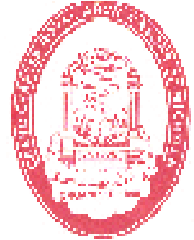
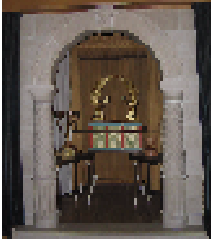




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JAMES R. SPRAGUE GRAND HIGH PRIEST 1998 – 1999

Born: Pontiac – June 13, 1942
Died: Clarkston – Sept. 2, 2010

Jim attended Public Schools in Waterford and Pontiac, graduating from Pontiac Northern High School

in June of 1961. Having lost his father during his High School term, Jim started working full time at a local Hospital before graduating. Shortly after graduation, Jim joined General Motors.

On April 27, 1963 he married the love of his life Jody. In 1966, Jim was called into Military Services where he served his Country with honor and was eventually assigned to Vietnam, returning home in late 1968. Jim continued his education and earned an Associates Degree from Oakland Community College in Tool Design and a Bachelor Degree in Management from Spring Arbor College.

Jim and Jody were blessed with two children, a daughter Jamie Ann (Knowlton) a son James A. (Tina) and three grandchildren, Jordon, Kaylene and Arayna..

In 1972, Jim joined Pontiac Lodge #21, F&AM of Michigan and started his Masonic adventure. He enjoyed the work and the fellowship so much, he continued to join until he basically was into most everything in the York Rite, joining the Chapter in September 1975, serving as High in 1988, Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council in 1991 and Commandery of the Commandery in 1982. Jim has presided over his Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, York Rite College. He has received the Knight York Cross of Honor from Michigan Priory #22, KYCH and the Order of the Purple Cross from the Sovereign College, serving as Grand Governor for Michigan for three years. He is also a member of and presided over the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar

Priest. Served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan in 1998-99. The General Grand Chapter as Deputy General Grand High Priest and GRMIV, 2002-2005. Received the Silver Medal Award from the General Grand Chapter in 2008. He served the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons as an appointed Officer for several years and elected and served as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, 2009-2010. Companion Jim was just elected on August 28th to the highest honor of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the 33rd Degree.

Throughout his numerous travels within the State and throughout the United States has been awarded untold number of Honorary Memberships for his service to the Craft in nearly every organization in which his has had the honor to travel to and work with.

Other Masonic affiliated organizations that Companion Jim belonged to included:; Tall Cedars of Lebanon; the Eastern Star; Amaranth; Grotto; Pontiac High #12 Club; Eastern Michigan Council #450 AMD: Trinity Council #36, Knight Masons: St. Thomas of Acon Trinity Chapel #12; Michigan College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana; Red Cross of Constantine, St. Clement Conclave.

Jim was employed as a Program Quality Manager working on advanced programs for General Motors. Shortly after completing his term as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Michigan, Jim retired with nearly 38 years of accredited service. Jim loved his Family and his Masonry. When time permitted, he enjoyed Sailing, Bow and Rifle Hunting, building things and most of all being with his family and helping people.

In conclusion this comment received in the Grand Chapter Office, "I met Jim Sprague only once in WV when I was GK of MD and he was visiting for GG Chapter. I was struck by his warmth and good humor. I have never forgotten that meeting. He was an example of the kind of Mason (MAN) we all should aspire to."

Vernon H. Huebschman, DDGGHP- NE
Grand Secretary - Grand Chapter of RAM in MD



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GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST

Greetings Companions,

Thank you to all companions of the State, for allowing me to serve you this year. It is an honor and privilege.

We have a very aggressive plan this year to deliver more value to the members and candidates of the Royal Craft. Stay tuned to the Grand Chapter WEB Site (www.ram-mi.org) for more details. Notice: On the Calendar, that when you see an; asterisk (*) in the more Info column, I am planning to attend that event.

Midland and Tecumseh Chapters have each committed to do an Awareness Program this year. I encourage these Chapters to set their event dates as soon as possible, allowing sufficient time for proper planning. If your chapter is interested in doing an awareness event in your area please contact one of the Grand Officers or your DDI. The DVD portion of the awareness program is available to you for presentation in your local area. Your DDI or Grand Officers can give you more information.

