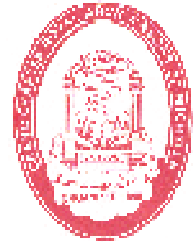
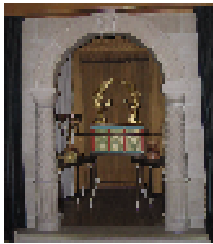




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ROBERT E. COOPER **GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

ELECTED AND INSTALLED IN BAY CITY, AUGUST 18, 2010

Most Excellent Companion Robert Eugene Cooper was elected and Installed as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City on the 18th of August, 2010.

MEC Robert was born on December 13th 1947 in Sparta, Michigan of Carl and Lois Cooper. He had 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

Bob graduated from Cedar Springs High School in 1966 lettering in Track and as a member of the Future Farmers Assoc. He received a CCP from the Institute of Computing Professional, State Data Systems in 1967 and has worked in the Computer Field since that time serving as a Computer Programmer for Howmet Corp., Materials Manager for Evans Products and as a Manufacturing Computer Consultant for GMD Corporation, ARO Systems, various Independent Businesses and for MK Associates.

On July 21, 1967 he married Sharon Ann Evink of Kent City, MI. They have 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

Brother Bob was Raised in Sparta Lodge #334 May 17, 1969. He served as Master in 1978 and 2006 was elected as Mason of the Year in 2007 and currently is serving as President of the Temple Association and serving as DDI for his district in Grand Lodge.

Exalted in Kent-Newaygo Chapter #38 on December 22, 1975. Served as High Priest in 1979, 2006-08 and is a member of Hooker Chapter # 73 serving both Chapters as an Officer at this time. Bob has received the Order of High Priesthood and is an honorary member of Zion, Iosco and Grand Rapids Chapters. He is currently serving as a Grand Representative of New Hampshire for the Grand Chapter.

Companion Cooper was Greeted in Tyre Council No. 10 on May 1, 1976 serving as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1983 and 2007. Selected as Grand Council – TIM of the Year in 2009 and is serving as a Grand Representative to Minnesota.

Sir Knight Bob was Knighted in DeMolai Commandery #5 on March 27, 1979 and served as Commander in 1981, 82 and 2008. He and Sharon are members of Bark River #1313 and he is also a member of West Michigan Battalion.

Bob's other Masonic affiliations include: West Michigan York Rite College No.10, currently serving as Governor; Grand Rapids Valley AASR serving on the Lighting and Stage Crew; Mount Moriah Council #128, AMD; Furniture City High Twelve Club #236 currently serving as Vice President; Trinity Council #36 Knight Masons; Royal Order of Scotland; Order of DeMolay – Grand Rapids, Senior DeMolay.

He and Sharon have worked and served together in many Masonic and Community activities. They served together as Patron and Matron of Harmony-Springs Chapter #215 OES in 1976. They are members of and very active in the activities of Red Pine Bible Church of Kent City.

Bob served on the Algoma Township Fire & Rescue as a Level 2, EMT and was Captain of the Rescue Squad.

His many hobbies include Golf, Running, Fishing, Stamp collecting, Star Trek memorabilia collecting and Gardening. Most of these have been limited in his ability to enjoy the last several years, however, he is looking forward to renewing his passion after his strenuous terms of office are completed.



Robert E. Cooper

Grand High Priest

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GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST

Greetings Companions,

Thank you each and everyone, for the honor and privilege of permitting me to serve you as your Grand High Priest. We have a very busy year planned and I hope that with your help and support, it will be a very successful and enjoyable one.

Congratulations to the other Grand Chapter officers in their advancement. Thank you in advance for your labors. Also, may I express thanks to the DDI's and Committeemen for their support, and I welcome those that are serving for the first time.

The theme of the Grand Chapter is "Enhance the Secret". This theme really covers the vast majority of the Grand Chapter activities. It's more than just an awareness event, it's intended to convey renewed commitment to our tenets, improve our friendships, and better care for our fellow man. We will be continuing the awareness programs, along with others again this year. I hope you will try to promote this theme in your travels this year. The tents of our craft are as relevant now as ever before.

Last month's issue, listed the programs of the Grand Chapter so I'll not try to cover them again here. Our Web Site will be growing and expanding to keep you better informed and provide you with downloadable tools to assist you and your chapter with it's many activities and responsibilities. The Web Site is (www.ram-mi.org).

