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QUESTION

I have a question for you: How long has it been since you attended your Symbolic Lodge? That is the place, and the only place where the new members of the Royal Arch will come from. If you are going to encourage today's Masons to continue their Masonic education, you must set a good example by regular attendance and participation in your local Symbolic Lodge's degrees and activities. Those of you who have seen "The Peculiar Stone" at our Enhance the Secret presentations know that the craftsmen who are curious about the Royal Arch Masons at their labor. If you are the kind of Brother that other Masons want to imitate, you will be imitated, by inquiries about the appendant bodies and opportunities for further participation by Blue Lodge Masons.

There is no Masonic (Blue Lodge or RAM) law against wearing your red coat and RAM lapel pins and name badges to a Symbolic Lodge Meeting, as long as you wear the plain white apron. Also, the Grand Chapter offers a Traveling Pin award for attending Blue Lodges as well as for attending Chapters. You do not need any special form; a plain 3 X 5 card carrying the signatures of the Secretary of each Lodge you visit along with the date of visit, presented to the Grand Chapter Secretary, is sufficient. Always be ready to answer questions of those who ask about your dress and pins. Most of the answers can be obtained from your Officer's Handbook or from your DDI or assigned Grand Officer (both found in the RAM directory). Remember to carry a blank York Rite petition with you – you may just be asked for one!

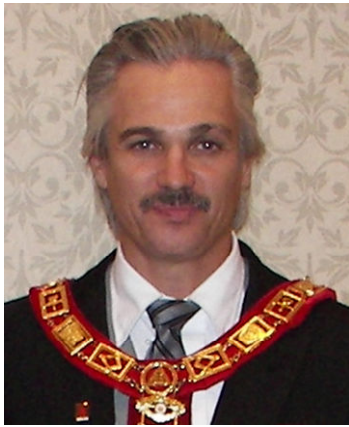
TIPS ON GOOD RITUALISM

Operational Chapters and individuals need to develop the ability to confer a degree. The following is a guideline on how.

Select a Degree to Focus on. Once you have your Degree picked, assign a part to each Companion. Each Companion as he is assigned a part should read the entire degree through several times. Now concentrate on that part. Look up words you do not understand in the dictionary. Check out pronunciations so you can use the word as intended. As you understand what you are doing, you will find that memorization comes easily. Memorization is best done as the last thing in the day. Memorize as much as you can before retiring. After you have gone to bed, repeat your part to yourself until you fall asleep. First thing in the morning, repeat it again to yourself. After you have mastered the part, recite it for another Companion. Rehearse with the other Officers in the room where the Degree will be conferred. This is where all the floor movements are straightened out and perfected.

Concentrate on getting your story through to the candidate. Be interested in him. Above all, do not wait until the last minute. The night to perform always comes too soon. Do your best and do not worry about failure. If you concentrate on the job at hand, concentrating so hard on the part you are playing and the impression that you wish to convey to the candidate and getting involved in the part, you will automatically do a good job. Do not be concerned about stage fright. It is a normal reaction. Do not try to suppress the fear and nervousness. Welcome it. It will only last for a short period and when it passes you will be in complete charge of yourself and do a good job.

Finally, above all else, be sincere in everything you do. Sincerity will shine through your *Continued page*



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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Greetings to all Companions:

Thank you so much in allowing me to represent and serve you as Grand High Priest of this great State. It is such an honor and very humbling to be chosen to this high office.

We have a lot to get done this \year and time flies by so fast that we need to start now!

The “Enhance the Secret” Program for this year is just starting to get set up and if you would like to do one in your area contact your DDI first and he can get the ball rolling for you.

This year I have asked that if you would like to have the Grand Officer at an event, including all degree days that you set the date with the York Rite Cooperation Committee first, before making the final plans. Mike Whiting, Grand Scribe, is the Chairman and will be setting and working with my calendar and those of the other York Rite Bodies. Every “body” in the York Rite is on this committee and we hope to stop stepping on each others main events. Please use this Committee so that the Grand Officers do not miss out on your event and to help ensure that you have a better opportunity to have a larger turnout of Companions. An example of what we hope to have this Committee attempt to avoid is the conflict which is occurring on September 26th. On the 26th there is a Chapter all Degree Day in Grand Rapids and a Council all Degree Day in St. Ignace.