The Craft has lost one of it's most beloved members, Most Excellent Companion James R. Sprague, to the nobler service of the world to come. He was elected Grand High Priest in 1998. His memory lives on, he was a blessing to all of us. Our deepest sympathy to Jody, his Family and Friends. We are looking forward to clasping his hand once more.

The Theme of the Grand Chapter is "Enhance the Secret". It's not just an awareness program, it's a charge to improve and strengthen the tenets of our Order. Let's improve the quality and value of our mutual Masonic experiences to our candidates and each other. Have a most happy and successful year.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in my travels this year.

Thank you and Fraternally,

Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights of Michigan:

Are you a veteran and a member, or not a member, of the American Legion? It is my pleasure to inform you that we have an all Masonic Post. American Legion Post 88 is one of the oldest Posts in Michigan. We, however, do not ever have enough members to own our own building, but we do meet regularly.

I would like to invite, and encourage, you to come and meet with us.

Next year (2011) we will be meeting four times. We are currently meeting at the Berkley American Legion Post in Berkley, Michigan. If you are interested please call or email the following officers.

Paul C. Johnston, PGHP and Commander,
734-395-1006, email: pcj01@comcast.net

Raymond Anderson, Adjutant, 586 268-5749,
email: rayandy203@yahoo.com.

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Zion Chapter No. 171

Robert B. Powers - Region 3

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37

2010 Michigan Regional

Meritorious Service Award Recipients

At a date, time and location, to be announced.

Get ready to mark your calendars and attend!



Richard E. James, Grand Master of the 1st Veil

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Benefits of Studying Masonic Philosophy and Memorization of Our Degree Rituals

The study of Masonic philosophy is really a comprehensive quest to better understand God, the nature our world, human existence and the relationship between those variables. As such, the objective of our rituals is to reinforce a system of knowledge/world view that centers around a belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, the study of human character, and provide the Mason with an interpretation for the nature of reality. There are several reasons why memorization and performance of our rituals are important but space constraints will limit the article to three:

1. ***Provides opportunities for philosophical growth.*** The rituals were not merely developed to reinforce/educate our philosophical beliefs but to assist in the transformation of Masonic character. While the ritual communicates the spiritual principles/ideals consistent with the major religions, it also requires the Mason's response/integration before it can have an impact on his life. The Rituals worth does not just rest on reading and understanding the written word; it must move from the head to the heart to accomplish the purpose for which it was truly developed. The memorization and performance of our rituals integrates their principles into the makeup of our being consistent with the frequency of the practice.
2. ***Reinforces Masonic rationale, thought and values.*** The study and memorization of our ritual can provide a balance for our lives and give us insights into the challenges, temptations and trials that seem to be a byproduct of the human condition. Many of the rituals give us insight into the process of temptation, what might be typically expected as a result of poor choices and then point out the Masonic resolution to the conflict which draw from the spiritual teachings of the major world religions. The process of memorizing/practicing our ritual shapes our thinking/behavior into conformity with the Supreme Architect of the Universes view of significance, purpose, identity, and fraternal success.
3. ***Provides us Knowledge of God, knowledge about the nature of man, and guidance for making decisions.*** The ritual seems to provide us an understanding of the person, character, mind and will of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Through self examination ritual can cut below the facade of appearances and provide us insights into some of mans secret motivations and plans. As we read, study and memorize it becomes a mirror that exhibits our true character, exposes areas of self-delusion, and exhorts us to change. A working knowledge of the ritual, its teachings, and Masonic principles provide us wisdom and guidance in the decisions that shape the course of our very existence, and a philosophical perspective that will enable us to respond in a correct fashion to our circumstances and rise above them.