Thank you again and let's make this year a most successful and happy year for Royal Arch Masonry. Remember to "Enhance the Secret" and may the Supreme Architect richly bless you and this great Fraternity.

Fraternally,

Grand Master 1st Veil

Right Excellent Companion *RICHARD E. JAMES*

Richard E. James, 1107 Hound Dog Trail, St. Helen 48656-9538; 989.389.1486 rejames1107@yahoo.com was elected to the office of Right Excellent Grand Master of the 1st Veil at the 162nd Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan held in Bay city on Wed., Aug. 18th, 2010.

He is a member of Iosco Chapter No. 83, currently serving as High Priest of Midland Chapter No. 169 and as District Deputy Instructor for District No. 4 and actively involved in most all Masonic Organizations in the mid section of the state.

His stated Statement of Intent is "I am a very dedicated, creative, enthusiastic, and goal directed individual interested in the Royal Arch with a strong desire to contribute to the performance of our chapter degrees at the highest level of proficiency. I enjoy the study and memorization of our rituals from both a philosophical/theological perspective as well as the practical perspective required to overcome the challenges of sharing them with our newest companions in a meaningful way.

R. E. C. Richard is happily married to the lovely Vedafe "Fe". They have three daughters.

Comp. James is well educated receiving advanced degrees in Psychology/ Religion/Theology and Counseling along with a Doctorate Degree in Psychology and another in Philosophy.

Welcome them into the Grand Chapter line of the York Rite. They are excited and so should we be.

Directory Corrections

Each Chapter received two copies of the initial DIRECTORY within the packets that were distributed to them at the Grand Convocation this year. One for the Chapter High Priest and one for the Chapter Secretary. It is expected that each will keep there directory updated as corrections are noted in the Triple Tau.

P. 2. Grand Royal Arch Captain, Donald Galway change zip code to 48855

Pgs. 2 & 7. Add GM1V – Richard E. James (info in column to left.)

P. 3. Wayne E. Turton, PGHP change email to wayneturton@att.net

P. 3. David V. Boggs, PGHP change email to: dvboggs@att.net

P. 3. Carl S. Hobday, PGHP (Remove ~~Grand Chaplain~~)

P. 3. Dennis J. Sharrow, PGHP change address to: 1039 Canterbury Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods 48236

P. 3. James J. Vann, PGHP change phone # to: 734. 347.1897

P. 8. Jurisprudence Committee change: *Hobday* to *Hobday*

P. 12 change York Rite sovereign College fro Comp. Ernest Berry to: Comp. William P. Herlihy (Flo), PREGC, OPC Grand Governor 874 Crystal Ln., Marysville 48040-1598; 810 364.5792 templar@arenet.net

P. 20 Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37 address is: 1660 Samaria Rd., Temperance (when GPSing)

P. 20 Robert B. Powers, King change email: powers438@bex.net

P. 31. Royal Oak Chapter No. 167. Meeting night now: 1st Wednesday.

"Index Summary" two (2) copies included in packet picket up at Grand Chapter, with the Master's Pins to be presented to the incoming Lodge Masters.

Michigan Royal Arch Masons Perform Magic **Louis C. McCray, Gr. Principal Sojourner**

In the course of two week-ends in late May and early June of this year, the Royal Arch Masons of Michigan were successful in turning two sow's ears into silk purses.

The first demonstration of this amazing feat took place in Gladstone, Michigan on May 29th. Unfortunately, Delta Chapter # 118 had lost access to the Masonic Temple in Escanaba and had to move out of the building. The membership decided to move to the Iron Mountain area and expand the presence of the Royal Arch Masons and York Rite a little further to the West in the Upper Peninsula. Arrangements were made for Grand High Priest Larry Inscho and several members of the Grand Chapter to meet at the Iron Mountain Masonic Temple in the neighboring community of Gladstone on the 29th and formally recognize the move by placing the charter in the temple.

For many of us trolls, difficulties that arose during the trip to Iron Mountain on the evening of the 28th made up some of the more memorable parts of the week-end, but we won't go into that now, you had to be there to appreciate it. In terms of importance, the events of the day on Saturday far outweighed the inconveniences of the night before.



