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Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education



Michael Whiting

GRAND HIGH PRIEST

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Elected: August 17th, 2011



Most Excellent Companion Mike was born December 10, 1946 in Detroit Michigan. The oldest of four children, he attended school in Detroit and graduated from Cody High School. While he did not have the advantage of belonging to DeMolay, he made his mark in the Boy Scouts as a Senior Patrol Leader in Troop 269. In High School he enrolled in ROTC and worked his way through the ranks and graduated from High School as a 2nd Lieutenant.

After graduation he worked for General Motors for 31 years, retiring in 1996. After a couple of years in the catering business he retired in 1998.

Mike is a proud Veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Germany as an Armor Intelligence Specialist. A member of the 4th Armored Division as a Section Leader and trainer in radar surveillance at the East/West border of Germany and Czechoslovakia.

He met the love of his life, Jeanne, through his sister and they have been happily married since July 29, 1977. They have two children Dawn Renee and Michael Patrick. Dawn has three children, Heather, Caitlyn and Eugene. Michael has five children, Michael, Jordan (the only girl) Gage, Perry and Dillon all of whom they love very dearly.

Michael started his Masonic Journey in Pontiac Lodge in 1979. Serving as Master in 1984 and has continued to serve on many committees and as Secretary of the Building Association.

He served Pontiac Council #3 as Thrice Illustrious Master on 4 occasions and is a member of Sunrise Council #93 and of the Royal Ark Mariners in Sarnia, Ontario. He is Past Thrice Illustrious Master in the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, 2007, and as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal & Select Masons of Michigan, 2004-05. He is the Grand Representative to Pennsylvania.

Mike has served as Commander of Pontiac Commandery #2, six times. Is a member of the Past Commander's Association. Has served as Battalion Commander of Eastern Michigan Battalion and Chairman of the York Rite Cooperation Committee.

He is a Past Governor of Flint York Rite College and a Distinguished Brother of the Purple Cross. A member and Lecturer of Michigan Priory #22 Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Mike has served as Royal Patron of Order of Amaranth 4 times and as Grand Royal Patron 3 times. Associate Bethel Guardian for Bethel #5, IOJD. His other memberships include AASR Valley of Detroit; AAONMS Moslem Temple; White Pine Forest #191, TCL; Trinity Council #36 Knight Masons; North Grotto MOVPER; OES Chapter # 228; Gate of the Tabernacle # LXV, HRAKTP and the Royal Order of Scotland. He presently serves as Sovereign Master of Eastern Michigan Council #45, AMD and as President of Pontiac High Twelve Club No. 87. He is a member of George Washington Post #88, VFW (which requires Masonic affiliation).

Most Excellent Companion Michael was High Priest of Oakland Chapter No. 5 in 1987 and received the order of High Priesthood. He served the Grand Chapter as a District Deputy Instructor from 1995 to 2005. He is the Grand Representative to Ontario. He served on the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation for 12 years

He has received Honorary Memberships in numerous Chapters, Councils and Commandery's throughout the State and Foreign Jurisdictions, also receiving Honorary Degrees in several of them.

M.E.C. Mike joined the Grand Chapter Line in 2006 as Grand Master of the Second Veil and now, 5 short years later, his Masonic Career is highlighted by his Election to serve you as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest.



Michael Whiting

GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Lady Jeanne

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"GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST"

Working together we will accomplish great things.

Companions:

I am most honored to have been elected as your Grand High Priest. Some may think that I'm seeking another title, but I assure you that this is not the case. I have devoted the last 32 years of my Masonic Career to the service of whatever body I may have joined. As fate would have it, in wanting to give something back to that body, you are elected to an office. It was my desire to be a part of something greater and truly believe in. A chance to meet with men, who I consider Friends, Brothers and Companions.

As you advanced through the line in any organization you accept more duties and responsibilities. You also develop ideas that you think may help when you finally reach the pinnacle of that organization. The trick is then to get others to buy into your ideas.

This year I plan to develop a team with the Grand Officers into a unit with many ideas from them, not just my own. I believe that they have ideas which can only benefit us all. Companions, you all have something to offer this Grand Chapter or your local Chapter. Whether you are now an officer or not I ask that you offer your various talents to help Capitular Masonry grow.