Your Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation is setting up and working Poker Nights to raise funds for the Foundation. They are in need of your help and assistance in running this programs. As a worker you do not get involved in any of the gaming. You sell and cash in chips, only. No manual labor is involved. You may have your significant other work with you these evenings. This program is an easy way for the Foundation to raise money, to help in supporting financially the programs of the Grand Chapter, with very little work. Some of the information is available in Mike Whiting’s article this month in the paper and more in the flier regarding the same. If you are interested and able to assist your Grand Chapter, by volunteering a 5 hour block of time, please notify Most Excellent Companion Wayne Turton at 248.474.9133 or wturton@mi.rr.com.

Hoping to see you on my travels throughout the State.

Thank you again companions and let’s have great year working together.

TRIPLE TAU ARTICLES

Your Grand Officers will be 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 15th of the month prior to the publication.

October
David Dossette
Bill Siebert

November
James Kiefer
Don Galway

January
Lou McCray
Tim Forche

February
David Dossette
Richard Hitch

March
Mike Whiting
Bill Siebert

April
Lou McCray
James Kiefer

May
Don Galway
Tim Forche

June
David Dossette
Jim Kiefer

August
Lou McCray
Don Galway



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Dear Companions,

The Chapter Education Officer: What are his duties?

In short – he is to be responsible for presenting or arranging for short educational talks at our Stated Convocations. He should be enthusiastic, dedicated, and knowledgeable in Capitular Masonry.

The Secretary should make a record of these presentation in the minutes of the Chapter, noting the Topic, Presenter and in some cases a brief review presentation.

This effort can be the highlight of the meeting. It most likely will be more exciting and interesting than the Minutes or the Financial Reports.

A good Education Officer should be a ready, willing and good presenter. He may use slide, charts, graphs, overheads, flipcharts, videos, or any other means in presenting the topic. There are many topics available to you. There are topics and papers in the Chapter's Officer's Workbook, in the Triple Tau, the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Magazine and you may contact your DDI or the Grand Chapter Education Committee for additional assistance.

You can find the Education Committee chair and members on the Grand Chapter's WEB Site at www.ram-mi.org then go to the MAIL page, then click on "Grand Chapter Committees". All committees are listed, just scroll down to find the Education Committee.

If your Chapter's Education Officer is doing a good job, please let him know. If you do not have a good program going, at this time in your Chapter, why not rededicate yourselves to getting this program going on the right foot.

Upcoming things to remember to add to your Chapters agenda:

Review and submit a deserving Companion for the MSA.

Consider hosting an "Enhance the Secret" Program in your area.

Start thinking about and planning for the Lodge Installations and getting those Masters Pins presented.

Check, frequently, the Grand Chapter WEB-Site Calendar for upcoming events.

Let's make this year a most successful and happy year for Royal Arch Masonry.

Remember to "Enhance the Secret".

**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.

Greetings Companions:

I am sure you're tired of the same old letters, so here's something a bit different.

WANTED:

Conscientious, career minded individual with a desire to succeed. Must be willing to start at the bottom & work his way up. Management skills encouraged, but will train right person. College education not required. Willing to work longish hours for smallish pay.

Must be able to read write, cook, clean, organize, take orders, give order, listen when others speak and speak well when others are listening. Public speaking in a friendly atmosphere a must. Reverence for Sacred Things required, especially of the Divine Being.

Must be able to work well with others. And also alone. Knowledge of Geometry, Arithmetic, and/or Architecture a plus.

If you are goal oriented, a strong team player, and willing to learn new skills, please apply

This may not actually pay you any money, make take much of your time, and lead you to change your life. You must be of sound mind & body, trustworthy, and love your fellow man.

OFFERING:

- Opportunity for advancement
- Fellowship
- Good schooling
- Low dues
- Organized structure
- Convenient meeting location, dates & times

REQUIRED:

Master Mason in Good Standing.