The Masonic Philosophy in addition to encouraging fraternity, charity, and integration has always held our ritual in the highest esteem and is a good expression of human freedom. Our ritual is best understood as a determined process developed to shake us free from the worlds forced fed assumptions/preconceived ideas and think independently. For those who become truly involved with it, its memorization and practice is more than a mere hobby or pastime, it enters into every aspect of one's life. Socrates said, 'The unexamined life is not worth living.' To some, that might sound arrogant. But we must remember that in making that claim he was speaking as a philosopher, expressing a discovery that each person makes for himself once they have begun seriously to philosophise. If life seems more problematic for the philosopher, then life without philosophy becomes simply unthinkable.

- All men by nature desire to know... It is owing to their wonder that men both now begin and at first began to philosophize. -*Aristotle*
- All our dignity lies in thought. Let us strive, then, to think well. -*Blaise Pascal*
- Philosophic study means the habit of always seeing an alternative. -*William James*
- There can be no successful democratic society till general education conveys a philosophic outlook. -*Alfred North Whitehead*
- Philosophy is to be studied, not for the sake of any definite answers to its questions since no definite answers can, as a rule, be known to be true, but rather for the sake of the questions themselves. -*Bertrand Russell*



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Companions:

On September 2nd Past Grand High Priest James Russell Sprague lost his battle with cancer. This Grand Chapter lost one of its hardest workers and I lost one of my closest friends. The turnout for his Memorial was overwhelming and I want to thank everyone who attended. Those who took part in the Service did an outstanding job under extreme emotional duress. Jim was a mentor to a lot of us and a friend to all of us. Jim's dream was for a united York Rite in Michigan and it showed with all the Masonic Organizations he belonged to. It was apparent every summer when he opened up his cottage retreat to all Masons for the York Rite Picnic in conjunction with the York Rite Golf Outing. I feel a great part of what I enjoyed about Masonry has left me. Then I realize that all the friendships that were made were all because of this Brother. Jim introduced me to many things besides my local Chapter. He will truly be missed but will always remain in our hearts and minds.

I will soon be making my Visitations to Chapters around the State. Renewing old friendships and looking forward to meeting new Companions. I will be bringing the Greetings of our Grand High Priest and explaining the Programs which the Grand Chapter hopes to accomplish. One of the things for your Chapter to remember if you plan on holding an All Degree Day is that you have to get a dispensation from the Grand High Priest and abide by the amendment passed at the Annual Convocation. Remember the Grand Officers work for you, but we need your support. Let's all work for the betterment of our Chapters first and together this Grand Chapter will prosper.

See you in my travels,

"Enhance the Secret"

The Enhance the Secret Program of the Grand Chapter has been up and running now for a period of over two years. It is established to be sponsored by one Chapter within the State and all other Chapters in the area can participate by each bringing Masons and their families from around the area and learning about what the Royal Arch and York Rite are all about. The program has been put on by primarily the Grand Officer's, however, it can be presented by your DDI and your Chapter, with proper instruction.

The Enhance the Secret Program together with the Masters' Pin presentations are excellent venues for enlightening the less informed and thereby gaining new petitions. "Spread the Word!"

In answer to your questions!

I have had several requests for information lately. Hope I can answer some of them.

Q. #1. Do we have a list of when things should be done by a Chapter?

A. No! Not formally, but try these as examples.

By April 1st. Send out notices of dues to all Companions, remember they are due to you not later than the 30th of April the end of your Capitular Year.

24 hours after election send in Election Return and corrections to your Directory Page from that which was printed last year and corrected in issues of the Triple Tau. Remember to add your outgoing High Priest as this is not an automatic entry to being a Past High Priest, if your Chapter does not elect him to that honor.

By May 15th send in your Annual Return to Grand Chapter.

Each month between May 1st and Feb 1st send in your information of Companions activities: ie: Address, phone numbers, email addresses, degree dates, etc.

Around August 1st should send out 2nd dues notices.

Around November 1st should send out 3rd dues notices.

Vote on Suspensions around January or February 1st.

Q. #2. Where can I get materials and forms about the Grand Chapter.

A. Go to the Web Site at ram-mi.org by going down on the left hand side of the Home Page you will find the words "Download", Double Click on it and you will bring up a page with a tremendous amount of information and all of the forms of Grand Chapter. Open them up for example "Red Book Forms" and you will be amazed at what is available.