Following the completion of the degrees, those in attendance had the pleasure of seeing GHP Inscho present the charter of our newest chapter, Copper Country Chapter #191 U.D., to High Priest Jon Woods and the newly exalted companions of the Chapter. Copper Country Chapter, which meets in Hancock, re-establishes the presence of Royal Arch Masonry and the York Rite in that area of Michigan after a long absence.

Two weeks later, on June 12, the Royal Arch Masons of Southwest Michigan were able to replace the annual Outdoor Degree Day with a program in Battle Creek. The farm property in Dowagiac where the Outdoor Degree Day had been held for many years had changed hands and the new owner declined to allow us to use the property. Not able to find a suitable outdoor venue on relatively short notice, but not wishing to give up the degree day, the companions decided to move inside the Battle Creek Masonic Temple for this year and look for an outside location for next year.

The day was sunny and hot. It was almost like being outdoors, only not quite as bright and sunny indoors, and they even served pulled pork sandwiches for lunch, just like Dowagiac. Best of all, it was another successful 4 Degree Day with fifteen candidates being exalted and the work being done by companions from many of the area chapters and the Grand Chapter officers

Any good magician will tell you that it takes dedication and lots of practice to make a good trick work. So, the claim can be made that we must be magicians. We took two very unfortunate sets of circumstances and with dedication and a little hard work, turned them into major accomplishments, exalting 28 new companions, moving a chapter to keep it operational, and even granting a charter to a new chapter.

Congratulations to Delta Chapter # 118 on your successful move, to Copper Country Chapter # 191 U.D. on receiving your charter, to our twenty-eight new companions, and to everyone who was involved with the degree days.



Michael Whiting's --King's Korner

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Companions:

My deepest appreciation to all, that were able to attend Grand Chapter last month, and who elected me to serve as your Grand King. The Grand Chapter Session may seem to some as just something for the Grand Officers and Past Grand's but I assure you it is not. As the Voting Delegates of this Grand Chapter it is your obligation not only to attend Grand Chapter but to vote for what you think will better the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. It is not something to be taken lightly and like the Elections in November your vote does count.

Saying that, I hope you enjoyed your time at Grand Chapter and will take back to your Chapters the ideas and programs we are promoting. For these programs to succeed we need your cooperation and your input. The Grand Chapter Officers can try to implement new programs each year for membership, education, mentoring, retention and degree work, but without your support and cooperation they will ultimately fail.

As a team that works collectively with new ideas and a purpose to make them work this Grand Chapter will succeed in growth and ritual excellence. The Grand Officers cannot do this alone. It's up to all of us Companions to continually work to improve this Grand Chapter not only for ourselves but for future generations to come.

Once again I want to express my thanks for your continued support in me. I'll do my best to work for and with you as Grand King this coming year.

Fraternally and Thankfully,

You are cordially invited to a Dinner and Reception
honoring: **Excellent Companions**

David L. Montgomery

Oakland Chapter No. 5

General Grand Chapter Bronze Award

Ronald L. Snider - Region 1

Lebanon Chapter No. 125

Charles E. Collins, Sr. - Region 2

Zion Chapter No. 171

Robert B. Powers - Region 3

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37

**2010 Michigan Meritorious Service Award
Recipients**

*At a date, time and location, to be announced.
Get ready to mark your calendars and attend!*

David W. Dossette - Scribe's Scratches

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I get an awful lot of stuff on the computer. Everything from notices that I've won a million dollars in some exotic lottery to ads for items at prices only a fool would ignore. Almost all of these emails wind up in the delete file. But occasionally I get one that piques my interest.

One such E-mail was a devotional guide and in the middle of it was this sentence: **Your position is a result of your actions.** I wouldn't want to debate all of the conclusions of this hypothesis but there are a number of enticing extensions to consider.

What is the current position of your Royal Arch Chapter? Is it active, meeting regularly and proud of the ritual it performs? Is it growing, attracting new members and seeing the sidelines filling up? Is it an exciting place to be with a solid balance of ritual, business and fun activities? Are companions families included in fun activities and made to be a part of our Masonic family?

Do you see the results of your actions in the position of your Royal Arch Chapter?

We must regard the position of our chapters as our personal business, thinking any other way will pull us backward. Decisions that we make regarding our chapters cannot be based solely on the expedient, but rather must be made with a long term perspective.