Business Meetings are a necessary part of Chapters. Some Chapters that is all they ever do. If they do get a candidate they take them to an All Degree Day for the conferral of their Degrees. I encourage you to learn the Degrees. So you can take pride in your Chapter. Just learn one degree until you are proficient in that Degree, then move onto the next one.

Other Chapters have Business Meetings and can perform the Degrees. What else could they be doing to promote fellowship? Potlucks and Dinners with the Ladies are vital instruments in growing membership. Award Dinners, Royal Arch Widows Degree and the Enhance the Secret Program could also be used. Some Chapters are growing, it yours one of them?

In closing I pledge to do whatever it takes to assist in making this Grand Chapter grow and prosper. The Grand Officers cannot do it on our own. Each Companion is a vital member to this Grand Chapter and working together we can and will make this a most successful year.



Great Job St. Clair. Keep up the hard and dedicated work.
"We did a good thing here today" as stated by HP Stevich..

St. Clair Chapter No. 12 All Degree Day

On Saturday, June 11th St. Clair Chapter hosted a Chapter All Degree Day for at the St. Clair Masonic Temple.

21 new Royal Arch Masons were Exalted from around the State. The following Chapters brought candidates to receive this excellent work. St. Clair No. 12, Romeo No. 17, Huron No. 27, Cadillac No. 103, Mr. Pleasant No. 111.

Pictured above are R.E.C Michael Whiting, Grand King and to his right Ex. Comp. Louis Stevich, HP of St. Clair Chapter. They are flanked by the 21 candidates who became Royal Arch Masons.



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**Annual York Rite Golf Outing
and Grand Chapter Picnic**

On August 6 & 7 many Companions and Sir Knights gathered near Gladwin for a week-end of golf, fun, and fine dining. The occasion was the Annual York Rite Golf Outing on Saturday and the Grand Chapter "Picnic at the Sprague's" on Sunday. Both events were successful despite a little bad luck with brief periods of rainy weather in the afternoon on each day.

The yearly golf outing, started by Howard Little and Lemuel Teague, is held to raise funds for the various charities supported by the Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies with the money being divided equally between them. The outing was held at the Gladwin Heights Golf Course just west of Gladwin on highway M-61. We had 9 teams with 36 golfers paid this year, a slight increase from last year when we had 31 paid on 8 teams. Our tee box & hole banner sales were up as well, going from 64 last year to 82 this year, an increase of almost 30%. The final tally, which includes game day income from raffles and contests shows that we made just over \$700.00 for each of the three bodies, which they will donate to the charities of their choice. The checks were distributed at the Joint York Rite Grand Sessions in August.

The York Rite Golf Committee thanks those Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies, individuals, and one company who purchased banners for their support. It is through the support of these sponsors that we are able to raise the funds that make the outing a success. We also thank Warrior Golf Products, who donated a driver and LOB Wedge for our raffle.

Finally, the committee thanks the management team at the Gladwin Heights Golf Course. They do all they can to accommodate us and are always prepared to fix any difficulties that may arise. And when the golfing is over, the steak or chicken dinners in the restaurant are terrific.

The picnic at the Sprague cottage, near Gladwin, is always a good time and this year was no exception. Several Companions and Sir Knights made a week-end event of the golf outing and picnic by taking advantage of Jody Sprague's hospitality and camping on her lawn so that they can be close to both the golf course and the picnic.

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Companions,

Thank you all for attending this year's Grand Chapter Session. I hope you all had a great time and enjoyed it as much as Lady Renee and I did. It is always good to see old friends and make new ones. Thank you also for electing me to serve as your Grand Scribe. It is a great honor and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you again through the coming year.

I have enjoyed serving on our various committees, visiting many of you at your Chapters and representing you during visits to other jurisdictions. This year, I visited the Grand Chapters in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Wisconsin. The one common denominator is that we all have the same problems and can learn from each other. Let's continue to strive toward a stronger and more vibrant Fraternity.

