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JAMES H. SIMMONS, SR.
Elected Grand High Priest October 7, 1989

JAMES H. SIMMONS, SR.

Born: June 22, 1922

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Died: September 21, 2011

***Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of Michigan
1989 – 1990***

Most Excellent Companion James H. Simmons, Sr. was born on the 21st day of September 1922 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He served in the United States Army Corp of Engineers during World War II and took his oath becoming a citizen of the United States during his service.

Following his tour of duty in the military service, he completed four years of A.F.L. Carpentry Apprentice School and later became a Carpenter Contractor.

In March of 1943, Most Excellent Companion Jim took Isabell McKee to be his bride, love of life and constant companion who preceded him in death

this past year. They had two sons, Jim, Jr., and Tim. Jim and Isabell were blessed with several grand children who they doted over.

Jim's Masonic career was full and very productive, beginning at River Rouge Lodge No. 511 in 1958, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1965. He was exalted in River Rouge Chapter No. 174 in 1959 and served as High Priest in 1964, also serving the Grand Chapter as a District Deputy Instructor and being elected to the Grand Chapter line in 1982. He son, Jim, Jr., has also served as a High Priest of River Rouge Chapter.

Jim was greeted in River Raisin Council No. 4, R.&S.M. in 1970, serving as Thrice Illustrious Maser in 1978. His Knighting in Monroe Commandery No. 19 took place in in 198 and served as Commander in 1972. He is a past recorder of the Commandery and served on the Grand Commandery Instruction Board. He holds several honorary memberships in various York Rite Bodies both in State and out of state.

M.E.C. Jim was also a member of Southerastern Michigan York Rite College No. 19, where he served as Governor and a holder of the Order of the Purple Cross.

He is a long time member of the coveted York Cross of Honour and is a member of Priory No. 22.

He was a member of numerous Masonic organizations holding membership in the Scottish Rite, Valley of Detroit; Monroe Scottish Rite Club; Moslem Temple Shrine as well as being a charter member of Woodhaven High-12 Club.

M.E. Companion Simmons passed away on September 21, 2011. His presence, expertise, devotion and dedication to the Craft will be deeply missed.

Each subordinate Chapter is expected to drape their Charter for a period of 30 days in honor, respect, admiration and devotion to our Most Excellent Companion.



Michael Whiting

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"GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST"

Working together we will accomplish great things.

Dear Companions:

This last month has been quite busy for not only myself, but I hope for you as a new year is starting after a summer break from most of your Chapters.

By now I hope that your District Deputy Instructor has contacted you regarding your School of Instruction. I have asked that they be completed by October 31st. If he has not contacted you, please let me or the Executive Director of DDI's, Tim Forche, know so we can see what the problem is.

We have heard of the letter that the IRS has sent to each Chapter. I assure you that we are aware of the problem and hopefully we can get this problem taken care of as soon as possible. Direct all Correspondence to the Grand Secretary, Robert Cooper, and he will keep you updated on future developments.

The Grand Chapter Office has not fully been moved to Grand Rapids. There are two trailers full of records, furniture and paraphernalia that still must be moved from where they are being stored. I'm sure that our Grand Secretary could use some volunteers to assist in moving them to their new home. Contact him and he'll let you know when the move is planned.

Since our Grand Chapter several of your Grand Officers traveled to Raleigh, N.C. for General Grand Chapter. There were 51 Companions from Michigan there in attendance at various times for General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter. Our Congratulations to MEC Larry Inscho, on being selected as Ambassador for Michigan.

While we were in Raleigh, R.E.C. Lou McCray and R.E.C. Richard James along with Companion Richard Causley traveled to Wausau, Wisconsin to represent Michigan at the Tri-State Festival. They discovered just how different the ritualistic work is in other Jurisdictions. At the same time our Grand Treasurer attended the Rainbow Grand Assembly representing me. As you can see the Grand Chapter Officers are busy working as a team. My wish is that your Chapters follow that example and not just relying on one or two Companions to keep your Chapter growing.