Begin with the issue of regular meeting other than the stated meeting. It's true that more meetings mean an investment in time and energy but the alternative fewer meetings mean less interaction with the companions of the chapter, probably fewer opportunities to perform or practices the ritual and therefore probably a poorer degree of proficiency.

Consider the issue of social or fun events. To be sure they do take some extra planning. It's not easy to come up with something new or fun for the family or to include the ladies. All of us know how important it is to have support from home. We're asking our companion to take time from his life and family to be part of the chapter activities and unarguably there should be a reward.

Consider the image of your chapter in your Masonic Temple and the Masonic family that meets there. What do they know about Royal Arch Masonry? How did it get that way? What needs to be done to improve, build or rebuild relations?

To conclude this, there are a number of other considerations to be made. We all have to stop and make a position adjustment. To borrow a phrase: "If not YOU then WHO, if not NOW then WHEN?" It's time to step up to the work before us

When is the last time that you signed a petition and then mentored a Candidate for the degrees of the Royal Arch? Make time for this commitment.

Replace yourself!!!

Bark River Inspection Tour
Sept. 16th, 17th, 18th

**Hotel: Comfort Inn, 617 E. Lakeshore Drive,
 Manistique, MI 49854 (906) 342-6981 \$79 + tax.**

- 16th – 6:00 pm - **Welcome Dinner** (*Indian Lake Golf & Country Club.*) \$15.00
 - 17th – **Lake Superior No, 30 Inspection.** Luncheon at noon \$10.00, Inspection at 1:30.
 - 18th – **Escanaba No. 47 Inspection.** 1:30 Inspection, Dinner @ 5 pm \$15.00
 - 18th – **Bark River Ceremonial** – 9 pm
- More information? Check

Livingston Council in Howell for Council!!

All Degree Day -- Sat., Sept. 11th
 8:00 am -- Registration and Donuts
 9:00 am -- Degrees begin (All three)
 Noonish -- Lunch
 Should be done around 2 pm.

Super Excellent Degree, by Grand Officers, will also be conferred in Northville on *Friday, October 8th*.
 6:30 pm Potluck, 7:30 pm Degree.

West-Michigan Royal Arch
All Degree Day

Saturday, September 25th

Grand Rapids Masonic Temple
233 Fulton, Grand Rapids 49503

Hosted by:

District #15, RAM

(Grand Rapids #7, Hooker #73, Kent-Newaygo #38)

Agenda

8:00 AM	Registration – Coffee & Rolls
8:30 AM	Opening
9:00 AM	MARK MASTER MASON
10:00 AM	Break
10:10 AM	PAST MASTER
10:50 AM	Break
11:00 AM	MOST EXCELLENT MASTER
11:45 AM	Lunch – 4 th Floor Dining Rm
1:15 PM	Reception of Grand Officers & Guests
1:30 PM	ROYAL ARCH
4:00 PM	Closing

Lunch - \$10.00 per person

For Reservations: Call or E-mail

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CALENDAR

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

Aug 28 – Tri-State, MI, MN, Wisc – Warsaw, Wisc
Aug 29 – Reception, Lansing, Michigan

Robert E. Cooper, Grand Chapter
Stephen R. Striggow, Grand Council
Loren A. Winn, Grand Commandery

Sep 1 - Oakland #5 – DDI Session
Sep 8 – Romeo #17 – DDI Session
Sep 11 - Council All Deg. Day, Howell, MI
Sep 16-18 – Bark River Inspection Tour
Sep 8 – Romeo #17 – DDI Session

Sep 25 – Chapter All Deg Day, Grand Rapids
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
Jan 8 – Chapter All Deg. Day – Upper Peninsula
Jan 21 & 22 – Gr. Chapter Ed. Seminar – Chelsea

Feb 5 – Chapter/Council All Deg. Day - Saginaw
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 23 – Council All Deg. Day – Mason
May 14 – KYCH – Alma
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.

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

Show others that you care about them!
 Visit often!

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Note *** Please make an official note that all three proposed Amendments to Grand Chapter Law “Red Book”, published in the Advanced Report, Passed.



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Secretary's Scribbles



Companion Secretaries:

Together we've made it through another Grand Chapter year and through the Annual convocation of the Grand Chapter. Unfortunately we had 1 Chapter that did not get there Annual Return completed and in to the Grand Chapter that of Manistee Chapter No. 65. Three Chapters Manistee No. 65, Mt. Pleasant No. 111 and Palestine No. 159 were not represented at the Grand Convocation.