In your discussions with your Lodge Brothers, remember that there are many additional lessons that they can benefit from. Help them along their path toward "more light" and introduce them to the York Rite. Keep striving to improve the meaning of membership in our Chapters. If you are merely having business meetings during the year, it may be difficult to gain or retain members. Find a community project or service and get involved. Also make communication and Masonic Education among your members a high priority. There are a number of programs and aids that have been developed by your Grand Chapters Committees and elsewhere to assist you. If you have additional thoughts and ideas, feel free to contact a committee member or volunteer to sit on a committee.

Companions, it has been a joy serving you for the last few years and I look forward to working with and seeing you all in my travels throughout the year. Your fellowship and camaraderie has meant a great deal to me and has been nothing short of amazing. Thank you for your dedication and for your continued support. I will do my best in the coming year to serve you and the Grand Chapter RAM in Michigan.

Jim Kiefer, Grand Scribe

YOUR FOUNDATION

Your Foundation was established to assist in keeping the Companions of the State in having to pay even greater Per-Capita Taxes to the Grand Chapter.

It must have a much larger financial portfolio than it currently has to perform that portion of its express purpose. Each Chapter should make every effort to have fund raisers to assist their Foundation.



Robert E. Cooper, PGHP

Grand Secretary

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Secretary's Scribbles

Hello Companions:

Congratulations companions on a great Grand Session. I hope you all had a great time.

Thank you for electing me your Grand Secretary. This is a great honor and challenge.

I'm in the process of arranging to move the Grand Chapter Office from Addison to Grand Rapids.

The new address will be:

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

233 E. Fulton

Grand Rapids, Mi. 49503

You may use this address immediately.

I'm also working on obtaining a new phone number.

As for the time being please contact me at my cell number 616-893-4426.

or my business email – bcooper@mkassoc.com

We have a lot of materials to move, along with the Big Copier.

So it may take some time, to get moved and settled in.

I'll keep you posted in future issues.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally,

R. E. Cooper, PGHP, G. Sec.

We've moved!!!

meghpmi97@yahoo.com

Beth and I have departed Michigan for Warmer climates, especially in the winter months.

Hopefully we will both feel much better in those cold and damp days that you have back here. We're planning on our two very close and constant companions staying in Michigan while we are in Arizona. Arther and Ritus.

After September 12st we are using my new address at: meghpmi97@yahoo.com ONLY!!! Both good until then! Please post in your address book.

We can also receive snail mail at:

36598 W. Picasso St., Maricopa, AZ 85138

Paul at 517.262.5140

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Paul & Beth Howell

CALENDAR

Aug 27 – Tri-State – Wausaw, WI 8 am CST (Mich., Minn., Wisc.)

Aug 29 - General Grand Council - Triennial Assembly – Raleigh, NC

Aug 29 – SEMYR Assoc. - Milan

Aug 30 – General Grand Chapter - Triennial Convocation – Raleigh, NC

Sep 10 –Day – Livingston Council - Howell -All Council Degree Day

Sep 11 – Reception – Whiting, Humm, Ickes – Lake Orion

Sep 24 – West Michigan Chapter All Degree Day – Grand Rapids.

Sep 24- Straits Area Council Fall Ceremonial – St. Ignace

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

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 and where.

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

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

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Set a bookmark on your Computer and mark your calendar.

You have some great ideas.

Share them.

Write up an article for publication.

This is your publication, not the Grand Officers Publication.

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*Congratulations on a Great Job, Well Done,
this year 2011 was a success on our end.*

Do you have suggestions to assist in making it
an even better and smoother run Session next
year?

Please contact the above listed Committee

Next years Sessions will be at:
Doubletree Hotel, One Wenonah Park Place
Bay City, Michigan 48078

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:

Jason Fowler: jasonfowler@live.com
517.403.8616

Or: Wes Tapp: tapp.wes@gmail.com
517.902.4148

**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.**

AMENDMENT TO GRAND CHAPTER LAW

AMEND Sec. 219 CONVOCATIONS

Now Reads:

The Convocations of a subordinate Chapter shall be Stated and Special, but no Chapter shall hold more than one (1) Stated Convocation in any Calendar month, and not less than ten (10) Stated Convocations in any Capitular year.