My travels this last month included Iosco, Wayne and River Raisin Chapters. I plan to visit as many Chapters as I can during the next year. Don't be alarmed when any Grand Officer shows up at your Chapter. We are only there to decimate information and assist you in any way possible. I attended Bark River Commandery and am pleased to say that 10 Companions were knighted. They came from all over the U.P. and we actually had one from Marysville, go all the way there to be knighted.

What are you doing to attract new members to the York Rite? Tecumseh Chapter #42 is hosting, along with several other Chapters in the area, a luncheon and an Introduction to the York Rite, Blue Lodge and Eastern Star to prospective members. If you know of anyone who might be interested or if you are interested in finding out something that could benefit your Chapters in attracting new members, contact E.C. Wes Tapp or Comp. Jason Fowler for further information.

Our sincere condolences and sympathy go out to the family and friends of M.E.C. James Simmons, PGHP, who passed away on September 21st.

Finally, my sincere Thank You to all who attended the Joint Reception for, Right Eminent Commander Roy, Most Illustrious Companion Dwight, and myself. It was a beautiful day, a delicious dinner, a perfect venue and many friends to share it with.

I am looking forward to seeing and greeting you in my travels.



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The Saga of Fritz Continues

We return to the woods. The tub is warm and attracting frogs from all over the woods. Todd and Ted Tadpole, Fritz's two little students are busy greeting all the new occupants, but something seems amiss. The new frogs seem to look around and stay longer but they don't seem to be staying on like Fritz, Todd and Ted. It is inevitable that the three of them finally meet and confer.

"Fritz, what are we going to do?" asked Todd

"Yeah, It isn't working." Said Ted.

Fritz rubbed his chin and thought for a few moments and then said, "You know, we've made a good surrounding for our friends. We spent a lot of effort in making it a warm and hospitable place. We greet everyone with genuine sincerity, but they get bored. There is nothing to do and no reason for them to hang around. Why not Include them in the activities here in the tub. Find out what they are good at. Find out what interests them and try and incorporate their talent into the activities of the tub."

Fritz continued, "Doing that will accomplish several things: One, It'll give them a reason to stay or to come back. Two, It'll fulfill one or more of the needs we have here at the tub and three it'll draw attention to the tub and attract even more of our woodland friends to join us."

Prescribed Uniform

The "Summons" of Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 52, a military lodge of the Grand Lodge Nationale Francis, invariably had this notation:

Dress

Officers: Dinner jacket and white gloves.

Members and Visitors: Dinner jacket or dark business suit or Class "A" uniform, white gloves.

Companions,

**No
Article
submitted
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SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY
MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION

In scheduling your local events you should work around the other Masonic Bodies including the Scottish Rite and their activities in your area.
Upcoming SR Events:

Calendar

Valley of Traverse City

Fall Reunion - Saturday, October 1

Valley of Marquette

Fall Reunion - October 7-8

Valley of Grand Rapids

Fall Reunion - October 14-15

Valley of Detroit

Fall Reunion - October 22

Valley of Bay City

Fall Reunion - Friday & Saturday, October 28-29



Michigan Council of Deliberation Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 9, 2012 ~ DoubleTree Riverside Hotel, Bay City

Are you attending and supporting the Masonic Lodges within your area? This is where we get our membership. They need to know who you are and that you are there as a Brother and as a Companion.