Q. #3. If I should find something in error or out of date on the Web Site, whom should I notify?

A. Contact the Web Site Review Chairman. Currently PGHP Larry A. Inscho at: laika@tds.net

Q. #4. Are there any changes in gaining Life Membership in the Grand Chapter?

A. Yes!! There are several. Please note Section 246. Emeritus or Life Membership. Anyone exalted after January 1, 1977 must have been affiliated for not less than thirty (30) years and have reach the age of 70. 65 and 30 years if exalted prior to January 1, 1977.

Anyone made a Life Member after July 1, 1997 must continue to pay annually to the Grand Chapter, through their Chapter, the Per-capita of Grand Chapter and that of the General Grand Chapter.

Q. #5. What is the Per-capita of Grand Chapter and that of General Grand Chapter.

A. General Grand Chapter Per-capita is currently \$1.00. Grand Chapter Per-capita is \$11.75 for the year 2010-2011 and that increases at a rate of \$1.00 per year until it is \$20.75. These are collected prior to the beginning of the year and paid to Grand Chapter with the Annual Return at the conclusion of the year.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS
MAKE THESE CORRECTIONS!!!

- P. 3, 8 (Instructional Manual & Jurisprudence), P. 4.
Living Mich Gen Gr. Chap. Officers, P. 9 Living Gen
Grand Chapter Silver Medal Recipients, P. 14.
Oakland Chapter Living Past High Priests, Remove
James R. Sprague
- P. 5 & 15. Daniel Pelak DDI #15 & High Priest # 7
change email to: imparius@sbcglobal.net
- P. 5 & 16. Jack Temsey DDI #14 & High Priest # 15
change address to: 7407 Shellflower, Apt 3, Lansing
48917 email to: jtemsey@hotmail.com
- P. 6. Alan F. Sheperd (deceased) living High Priests of
Washtenaw #6.
- P. 17. 37. Rodney Roberts, Scribe – Address change:
3392 Hemmingway Lane, Lambertville 48144 email
to: rgroberts@bex.net
- P. 19. 34. Paw Paw Change meeting date to 3rd Monday
and time to 7:30 pm
change Kevin Perry, High Priest email to:
Kevin.perry@mipna.com
Add cell for Richard Stange, Sec. 269.655.4157
- P. 20. 38 Scott Roberts, Sec. change phone # to
616.204.5662
- P. 27. 118. Delta now meeting in Kingsford, 49802
301 Hamilton Ave. 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm (CST)
- P. 28. John Cischke, Secretary add email:
john_cischke@yahoo.com
- P. 32. Trenton #173 change Secretary to read:
Steven Mattes, 30750 Beverly Rd., Romulus 48174;
734.713.6510 steven.I.mattes@gmail.com
Change: Al Jennings, Memb. Chair. Newpost to
Newport and change email to: asjenn@centurylink.net
- Page 34. Add Copper Country No. 191 U.D.
51340 US Highway 41, Hancock (*Call first, they may
be move Charter around*) 4th Monday – 7:00 pm.
No meeting – Nov. & Dec.
- Jon Woods High Priest
313 Shelden, Houghton 49931; 906 483.2074
jpwoods@mtu.edu
- Jeffrey Stroud King
315 Shelden, Houghton 49931
- Brian Keinz Scribe
16837 Skange, L'Anse; 9906.370.8288
- Arthur K. Hubler Secretary
21814 GreenHouse Rd., Skame 49962
906.524.5477 art@u.p.net

Each of the Chapter received two (2) copies of the
Directory in the packet distributed at Grand Chapter that
had their Masters' Pins for presentation.

Make sure that you make the corrections listed to both
of those Directories each month as they are published for
you.

Do you know of another correction that needs to be
made? Let me know.