Grand High Priest Decision (William Fairchild-Approved at Grand Chapter 2009)

All Chapter business is to be Conducted while the Chapter is open on the Royal Arch Degree only, except when voting on petitions.

Amend to Read:

The Convocations of a subordinate Chapter shall be Stated and Special but no Chapter shall hold more than one (1) Stated Convocation in any Calendar month and not less than eight (8) Stated Convocations in any Capitular year.

All Chapter business is to be conducted while the Chapter is open on the Royal Arch Degree only, except when voting on petitions.

Reasons:

The chapters North of the big cities are today made up mostly of retirees who have moved there to enjoy a slower pace of life. Some have their driving abilities lessened particularly in the winter. Some of them join the Snow Bird Club, and are gone the greater part of the winter, if not all of it. My chapter can lose up to 40% of our active members. Those of us that remain drive between 20 and 40 miles one way, all on two lane roads. The Masonic Centers would love to be able to close four month instead of the two most do now.

Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr., P.H.P., #59 & 83

After discussion on the pros and cons of the amendment, by vote of the membership the motion passed.

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

instruction before I leave you, , how to act upon earth whereby you may live; and he did so.”

The book of Jasher: (Chapter 4 Verses 1 and 2) “And all the days that Enoch lived upon the earth were three hundred and sixty five years. And when Enoch had ascended into heaven, all of the kings of the earth rose and took Methuselah his son and anointed him to reign over them in the place of his father.” Reign over Atlantis...Enoch died right? Wrong. To discover where he was we need to look at the Book of Enoch:

Book of Enoch: (Chapter 112) “[1] Before all these things Enoch was concealed; nor did any one of the sons of Adam know where he was concealed, where he had been, and what had happened. [2] He was wholly engaged with the holy ones, and with the watchers in his days. [3] I, Enoch, was blessing the great Yhvh and King of Peace. [4] And behold the Watchers called me Enoch the scribe. [5] Then the Yhvh said to me: Enoch, scribe of righteousness, go tell the Watchers of heaven, who have deserted the lofty sky, and their holy everlasting station who have been polluted with women. [6] And have done as the sons of Adam do, by taking to themselves wives, and who have been greatly corrupted on the earth; [7] That on the earth they shall never obtain peace and remission of sin. For they shall not rejoice in their offspring; they shall behold the slaughter of their beloved; shall lament for the destruction of their sons; and shall petition for ever; but shall not obtain mercy and peace.”

Lamech, the grand son of Enoch, the father of Noah was rather distraught at the birth of his son Noah (Noah was pale/white). Lamech feared that Noah was the product of his wife being attacked by one of the Watchers and sought council with his father Methuselah and it was Methuselah who told him to seek advice from Enoch. How if Enoch was dead? Enoch was taken away to reign over the sons of Elohiym. Those sons were also called the Watchers. And it was during this time period that Enoch built the Pillar of Enoch (with the Watchers as his laborers) what we call the Great Pyramid! It was also during that time that Belial (Lucifer) attacked heaven at its core by brainwashing those watchers (angelic hosts) to follow their own desires. Which has been the tool of Belial (Lucifer or Satan) since the first time he attacked Adam. Those angelic hosts became known of as

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

Approach/process to create growth/positive change and the truth is all the past excuses and short sighted solutions are getting redundant, pathetic and desperate! Do we really want to continue the decline until we eventually die, become insignificant or should we stand our ground, fight for our fraternity and return it toward its former glory? In all my writings the intent is to do the former, I would rather fight!

Thus far, I have attempted to clearly identify the root cause of the problem (Our indifference) and now we require a good battle strategy. In my opinion, this should involve a two stage attack;\: (A) Focus on the fraternity, the process of positive change/growth and (B) Focus on the identification of membership principles that will contribute to our fraternity in a meaningful way. To follow are the ideas I purpose should be considered:

Stage one: Focus on our Fraternity and the Growth Process

1. **A Great Masonic leader must have the ability to create a mental image of possibilities, grounded in reality awareness and nurtured by meaningful purpose.** A good Masonic leader will possess discernment, perception, and intelligent foresight. As desirable as it is for our Masonic leadership to have such ability, it is not enough. If Freemasonry is to grow, a significant number of our fraternity members must share the vision and see the possibilities.

