

Dinner meals on Friday & Saturday are being prepared by Pontiac Council. \$12.50 per plate. ***Make your reservations NOW!!!*** Notify R.E. Companion Mike Colpus [Rcolpus@yahoo.com](mailto:Rcolpus@yahoo.com) or by phone at 248.673.1412

**\*\*\* Bring your Red Book, Rituals,  
Officers Workbook with you \*\*\***



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My Companion Secretaries:

I love it when a plan or idea that you had appears to be working. That appears to be the case with the Directory that for that year that I published and passed out in the packets at Grand Chapter. I have had several comments on the fact that they appreciate having it out in this format. That by publishing the corrections in the Triple Tau you can keep you Directory up to date and current with the information that I have in my office. Does mean that you have to make those corrections, though.

We still have two Chapters, as of the date of writing this letter, that have failed to perform their duties of submitting their Annual Return for this past year into the office of the Grand Secretary. Those Chapters are: River Raisin Chapter No. 22 in Monroe and Sunlight Chapter No. 189 in Garden City. This makes my work much more difficult and also means that "my required reports" are inaccurate.

We are looking forward to the Educational Seminar of the Grand Chapter and hoping that many of you will be able to be in attendance during a portion, or all of the time that we are meeting. We, your Grand Officers, can use your assistance, encouragement, suggestions and insight.

Whom do you have in your Chapter that you believe would make a good leader of the Craft to assist in the steering and helmsmanship of this Great Craft? Speak to them, encourage them to consider their options and assistance. Have them contact Carl Hobday, Chairman of the Protocol Committee to get questions answered and guidance.

I understand that there is a lot of work going on in the Chapters around the state. Hopefully this means that the Chapters are also putting together programs to educate and enlighten the new Companions to encourage them to continue to come forward and be an active participant in the Chapter. **GET THEM INVOLVED IMMEDIATELY.** Go to their house and pick them up and bring them to the meetings. Once they get in the habit it is easier to keep them in the habit.

Good luck and God Bless each of you ---

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

### Directory Corrections

In your packets that you picked up at Grand Chapter you had a couple of copies of the Directory for Grand Officers, Committees and Chapters of the Grand Chapter.

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**Jean Shumacher**

Widow of Past Grand High Priest, 1983-84, Richard Shumacher passed away on Sunday August 31 in Grand Rapids.

Lady Jean has been a very strong supporter and participant at most Grand Chapter Sessions and many Grand Chapter functions prior to her passing.

We will miss he warm personality and pleasant supportive, positive personality.

*Continued page 1.* **16<sup>th</sup> Masonic District of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.** These lodges, predominately located in and around New Orleans, conduct their work using the ritual for the symbolic degrees as developed by the Scottish Rite. This ritual of these lodges was developed in 1807 when three Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Supreme Council in Kingston, Jamaica created the “Grand Consistory of Louisiana,” which included not only a Craft Lodge, but also a Lodge of Perfection and a Consistory. The Grand Consistory actually worked all 33 degrees of the Scottish rite. (An interesting side note...the first of the Lodges that works the ritual was formed in 1793 – so the SR ritual was not the first ritual they worked).

Before you ask why a body from outside the country established a Grand consistory in Louisiana when the Supreme Council was already established in Charleston, understand that in the 1802 “Manifesto” of the new Supreme council at Charleston they included the first three degrees in their system. The Grand Lodge of south Carolina was not pleased with that decision, so the Supreme Council “traded” their symbolic lodge degrees in order to be able to continue their work. The work that is used by these lodges is a work created by Albert Pike for the Symbolic Degrees, and is more closely aligned to the work used in the Grand Lodge of France.

The SR northern Masonic Jurisdiction never assumed control over the symbolic lodge degrees. However, the Cerneau council did, and that may have ultimately lead to their downfall, since there were treading on the ground controlled by the Grand Lodges. It is said that the work of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge is quiet beautiful, and retains much of the symbolism found in European Masonry.