CALENDAR

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

- Sep 27 – Cadillac #103 – DDI Session**
Sep 28 – Kalamazoo #13 – DDI Session
Oct 9 – Holy Royal Arch and KYCH – Bedford
Oct 11 – Grand Rapids – DDI Session
Oct 16 – Council All Deg. Day – Traverse City
Oct 26 – Royal Arch Degree – Wayne 182 – 60th Ann.
***** Jan 8 – Chapter All Deg. Day – Upper Peninsula**
Jan 21 & 22 – Gr. Chapter Ed. Seminar – Chelsea
Jan 23 – RA Widows Deg. – Paw Paw - 12 Noon
***** Jan 29 - Richard James Reception**
Feb 5 – Chapter/Council All Deg. Day - * Flushing**
Feb 19 – George Washington Dinner – Caro
**Feb 26 – Chapter/Council All Deg. Day – Tri-State
(Ind., Mich., Ohio)**
Mar 5 – Chapter/Council All Deg. Day – Schoolcraft
Mar 11&12 – East Central – Grand Rapids
Mar 19 – All Order Day – Battle Creek
***** Apr ? – David Montgomery Rec. MSA**
Apr 23 – Council All Deg. Day – Mason
***** Apr 30 – Robert Powers Rec. MSA**
May 21 – KYCH – Alma Pathways
May 23 – 25 – Grand Lodge – Mt. Pleasant
Jun 11 – Chapter All “Outdoor” Deg. Day
Aug 6 – Grand Chapter Picnic
Aug 7 – York Rite Charity Golf Outing
**Aug 16 – 20 Grand York Rite Sessions – Lexington
Hotel, Lansing.**
**Aug 25-27 – General Grand Chapter/General Grand
Council Triennial Conventions – Raleigh, NC**
**Feb 26 – Chapter/Council All Deg. Day – Tri-State
(Mich., Minn., Wisc.)**

Mark your calendars to attend your Symbolic
“Blue” Lodges in your area! Strengthen the Lodges and
spread the word about the Royal Arch and York Rite
Masonry.

Each of the Chapters has several dates to which they
must add to the above calendar. The Installations for
the local Lodges to which you are to make your
presentation to new Master of the Lodge of his pin for
2011.

Prepare for this event. Make it an event to which
the new Master will always remember. Make it an
event that will excite the Brothers of the Lodge to want
to learn more about the Royal Arch and the York Rite.

Your Masters' Pin Presentations is your best
opportunity to reach out and explain the Royal Arch.
Do not waste this opportunity.

Every Chapter has a good source of new members.
It is up to them to utilize that source by taking the Royal
Arch to them. A method to “Enhance the Secret.”



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Secretary's Scribbles



Companion Secretaries:

As I was traveling through the line of your Grand Chapter I made it a point to visit every Chapter on at least two (2) occasions. The year that I was Grand High Priest I visited with all but 2 Chapters during that year. Bad weather caused that problem. Both of those Chapters were visited with my apologies at their 1st meeting thereafter my session.

This year, being my last year as a Grand Officer I will be attempting to visit with each of you during this year. Let us hope that the weather does not interfere with this intent on my part. One thing that may hurt my visitation desire is that we will be going on vacation from mid-February to mid/late March.

Although I hope to visit with each of you, I can assure you that I will in no way let the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Chapter Office suffer for me wanting to complete my visitations.

When I first indicated my intent to retire in the near future, before I gave you my specific date, I indicated that I would retire when Beth retired, so that we could enjoy some time in the sun and traveling while we were both healthy enough to do so. Beth will be retiring by the end of this year. We are ready to enjoy the time to ourselves.

I believe that it has been a good run. I have enjoyed my experiences and those many friends which I have made over the last years. I will have been a Grand Officer, and I hope serving you, for just a couple of months under 20 years.

Should you be interested in assuming this position please give me a call, come out and visit. I will talk to you, show you what has to be done. Explain the responsibilities. Answer all of your questions.

It is not necessary that you be a Past Grand Officer. It is not necessary that you be a Past High Priest. It is necessary that you have a desire to serve the Craft.

The job, position does not include the responsibilities of storing the Paraphernalia of the Grand Chapter.

The job, position does not include the responsibilities of being the editor and publisher of this publication the Michigan Triple Tau.

Looking forward to seeing each of you in my travels this year.

Stay well

Let me know what I can do to help you.