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Secretary's Scribbles

Hello Companions:

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on or after the 28th of each month,
only on the Web Site !!!!! at:**

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own each month!!!**

**Set a bookmark on your Computer and mark
your calendar.**

Correct your Directory, page 3. Paul Howell, PGHP
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Page 26: Delta 118 - Meeting 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm

**** These are the only Directory Correction that I
have received this past month.*

*Please send all corrections to the Grand Secretary.
He is to send me a monthly listing of the new changes
for the month for publication for you to correct your
Directory*

CALENDAR

(*) = *To be confirmed*

**Oct 1 – State Master Councilor Reception, DeMolay,
Grand Rapids**

Oct 8 – KYCH – Midland

Oct 10-13 Grand Chapter OES – Battle Creek

**Oct 22 – Enhance the Secret Program – Tecumseh
No. 42.**

**Oct 23 – MSA – Reception Michael J. Kinney – St.
Clair Chapter No. 12**

Nov 6 – Daylight Savings Time ends – “Fall Back”

Nov 6 – G.W. Matron Reception – Bay City

Nov 11 – Veterans Day

Nov 19 – All Youth Honoring – Bay City

Nov 24 – Thanksgiving

Dec 21 – Hanukkah

Dec 25 – Christmas

Dec 31 – New Years Eve

Jan 13 – DeMolay Winterfest

**Jan 14 – Reception, Mike Roberts, GM1V, Mt.
Vernon Chapter 37, Samaria**

***Jan 27-28 – Gr. Chap. Ed. Seminar, Gr. Rapids**

***Feb 4 – All Chapter Degree Day (*Flint/Saginaw?*)**

**Feb 18 – Gr. Officer’s/Foundation Meeting – Caro
George Washington Dinner – Caro**

Mar 3 – All Chapter Deg. Day – Schoolcraft

Mar 9-10 - East Central Regional, Merrittsville, IN

Mar 11 – Daylight Savings Time “Spring Forward”

**Mar 31 – All Chapter Deg. Day – Mackinac 134,
St. Ignace**

April 8 – Easter

May 28 – Memorial Day

Aug 4 – Grand Chapter Picnic – *Sprague’s Cabin

Aug 5 – Joint YR Golf Outing – Gladwin

Aug 22 – Grand Chapter – Bay City

Aug 23 – Grand Council – Bay City

Aug 23 – Grand Banquet – Bay City

Aug 24&25 – Grand Commandery – Bay City

**A more complete Calendar can be found on
the Web Site of each of the Grand Bodies. Go to the
Sites to find out what is happening within the state.**

**Should you need more information: contact
the Secretary or Presiding Officer of that local
organization. They can give you much more specific,
detailed information.**

**Directory corrections have been posted to
the Directory on the WEB.**

**Also, the Monthly Activity Form has been
added to the down Loads.**

**Robert E. Cooper, PGHP
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Next years Sessions will be at:

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Do you have suggestions to assist in making it
an even better and smoother run Please contact
the above listed Committee

Grand Chapter – Wednesday, August 22nd

Grand Council – Thursday, August 23rd

Grand Banquet – Thursday, August 23rd

Grand Commandery – Friday & Saturday
August 24th & 25th

Tecumseh Chapter No. 42

OUT-REACH TO THE BROTHERS

Tecumseh Chapter has reviewed the materials in the “Enhance the Secret” Program of the Grand Chapter and has decided to make several revisions on their own and attempt to possibly improve upon the Program.

Everyone is invited to attend and also to bring prospective members and their families.

It will begin with a lunch at noon and then retire to the Lodge Room for a presentation period and question and answer session.

More Information?

Contact either:

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Tecumseh Chapter does not wish to “Enhance the Secret”, and make it an even bigger ‘Secret’ but would prefer to “Expose the Secret” and make it available to all those worthy Brothers.

From your Director of DDI's

I hope all the Companions had a good time at our Grand Session. By now all the DDIs and Chapter Secretaries should have all their new paperwork. We've changed the inspection form a bit and want to get our Schools of Instruction done in a timely manner. The Grand High Priest has set the date of October 31st for their completion. We all have a tendency to put things off, but the sooner we get our tasks done, the sooner we can relax. Our Schools should be considered just that, Schools. The work gone over is simply what is in our Rituals and Law Books. We'd like to have everyone on the same page and be able to do our work proficiently. There is nothing worse than for a new companion to come to Chapter and see Officers stumbling over the Opening and in the Degree Work. I doubt many of us would be interested in returning if that happened to us.