Does this sound like a job for you? Ask anyone in Blue Lodge about the York Rite. Your Secretary would be a good first step. We meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 1415 Miller Ave., Ann Arbor Michigan 48103 @7:00 pm. Dress is business casual. Anyone in a red coat can advise. Thank you for your interest!

S&F,
 Allen Christ, PHP, HP
 Washtenaw Chapter No. 6
 Ann Arbor, Michigan



Three Minute Drill

Taken from Indiana Masonic Bodies

Do You know the Secrets of a Master Mason?

Well, do YOU?

Do you know the Master's Word? Not the substitute Word, the Word that was whispered in the West, "until future ages find the right."

Now let me get this straight.

You were attacked three times.

They took your life.

And you still don't know the Secrets of a Master Mason?

What is it that enables your lodge to confer the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason?

The document hanging over the Secretary's Desk.

That is the Charter.

Have you taken the time to read the Charter?

Your Lodge was chartered by "The Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Michigan." You have already received the first 2-1/2 degrees of the York Rite.

Who stops reading a good book after two or three chapters?

Do you want to know how to travel and work as a Master Mason?

Do you want to know what the wages of a Master Mason are and how and when you can receive them?

Would you like to see the Temple completed?

Would you like to play a major role in the completion of the Temple and the preservation of many of those valuable secrets of the Craft?

Would you like to know why a Master can serve in that station and what the tools and implements of his office are?

Would you like to walk with Hiram Abiff, as he explains how and why the Master's Word was lost, how it was preserved, and how it was found again?

Would You?

And would You like to understand why men of every race, religion, color and creed, throughout the World, have for generations learned, word perfect, a ritual about a Temple in Jerusalem that no longer exists, and all the remarkable things buried underneath it?

I have good news.

I have a petition.

Join today and begin to learn!

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

2009 – 2010

Two copies of the Grand Chapter Directors 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. 5 DDI #4. Change William Siebert to Richard James, HP (169), 1107 Hound Dog Trail, St. Helen 48656-9538; 989.389.1486
Email – rejames1107@yahoo.com
- p. 6 DDI #18 Add: Jack Tempsey, HP (5) 2714 Plainfield Ave., Flint 48506 303.605.1849
Email – Sippo377@yahoo.com
- p. 6 DDI Emeritus, P. 10 – MSA Recipient 1983 Remove Michael Stellute (dec.)
- p. 7 Credentials Committee and page 14 Chap. 11 PHP Remove Joseph Van Camp (dec.)
- P. 13 King & PHP (11) – Remove Gerald L. Williams (dec.)
- P. 18 Change Livingston 30 from meeting to 3rd Thursday.
- P. 28 Secretary and PHP (138) Remove Laurel Moffit (dec.)
- P. 29 (159) Scribe – Eric Romero add Email: tandmbooth@wowway.com

RITUALS

Each Chapter has it's ten (10) required copies of the Rituals in their possession at this time. You have a sign out sheet to indicated to who you have issued the rituals.

Should you desire additional rituals for you Chapter and members please contact the Grand Secretary. They are available at a cost of \$15.00 per book.

\$10.00 if you do not want the binder with the book, inserts only.

ESOTERIC

The Grand Secretary has compiled the ESOTEIC WORK for the new Rituals. They are ready to run off and will be as soon as the drill is available for drilling the holes. When they are available each Chapter will receive two (2) copies, 1 for the High Priest and 1 for the Secretary to be included after their Ritual in the Ritual/Red Book Binder just issued.

RED BOOK

The Red Book Review Committee has completed the most difficult part of their task.

The Red Book of Capitular Law must be properly formatted for the printer. Once it is printed two (2) copies will be sent 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!

Oct 10 – KYCH – Alma Pathways

Oct 10 – MSA – Region 2, Norman Payne, Homer Chapter No. 130. 6:00 p.m.

Oct 17 – Traverse City – All Council Degree Day

Oct 20 – Royal Arch Degree – Wayne Masonic Temple. 7 pm

Oct 24 – CELEBRATION – Clare C. Tincknell, MSA, Retiring Secretary. Romeo Masonic Temple, 6 pm Dinner.