In some of our Masonic bodies leaders have attempted to mobilize our efforts by defining the vision, working on goal cards and even putting on skits to educate potential members on the benefits of the particular group. However, if these efforts are conducted only by the leadership no local participation, the results are seemingly less than satisfying. The story is then always pretty much the same. “The ----- offer the Mason an enhanced understand of blah, blah, blah ...”, yet when you ask members of that particular group how that message impacted their understanding/participation within the organization, frequently you get an awkward moment of silence. A great vision is one that is mutually created and implemented by the companions/brothers that will do the actual work to make it happen. In terms of Masonic growth, the only worthwhile vision is a shared vision. When we accomplish that, we will find that we have given the brethren meaningful purpose, which is a catalyst for having the motivation to take continued action.

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Straits Area Council No. 92
Fall Ceremonial
All Council Degree Day

Saturday, September 24, 2011
St. Ignace Masonic Temple
12 North State Street
St. Ignace MI 49781

1:00 PM (EST) Opening
1:15 PM Royal Master Degree
2:00 PM Select Master Degree
3:30 PM Reception of Grand Officers
3:45 PM Super Excellent Master Degree
(Grand Council Officers)
5:30 PM Dinner at Masonic Temple

Overnight? Quality Inn, 1-800-906-4656 \$67.00
Pre-Paid Meal Reservations Required

Dinner tickets are only \$17.00 each.
No. of tickets _____ Total Remitted \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Phone _____

Checks to "Straits Area Council No. 92"
N.L.T. September 10, 2011

Send to:

Gene Miller, Recorder
P.O. Box 458
Indian River, Michigan 49749-0458
(231) 238-9482

**Meritorious Service Award
Nominations for 2012**

Right Excellent Companion Jim Kiefer, Grand Scribe, is the Chairman of the Meritorious Service Award Committee this year.

He should be having the materials out to the Chapters and posted on the Web Site around the end of December or 1st of January.

Please determine whom you desire to nominate and begin gathering the materials that you will be needing for the write-up.

If you submitted a Companion last year and he was not selected, write him up again, in more detail and re-submit. Make sure you fill in every section in complete detail

Golf Outing and Picnic *Continued from page 3.*

Sunday dawned bright, clear, and hot as well. After a wonderful breakfast held right on site, our special chefs, Jerry Vann & Perry Parker, began making preparations for the picnic dinner. Once again, steak or chicken was the entrée, along with baked potato, corn on the cob, and a variety of pot-luck side dishes brought by the many picnickers.

We thank MEC Jerry and EC Perry for their usual fine job both supplying and preparing the main course for dinner. It is only after the rest of us are all seated and enjoying dinner that they begin to get their own plates ready. Good work Companions!

The whole picnic would not be possible without the cooperation and help of the Sprague family. They get there a few days early to begin making everything ready for us. With the help of a few special friends, the lawn is mowed, tables and chairs set up, and all other details taken care of, it's a huge job and is much appreciated by all of us who attended. We give a special thanks to Jody and her family for all they do. I won't name the helpers for fear I might leave someone out but they deserve our thanks as well.

Golfers, start getting your teams together for next year. There is still a lot of room for more teams, we would like to see you there. As of now we are planning on hosting the Golf Outing on the 1st week-end in August, 2012. Announcements with the final plans and sign-up sheets will be available shortly.

Louis C. McCray, Grand Captain of the Host



I AM YOUR FLAG

I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.
I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.
I am the refuge of the World's oppressed people, and a sentinel of Freedom.
I have flown through Peace and War, Strife and Prosperity,
I am the inspiration for which Patriots gave their lives.
I walk in silence with each of your Honored dead, to their final resting place.
My Red Stripes, symbolize the blood spilled in defense of their glorious nation.
My White Stripes, symbolize the burning tears, shed by Americans who lost their loved ones.
My Blue Field, is indication of God's heaven under which I fly.
My Stars, clustered together, unify all our States as one.
"Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.
Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives.
Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return.
Keep alight, the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.
Worship Eternal God and keep his commandments, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.