Our DDIs and Chapters have to work together to make things happen. If the Chapters have a problem or question please bring it up to the DDI's or Grand Officers, as soon as it appears. so it can be taken care of.

Chapters please get your Master Pins presented as soon as your Lodge Installations allow. If you run into problems please bring them up. We can't help out if I get a letter May saying you're having troubles of some kind. I know many Chapters have a lot of pins to present due to consolidations and we're trying to come up with a better plan. If you have any suggestions, I'm all ears.

All the companions need to support and work with your Blue Lodges as that is the only place our members will be coming from.

Good Luck on a very prosperous Capitular Year.

Schools and Inspections!

This year Most Excellent Companion Michael Whiting as gone back to the point scoring system for the Schools of Instruction and Inspections of the Chapters.

Each Chapter received in their packet of materials at the time of registration at Grand Chapter a copy of the School of Instruction/Inspection Report Form that is to be used by the District Deputy Instructor for this process.

These are submitted to each Chapter so that they have no question as to what is expected of them and what materials must be ready for Inspection.

The District Deputy Instructor should have been in contact with each of their Chapters immediately after the Grand Convocation, if not before, to set up the dates for the School and the Inspection. If this has not been done yet, then the Chapter should contact the District Deputy Instructor to make the appropriate arrangements.

The School and Inspection will be covering the opening and closing in the Royal Arch Degree (*This should be done without books for the Inspection!*) Reception of Grand Officers. Royal Arch Degree as found between pages 121, L. 4 and page 134, L. 21.

It is the intent of M.E.C. Whiting, and sincere hope, that each Chapter will take time at Stated Convocations and have Special “Rehearsal” Convocations so that every Chapter, no matter how small, is able to perform 1 or more of the degrees for their candidates and to assist other Chapters in the District.

Continued from September Issue, Article by William Young, Past High Priest of Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 111.

the Sons of Belial after they sought their own desires (human females). The literal 1/3 of heaven reference in that one angelic host out of hosts. IE: one being out of a group of three beings of a total of 3,000,000 groups to equal 9,000,000 angelic hosts. 3,000,000 angelic hosts assisted Enoch in the construction of the edifices around the earth. All of them fell to their own desires. People are stunned at the them 'legion' (Mark 5:9 or Luke 8:30)? A Roman Legion was about 6000 men. Consider this: Of those three million lets say that all of them had at least one offspring survive (offspring that were half mortal and half immortal) offspring that were produced from the mating of the Angelic with the Mortal. Offspring that needed bodies to inhabit as theirs were destroyed during the great deluge. That's three million sons of the sons of Belial out there roaming around looking for a body (their fathers didn't need bodies they had them – and used them which was what caused the problem'). If 6000 were possessing that one man it logically makes me wonder where the other bodiless 2,994,000 were? Or who they were possessing?

The book of Jasher (Chapter 4) “[18] And the Watchers went to the daughters of Adam and took their wives by force from their husbands according to their choice, and the sons of Adam in those days took from the cattle of the earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and taught the mixture of animals of one species with the other in order therewith to provoke the Yhvh; and Elohiym saw the whole earth corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon earth, all Adam and all animals. {19} And Yhvh said I will blot out Adam that I created from the face of the earth, yea from Adam to the birds of the air, together with cattle and beasts that are in the field, for I repent that I made them.”

The book of Genesis Chapter 6 Verse 1 to 3 is a correlation this is also a direct correlation with the so called gods of Egypt (later adopted by Babylon, and Rome) as they descended from heaven to play 'games' with humans. A trace memory from an ancient record perhaps? Regardless of the fact that this history has been lost to the ages. Regardless of the fact that Masonry truly has forgotten its past as its stuck going only back to the time of Solomon. Enoch was a king but he gave up that position to build with stone a monument for the ages. A monument that the

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Continued from September Issue, “State of the Fraternity: The Call for Positive Change” by R.E. Comp. Richard James.