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**General Grand Chapter
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(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, 1st 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 1st, 2nd, 3rd 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, Art Girard, Paul Howell, Larry Inscho or Bill Skrepnek or any 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.

**St. Clair Chapter No. 12
All Chapter Degree Day**
Saturday, August 7th, 2010



Sixteen new Royal Arch Masons were exalted at the All Degree Day hosted by St. Clair Chapter on Saturday, August 7th.

Representatives from eleven Chapters attended and assisted when and where needed to make the ceremony a total success: Monroe #1, Oakland #5, St. Clair #12, Excelsior #25, Huron #25, Huron #27, Livingston #30, Shores # 69, North Branch #138, Midland #169, Wayne #182 and Wawanosh #115 of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

Pictured with the candidates are: MEGHP Larry A. Inscho; Louis Stevich (Act. EHP#12); RESK William P. Herlihy, Gr. Commander

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Contact:

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or

Richard Hitch, GM2V

to make your reservations

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You can send your Check to the General Grand Chapter c/o Larry E. Gray, General Grand Secretary, 2250 N. Greenfield, IN 46140.

Grand Chapter Pre-paid Membership

Each Companion of the Grand Chapter should purchase a Pre-paid membership in their Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Michigan. These pre-paid memberships will perpetually assist the Grand Chapter in having funds available for future growth and development.

Some people believe that if you are a "Life Member" you shouldn't take out a "Pre-Paid" Membership. Not true. Once you are a Life Member then you continue to assist and support your beliefs in the benefits and traditions of the Royal Arch.

Go to the Grand Chapter Web Site and download the form. Send it to the Grand Chapter Office through your Chapter.

Support into perpetuity the Grand Chapter, your current Companions and future generations.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation

Every Chapter should make it a goal to raise and contribute a minimum of \$1.00 per member to their Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation. It is another Perpetual Financial Growth for you and your Successors. From their Income this year they are contributing up to \$5,000 to support your programs. This Foundation hopes to assist your Grand Chapter is having to raise its per-capita to future generations.

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The Grand Chapter/Council & Commandery will again meet in Joint Session next year, 2011, at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. The Grand Chapter will meet on Wednesday, August 17th, Grand Council on Thursday, August 18th and the Grand Commandery, Friday & Saturday, August 19th & 20th. Mark your calendar early to get those dates aside to be in attendance.

The General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council will hold their Triennial Convocation and Assembly on August 25-27th. All Grand High Priests, Grand Kings and Grand Scribes plus all Past Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes have a vote at this General Grand Convocation.

At the General Grand Council Assembly, our own Most Illustrious Companion George C. Sellars will be running for the office of Most Puissant Grand Master of the General Grand Council and thereby representing all Cryptic Masons throughout the globe.

Frederick T. Schneider *Grand Sentinel*

Will be retiring from service to the Grand Chapter after this year.

He and lady Janet have been serving this Grand Chapter since October 6th, 2001.

10 years of service!

They have always taken the new Grand Officers under their wing and given them the guidance and support that they need in order to make them feel comfortable and relaxed. This position is an elected position of the Grand Chapter.

Not necessary to have been a Past Grand Officer.

Are you possibly interested?

Contact either: Fred Schneider or Paul Howell for additional information and to have your questions answered.

Membership Listings

Each of the Chapters has received a Computerized listing of the membership of their Chapter as is on the Grand Chapter Computer. This list is out of date with your current membership. This we know. Why? If for no other reason than the Secretary's, or most of them have not been sending in new addresses for the members as they get them.

Some of the addresses are perhaps 20 or more years old. We want to get and keep the membership records corrected and up to date so that your New Grand Secretary taking office in August of next year will at least begin with a clear slate.

Should you have additional information, example email addresses we would appreciate it if you would please send them also. These will be used for correspondence, Triple Tau Mailings and mailings of extreme importance to all Companions.

Several of the Chapters have returned their listings already. We will be correcting the Grand Chapters Computers and sending you a new listing afterwards for you to look over.

We cannot do this without your help and assistance. It will be necessary for you to continue to update thereafter!