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 20 – All Order Day – Battle Creek**

**** March 27 – Enhance the Secret – Flint Rapids Chapter No. 116.**

**** April 24 – Council Strawberry Festival – Mason**

**** May 8 - KYCH**

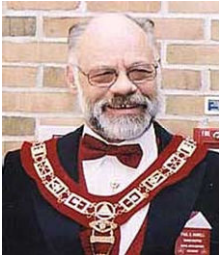
**** June 12 – Dowagiac All Chapter Degree Day (Outdoor)**

Aug 18 – 21, Joint York Rite Sessions. DoubleTree Inn, Bay City.

Please mark your calendars to attend your Symbolic "Blue" Lodges in your area. 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 MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

When you show others that you care about them then they will want to repay you by showing that they appreciate your concern and devotion.



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My Companion Secretaries:

It is really hard to believe that we are already two months into this Grand Chapter Capitulat Year.

We just finished with an All Chapter Degree Day in Grand Rapids and an All Council Degree Day in St. Ignace. Had twelve candidates exalted in Grand Rapids. Two others returned home after the Most Excellent Masters' Degree and will be receiving their Royal Arch in Wayne on Oct. 20th. Secretaries please make sure that you get the information on your new Companions in to Beth so that she can get them recorded on the Computer for your Chapter.

We have a couple of new District Deputy Instructors for the Grand Chapter. As they come to your Chapter please make sure you make them feel comfortable and welcome. This is a completely new experience for them so do all that you can to make them feel comfortable.

It will not be long before you will be attending the Installations of the Lodges in your area. Whenever possible make sure that you, and your traveling Companions are wearing your Red Coats. Take information and petitions with you. Try to convince the new Officers in the benefits in joining the York Rite to complete their lessons taught in the Symbolic Degrees. They have received, read, the 3 major Chapters of a book! It is now time for them to read and receive the other major chapters so that they can complete the story and thereby better understand the book which they have so enjoyed.

Make sure that you make a good, forceful presentation on the Royal Arch and York Rite when you present the new Master with his Masters' Pin. You, the Grand Chapter, have been presenting the Masters' Pins since the mid 50's. It is great to see the Brothers proudly wearing them when you visit a Lodge or other Masonic function. Unfortunately some of them have no idea who gave them the pin. Remind them.

Don't forget to send in those monthly reports with any corrections that you may know of regarding the status of a Companion of your Chapter. Changes in addresses, phone numbers, email information, etc.

God Bless and Keep each of you.

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

Companions:

During these hard times that we are currently in you will find many Brothers, Companions, their Widows and families that are in need of assistance.

Some may ask for assistance. Many are too proud to do so. Should you find about them, extend to them the hand of Brotherly Love and affection.

This is the time for all to better understand and appreciate the true tenants that are taught within the Masonic Fraternity.

Show you care. Stretch forth your hand.



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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, 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 from memory on at least two (2) occasions for actual candidates. 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 candidate 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.

**Traverse City Council All Degree Day
Saturday, October 17th
Traverse City Masonic Temple**

Noon	Registration	3:45	Reception
1:00	Open in Select Master Degree	4:00	Super Excellent Master Degree
1:15	Royal Master Degree	6:00	Dinner: TC Center
2:15	Select Master Degree	7:00	Hotel Hospitality

Council Hotel: The Beach Haus 1489 U.S.31 North Traverse City Michigan 231 947-3560 Rooms Block under "York Rite" for room reservations by Sept 30, 2009; the Room Rate: \$74.80 + 8% tax.

Dinner Host: Traverse City Council UD Menu: Swiss steak, potatoes, vegetable, bread, desert and beverages. Cost: \$12 paid in advance, \$15 at the door. RSVP without payment to TCYORKRITE@CHARTER.NET with payment to TC YORK RITE 10309 Diamond Park, Interlochen, MI 49643. Please include reservations for complimentary candidates' dinners.

Make Dinner checks payable to: "Traverse City Council UD". Reservations must be received with payment no later than October 12th for paid in advance price.