If you fail to honor your people, They will fail to honor you; I is said of a good leader that, When the work is done, the aim fulfilled, The people will say, We did this ourselves” Lao Tzu, 604-531 B.C., Founder of Taoism, Tao TeChing

“A tale is told of a man in Paris during the upheaval in 1948, who saw a friend marching after a crowd toward the barricades. Warning him that these could not be held against the troops, that he had better keep way, he received this reply; “I must follow them. I am their leader.” - A Lawrence Lowell, 1856-1943, President of Harvard University, Conflicts of Principle

The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority. – Kenneth Blanchard, University of Massachusetts, Schatz, Managing By Influence, (Prentice-Hall, 1986)

2. In order for a Masonic body to be successful it must surround itself in a network of strength by inviting and committing the involvement of the right people. This is defined as a core group of active brothers across the state with interpersonal dynamics that positively impact that particular Masonic organizations identity, complement its unique position within the masonic structure, or provide some other form of added value to the fraternity. A powerful benefit of a Masonic Leader surrounding himself with a network of strength when he moves into office is the addition of beneficial skills. This is a valuable resource – like having a toolbox full of people who each possess skill and knowledge in various areas that exceeds his own.

“The best leader is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and the self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it.”” – Theodore Roosevelt, American President

3. Communication is to convey ideas that instill conviction and establish relationships of trust. Over the past year as a member of the State Grand Chapter various topics related to communication have come up frequently. Donald Galway (Grand Officer) in summary of a series on retention wrote:

Communication in my opinion is the number one in retaining the attendance of our membership. I tried to outline some ways to better communicate with our members. Continued next issue

53rd Annual Tri-State R.A.M. Convocation

The Royal Arch Tri-State Association held their 53rd Annual Convocation on August 27, 2011 at Wausau, Wisconsin. The Association, made up of Chapters from Eastern Minnesota, Northern Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, meets on the 4th Saturday in August, every year, for the purpose of hosting an all degree day and promoting fellowship between the members of the three states. The location of the Convocations and the responsibility for the conferral of the degrees is rotated between the three states, so each year a Chapter from a different state acts as host and confers the Royal Arch Degree.

Three Companions from Michigan made the trip across the forests and farms of northern Wisconsin to Wausau, Companion Rick Causley of Mackinac Chapter #134, REC Rick James GM2Veil, and myself.

This year it was Michigan's turn to confer the Mark Master Degree and, with only the three of us in attendance, we needed a lot of help from the Companions of Minnesota and Wisconsin. We found that there are several differences between our ritual and the rituals of the other two Grand Chapters, e.g., in the MM Degree, they don't even use a Junior Warden his chair is left empty, and in the second section, all the bible verses are read by the RWM. Because there were only three of us, we decided to go along with their way as much as we could rather than try to educate all the other participants in the Michigan (read: proper, or at least to us) ritual. With REC James as RWM, myself as SW, Comp. Causley as SD, and assistance from several others, we actually did a good job on the conferral of the degree, and the new Mark Masters were suitably impressed.

Minnesota conferred the Past & Most Excellent Master Degrees, again with several major differences from the way they are done in Michigan, but very well done.

After the PM & MEM Degrees, we took a break for lunch and the Annual Meeting of the Tri-State Association. It was announced that the next Annual Convocation of the Royal Arch Tri-State Association will be held on Aug 25, 2012 in Duluth, MN. The Michigan delegation will be conferring the Past Master & Most Excellent Master Degrees.