Congratulations to Oakland Chapter No. 5 on receiving the Dr. William A. Hudson Award for the year. They get to proudly display upon their Altar the Gold Square and Compasses for the next 12 months.

It was great to see that twelve Chapters showed a net gain in membership through exaltations and restorations this past year. Let's hope that more, if not all of the Chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction will dedicate themselves this coming year into bringing the Brothers of their neighboring Lodges into more light in Masonry through research and exploration in the Royal Arch.

Our congratulations to Hooker Chapter No. 73 and to their Secretaries over the last 21 years on turning in their Annual Returns on time and without error in them.

In the folder that was picked up at Grand Chapter, by your Chapter, you will find a listing of membership that is currently on the Computer Records of the Grand Chapter. The Addresses of many of the members has to be very wrong for many of your Companions, along with many of the dates. Please update these membership sheets and return with all of the corrected information that you currently have on your roles and records. Sending a Computerized listing from your records would only partially, not completely, be of any value to us. Beth and I are going to make every effort to have the Membership records of this Grand Chapter totally accurate when we turn them over to my predecessor next year. We cannot do it, if you do not tell us all of the places where our records, computer, is not correct.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance on this matter.

It is my hope that each of your Chapters will be able to do the Ritual Work of this Grand Chapter without assistance from others. Having rehearsals and doing, attempting, the work on your on is the only way that this is going to happen.

Keep up the good work. Keep working toward strengthening your Chapter and the Grand Chapter. New excited Companions will make the difference. Go get them!



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Lexington Lansing Hotel

3:00 PM -Social Hour
4:00 PM -Dinner and Program to Follow
Black tie optional



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

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

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

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

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

Congratulations to R.E. Comp. Bill Skrepnek on his receiving this Ritual Award at the Grand Banquet on Thursday evening, August 19th. He joins Robert Cooper, Art Girard, Paul Howell and Larry Inscho of Michigan Royal Arch with this Award.

Our Congratulations go out to Kathy Inscho and Mary Turton on receiving the General Grand Chapter Sweetheart Award at the Grand Banquet. They join Ann Fairchild, Pat Hobday and Beth Howell as the only recipients from Michigan with this Award.

Information on both of these awards can be obtained from the office of the Grand Chapter.

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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.

Taken from the KING'S KOMMENTS, by Edmund D. "Ted" Harrison, General Grand King, published in the Spring 2010 Issue of the Royal Arch Mason Magazine. Pages 4 & 5.

I have often been asked what does General Grand Chapter do for us.

So here follows a statement that offers some answers:

1. Provides a liaison between its members.
2. Brings over 200 years of Masonic heritage to its members. Instituted in 17978.
3. Provides a forum for interaction.
4. Helps set and maintain standards.
5. Provides recognition to Grand High Pirests for their service.
6. Provides recognition for outstanding members through Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards and supplies the Grand Scribe Kit to each new Grand Scribe. Offers a new medal recognizing degree proficiency by presiding Chapter officers; offers a specially engraved Bible for Anointed High Priests and a "Sweetheart Jewel" for supportive ladies.
7. Makes available the quarterly publication Royal Arch Mason Magazine and permits individual jurisdictions to personalize the magazine with their own special section.
8. Works with General Grand Council and Grand Encampment to promote a strong and visible York Rtie entity.
9. Presents the Royal Arch Research Assistance Fund which supports studies in auditory deficit perception.
10. Provides all of this for the low cost of \$1.00 per member annually.
11. Offers an international connection to Royal Arch Masons around the world transcending borders and ideologies to form a true bond of companionship. It is probably the largest International Masonic organization.
12. Makes available educational materials. Rituals are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, Italian, German, Croatian and French, many of which can be used by foreign speaking Companions in the USA. Video and Powerpoint presentations are available.
13. Provides the Royal Arch display at the George Washington Memorial.
14. Provides support to Demolay.
15. Provides Web Site presence through www.yorkrite.org offering each Grand Chapter a website or link to their website as well as connection to most concordant and subordinate bodies and Grand Lodges together with an "Events" page that will post all events of general interest.

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The Grand Chapter will meet in Joint Session again 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 set 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.