* * * * * Registration: * * * * *

Name: _____ Council # _____
 # of Companions _____ Candidates _____
 Address: _____
 Email _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____

POC Peter W. Hunt Rec Traverse City Council UD 231 276 6078
 email TCYORKRITE@CHARTER.NET

PROFICIENT COMMITTEE

The visitor arrived at a small Virginia lodge early and requested to be examined. Two Past Masters and a newly raised Mason served on the Committee. The visitor was really put through the paces as the Past Masters used the examination as an instruction tool for the other member.

After an extensive examination, the visitor signed the register, listing his title as a grand officer in a sister jurisdiction.

After the lodge was opened, it fell the lot of one of the Past Masters who had served on the Committee to present the distinguished visitor. In presenting and introducing him, he said, "I am pleased to inform you that our Right Worshipful Brother has examined your Examining Committee and found them proficient."

WANTED

Twenty-two good workmen from Gebal. Short hours of labor, extra pay in Fellowship. Will you be on hand when called for? Your officers cannot function properly without the strength and support of all Companions. Put on your apron. Pick up your trowel – there is work to be done.

Harris Council, Massachusetts

*(Taken from:
Tied to Masonic Apron Strings
By Stewart M.L. Pollard)*

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R.A.M. Foundation

To ensure the financial security of the Grand Chapter the Royal Arch Mason Foundation was instituted. Until we can see a reversal in the decline of our membership the R.A.M. Foundation is our safety net. In past years money was received through various fund raisers as well as from donations. Last year, through the generosity of PMEGHP Bill Fairchild and Lady Ann a raffle was held for a one week vacation at their time share in Naples, Florida.

Recently the Foundation was able to give the Grand Chapter \$5,000 to help fund the "Enhance the Secret" Program. Unfortunately, soon after the stock market took a large downturn. While we have recovered a sizeable portion of our investments we are always looking for new ways to increase the Foundation Funds.

This year as a fund raiser we have obtained a gaming license from the State of Michigan to conduct Poker Nights, October 4-7 and October 11-14. Instead of asking for your money we are asking for your valuable time. We need workers. We need 4 Companions for each night, as we plan on dividing each night into 2 shifts. It will take place in Novi and PMEGHP Wayne Turton will be in charge of setting up the schedule of workers. If you can spare some time and wish to help in this endeavor we can sure use your help. Contact MEC Wayne Turton at 248.474.9133 or wturton@mi.rr.com if you are interested in volunteering for one of the 5 hour shifts of your time.

The Foundation will also accept donations and will award a Foundation Pin for a donation of \$100.00. For a donation of \$500.00 we will award a plaque for your generous donation.

When making out or redoing your WILL give the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan Foundation consideration for a bequeath.

This is you Grand Chapter and any help you can give the Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

GC RAM Foundation - Millionaire Party

Oct 4 - 7 and Oct 11 - 14
2 shifts 4:30 to 9:30 PM
and 9:00 PM to 2:30 AM

GUS O'CONNERS PUBLIC HOUSE

42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi 48375

Help your Foundation in raising funds so that they can help you and future generations from having to continue to raise the per-capita for operation.

Contact: Wayne Turton, PGHP, to volunteer your time.

HOMER CHAPTER NO. 130 RAM

Cordially Invites you to a
Reception
Honoring

NORMAN PAYNE

***Recipient of the Region II
Michigan Meritorious Service Award***

at the
Homer Masonic Temple
106 West Main Street
Homer, Michigan

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Reception 6 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

**Reservations with remittance by Monday,
October 5, \$5.00 per person**

Make checks payable to:
Homer Chapter No. 130 RAM
send to: Lawrence W. Hyde
22544 P Drive South
Homer, Michigan 49245-9649

ROMEO CHAPTER NO. 17

Cordially invites you to attend
a

"CELEBRATION"
Honoring

CLARE C. TINCKNELL

For his devotion to the Craft
As he plans to retire to the North Country

Saturday, October 24

Social Hour 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.

Chicken or Beef (indicate choice[s])

Cost \$15.00 per person

RSVP by October 15

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