With the lunch break and meeting over, we went back to work with Wisconsin conferring the Royal Arch Degree. The Wisconsin team did some of the best work of the day, but my, oh my, the differences between the Wisconsin ritual and Michigan's were remarkable. As one who does the Royal Arch Captain part, I found several variations just in the role of the RAC. I won't list the differences but if you are interested in seeing some of the ways ritual is done in other jurisdictions, an easy way to do so would be to attend the Tri-State Convocation in Minnesota next year.

After the work was over, we adjourned to the dining room for a delicious Swiss Steak Dinner followed by remarks from the representatives of the three states. I extended greetings on behalf of our MEGHP Michael Whiting and the member chapters of Michigan, introduced my traveling Companions, and thanked the Association for the work they have done to make the day a success.

For you Companions who live downstate and a trip to

Duluth would pose a problem, but you still would like to see some differences in the way the work is done, plan to attend the Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio Tri-State Festival held in Angola, IN. in late February.

The differences in the work as done by our southern neighbors may not be as great as you will find to our northwest, but both are well worth attending and I encourage all Companions to support both Tri-State groups as much as possible.

Louis C. McCray, G.CoH

Grand Chapter Youth Committee

Companions,

This could very well be the first time you have received or read anything from or about the Grand Chapter Youth Committee; I can assure you that it will not be the last. Our Grand High Priest appointed me as chairman for this ensuing year and I intend to keep our membership informed as to what we are doing. We are exploring combining the three youth committees within the York Rite, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. I have spoken to the respective leader and received favorable response. By the time you read this article we will have had our first joint meeting. Which will have been held in Lansing.

We are looking at a number of ways to raise funds to support our youth groups in ways that will be different than what we have done in the past. We would like to support the groups as a whole rather than just a few as was done in the past. We are looking at doing so as the York Rite, as opposed to the three individual groups. We have some exciting ideas to fund this committee. We will be outlined these in future articles. One idea that we are looking into is the sale of an apron case, which is also an attaché; I have one along with some of the other Grand and Past Grand officers. I have been asked where one could purchase this type of case. I have located a source and if the committee agrees we will take orders for delivery in January. These cases are ideal if you have more than one apron and need to carry other material such as rituals, books of the law and the like. Further information will be forthcoming. For information or ideas feel free to contact myself or any member of the committee.

Donald L. Galway, G.P.S., Chairman

Officer's Workbooks

Each Chapter has 5 Officer's Workbooks assigned to them. These have had updated materials and additions to them over the years since their presentation in 1997.

I have been appointed as Chairman of the Instructional Manual Committee and directed to review and update this Workbook.

It is a big job and we cannot do it alone. We need your help and assistance. We need you to read through the workbook or a section thereof and make suggestions for additions, subtractions, corrections or manner of presentation.

It is your workbook that was prepared for your use. We want it to be more useable for YOU.

Paul Howell, PGHP, Chairman, meghpmi97@yahoo.com

Have you begun your work on planning and preparing your paperwork to honor one of your deserving Companions for the honors of the Grand Chapter by being nominated as a Michigan Meritorious Service Award Recipient.

One of the most difficult parts which you have before you is deciding which of your many deserving Companions should be nominated.

Please do not tell them that you are nominating them!

Gather information from Brothers, Companions, Family and Friends. Make sure that your write-up is complete and in detail. Begin gathering today.

R.E. Comp. Jim Kiefer, Gr. Scribe will have the forms ready around the 1st of the year.



*2011 - Region 1
Michigan Meritorious
Service Award
Dinner*



Honoring

E. C. Michael J. Kinney

Sunday, October 23, 2011

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER NO. 12

1800 St. Clair Highway
St. Clair 48079

Social Hour: 4:00 PM
Dinner: 5:00 PM
Only \$15.00 per person

For Reservations Contact:
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Tickets will be held at the door.

Please reserve _____ dinner tickets for the reception honoring Ex. Comp. Michael J. Kinney for Sunday, October 23rd at the St. Clair Masonic Temple at \$15.00 per dinner.