#### Conservators Ritual

While officially, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky uses a Webb-form ritual, there are many local lodges that prefer to use the work of Rob Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky.. **The Conservators Ritual** has a place in Michigan Masonic history as well. It was nearly adopted by that Grand Lodge in 1861. **Rob Morris started the “Conservators of Symbolical Masonry” i8n 1859.** The Conservator movement was based, on a book called “Mnemonics” which was a key to all the Esoteric and Exoteric work. Using this key, the Conservator ritual could be read by anyone. Keep in mind, that at this time, all ritual work was mouth-to-ear, there were few “instructors” of Masonic Ritual, and even fewer Grand Lecturers. Most lodges never received formal instruction in the ritual, so the “rand and file” quickly embraced a system that allowed easier access to learning the ritual. In reality, the Conservator movement was an attempt to form a “United Grand Lecturers”. In reality, the conservator movement was an attempt to form a “United Grand Lodge” of the United States, with Rob Morris as the Chief Conservator. (For those of you who remember your

Masonic history, you will note that Morris also proclaimed himself the “Chief Constellation” of the Order of Eastern Star.) It was the “Committee of Nine” from the Grand Lodge of Michigan that found, and published, Rob Morris’ 12 points of the “Charge of True Conservatism,” ion which he proclaims that all members to obey all summons sent to them by the Chief Conservator, and that all works of the movement were secret, to consider all documents issued by the Conservators to be private correspondence with the Chief Conservator. That aside, the work of the Conservators is also based on Preston-Webb, with changes that Rob Morris the “Poet Laureate” of American Freemasonry deemed to be necessary.

#### Other Ritualistic Information

**Ritual Ciphers-** 38 jurisdiction have published rituals of some kind. These range from “plain text” as published in Connecticut and Illinois, to the frequently used one – or three-letter keys. In two jurisdiction, a cipher ritual is published, but its use is strictly controlled. However, there are 13 jurisdictions that still do not allow cipher rituals of any kind. These jurisdiction still use the mouth-to-ear method of instruction for their ritual work. Some of these jurisdictions have such strict laws governing the printing of a ritual, that any brother who does such may be removed from the Craft.

#### Business in the Entered Apprentice Degree

A re-emerging process is happening here in the states, 16 jurisdictions now allow lodge business to be conducted in the Entered Apprentice Degree. This was commonplace until the various Grand Lodges adopted the Baltimore Convention ritual.

#### Conclusion

So, the next time you find yourself in a different state (or country) stop on in and check out the ritual. You may find yourself invigorated by the experience.

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Please correct your directory to reflect these changes.



### Grand Rapids Area – All Degree Day

Pictured in the center is Most Excellent Companion William Fairchild, surrounded by the candidates of the All Degree Day in Grand Rapids held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple. Behind him are the candidates for the day along with the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter that were in attendance. On the front right hand side is E. C. Bruce E. Hayden the High Priest of Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7.

An excellent and enjoyable day was had by all in attendance.



### Most Excellent Companion Admiral William B. Fairchild

PMIGM Kenney L. Lenfestey presented our Most Excellent Grand High Priest William B. Fairchild with his commission as “Admiral in the Kentucky Navy” at the reception and dinner honoring him in Escanaba on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

MEC Bill now has the proper title and rank to be able to guide our ship and to steer the course while we, as he so able puts it: goes “Sailing Into The Future.”

The First Lady of Capitular Masonry, Lady Ann Fairchild can be seen in the foreground.

### The Vision for Royal Arch Masonry in Michigan --

Royal Arch Masonry, in Michigan, shall be a preeminent organization for Freemasonry of high quality, consistently delivering, by symbols, allegory and example, a moral code founded on the highest standards of ethics, honesty and strength of character. A fraternal organization committed to charity, strengthening fellowship and brotherly love, dedicated to delighting, involving and education members, their families and the community, where the Chapter is a vibrant, respected and contributing part of their life.

The organization must be well-led, committed to excellence among Freemasons, maintaining quality programs and use of time; and forge alliances designed to help the community and develop the character of Royal Arch Masons.

A Michigan Royal Arch Mason can expect to find, in his fraternity, the opportunity to learn and be inspired; lead and be respected; be challenged; be entertained; cooperate with all Freemasons wherever dispersed; and be involved with his family; his companions and his community; and be proud to be a member of an organization committed to making a difference.

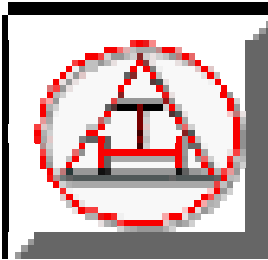
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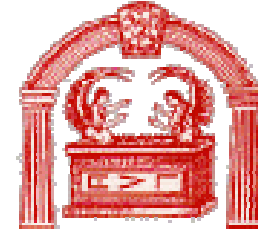
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