Name: _____

Title(s): _____

Names of those accompanying: _____

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Amount enclosed \$ _____

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**TRIPLE TAU
 ARTICLES**

You have knowledge, information, ideas, plans, activities as they relate to the York Rite Bodies or one or more of those bodies.

How can you keep this information to yourself and not share them with others who may have a valid interest.

The greatest idea of all time is nothing if you do not share it. You can only find out if it is a good idea if you share it and get feedback from others.

This, the Michigan Triple Tau, is a great forum for sharing your ideas. Use it!!!

Make sure that you have all of your articles in prior to 12 o'clock midnight on the 20th of the month prior to publication.

This is YOUR PUBLICATION, but can only be considered as such with YOUR HELP.

Do you have ideas as to how we, I, should change this publication to make it better for you? What are those ideas.

Send them to me either by snail mail or email.

Paul Howell, editor

Council Elections

Soon, in November or December, will be the election of Officers of the Council for the upcoming year.

Guess what – you are going to be elected as the Thrice Illustrious Master, now what?

Upon becoming the presiding officer of a Masonic body, it is necessary to make appointment to certain committees. The Thrice Illustrious Master should give careful consideration to the appointments he intends to make on the various committees. There are many members who do not wish to be line officers, but are willing to work and serve on a committee. Select members who are willing to work, and they will contribute greatly to the success of the Council. Listed below are the committees recommended as necessary to the proper functioning of a Council. The T.I.M. may find that additional committees are required, and so it is his prerogative to appoint such additional committees as he deems necessary.

1. Charity (consisting of the D.M., P.C.W.)
2. Finance (with the D.M. as an ex-officio member)
3. Visitations
4. Entertainment
5. Dues (Recorder as ex-officio)
6. York Rite Cooperation
7. Education
8. Ritual

**** The T.I.M. is an ex-officio member of every committee which he appoints.

These appointments should be prepared prior to the Installation and announced at that time.

The greatest danger of any committee is that it does not function. You must tell them what they are to do.

Also, it is important that you have your budget for the year prepared at the time of your Installation



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Please check the Knight Templar Magazine for a schedule of the Commandery Inspections and Observances this year. Make it a point to represent your Commandery and attend as many of these functions as you can.

Do you need a Knight for your Inspection?
 Do you have an extra Knight of Malta ready to be Knighted that you would be willing to loan to another Commandery?
 Contact the Grand Commandery to post your needs and assistance.
 An Inspection is always much nicer with a "live" candidate, Knight of Malta, for Knighting.



Holy
 Land
 Pilgrimage

It is never to late to impress your local minister with the caring and sharing of the Masonic Fraternity and the Knights Templar by:

1. Nominating them for the experience of their lifetime, traveling to the Holy Land and traveling the paths therein.
2. Making donations to assist in supporting a Minister in his/her enlightenment and education.
3. Raising funds through special events to sponsor YOUR OWN Minister to travel with the Grand Commandery (Encampment)

They must be able and willing to Travel in February.
 They must have or be able to get a valid Passport.
 They must never have been to the Holy Land before.

Over \$2,000 was raised, presented, at the Grand Conclave toward sending another minister to the Holy Land. Continue your work and donations. It costs approximately \$2,900 to send one Minister.

You and/or your Commandery may sponsor one if your should desire and be able to do so.

Have you checked the new **Michigan Grand Commandery Website?** It is now at:

www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mi

Bookmark it!!! Refer to it often!!!

Send corrections, additions or removals to:

caonline@msn.com.

The Webmaster handles the Grand Encampment website, as well as other York Rite Bodies around the United States.

We updated information for Knights Templar of Michigan events and activities, will be posted, as they are received.

Grand Commander's Service Award

Get your Commandery's nomination in for this award, right away! Do not hesitate. Make this the year of 100% of the Commandery's honoring a Sir Knight for their service.

Do you need or know of someone who needs a Grand Commanders Service Award Pin? Contact Robert Trussel, Chairman to receive one.