WEST-MICHIGAN ROYAL ARCH ALL DEGREE DAY

Grand Rapids Masonic Temple, 233 Fulton St., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Hosted by: District #15 (Grand Rapids #7, Hooker #73, Kent-Newaygo #38)

Saturday, September 24, 2011 beginning @ 8:00 AM

AGENDA

8:00 AM -- Registration of Candidates, Coffee & Rolls
8:30 AM -- Opening
9:00 AM -- **Mark Master Mason Degree**
10:00 AM -- Break
10:10 AM -- **Past Master Degree**
10:50 AM -- Break
11:00 AM -- **Most Excellent Master Degree**
11:45 AM -- Lunch (4th Floor Dining)
1:15 PM -- Reception of Grand Officers & Guests
1:30 PM -- **Royal Arch Degree**
4:00 PM -- Closing

Lunch -- \$10.00 per person

For Reservations: Call or E-mail either:

Bruce Hayden, PHP James Kiefer, PHP, Sec.
(616) 455-7742 OR (616) 522-0288
br3ch@aol.com vetjim@sbcglobal.net

*** Make sure that you let them know in plenty of time so that they can be properly prepared.

Remember to bring your Chapters presentation materials, coin, certificates, Book of Marks, Registration Book, so that everything can be properly taken care of on that day.

The York Rite Masonic Bodies of
Oakland Chapter No. 5 R.A.M.

Saginaw Council No. 20 R.&S.M.

Mt. Clemens Commandery No. 51 K.T.

Cordially invite you to a Joint Grand Reception
honoring the anticipated election of

Michael Whiting

Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

Dwight A. Kumm

Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council Royal and Select Masons

Roy A. Ickes

Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knight Templar

Sun., Sep. 11th --- Rec. 3 P.M., Dinner 4 P.M.

Kings Court located at Canterbury Village
2325 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, MI 48360

Buffet Dinner with 3 Entrees

*Beef Burgundy, Grilled Herb Salmon, Chicken Picatta
Red Skin Potatoes, Marinara Pasta
& Saute Vegetable Medley
Adults -- \$45.00 Cash Bar
Children under 12 -- \$15.00 (Chicken Fingers & Fries)*

Reservations with remittance by August 20, 2011!

Checks payable to: **Commandery Conclave 2012**

C/O Robert O. Troutman

22527 Saxony, Eastpointe, MI 48021
586 777-0043

Reservation form for

Joint Grand York Rite Reception

Honoring

Michael Whiting, MEGHP

Dwight A. Kumm, MSGM

Roy A. Ickes, RSGC

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Lady: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

No. of Adults _____ @ \$45.00 = \$ _____

No. of Children _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Check # _____



Reservation and remittance
were due before Aug. 20,
2011



Dwight A. Humm
Most Illustrious Grand Master
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Most Illustrious Companion Dwight A. Humm was born in Alma, Michigan on July 22, 1940. He graduated from Breckenridge High School, Breckenridge, Michigan.

He served in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Provost Marshall Office at Fort Wayne, Michigan and served with the Military Police and Criminal Investigation Detachments. On being released from duty he was employed in the Safety and Security Department at Dow Corning Corporation, at the Midland, Michigan plant. He met his wife, Norine, who was teaching at Adams Elementary School, in Midland. They have been married for some forty years and have two grown daughters, one living in the Kalamazoo area, and one in Midland.

MASONIC CHRONOLOGY

SYMBOLIC

- Centre Lodge No. 273.....1982
- Worshipful Master.....1990
- Mason of the year.....1992

CAPITULAR

- Midland Chapter No. 169.....1991
- Secretary.....1962, 1996-2006
- High Priest.....1993-1995
- Order of the High Priesthood.....1993

CRYPTIC

- Saginaw Council No. 20.....1991
- Recorder.....1992-95; 1999-2011
- Thrice Illustrious Master.....1998
- Recorder of the year.....1997
- Order of the Silver Trowel.....1998
- Sunrise Council #93,Dual Member
- Grand Rep. of Maine in Michigan...2003-2011
- Council of Anointed Kings, Ohio.....2010
- Honorary Member of
- Straits Area Council No. 92.....2010
- Grand Council of Ontario.....2011
- Life Member
- General Grand Chapter, Cryptic Masons In'tl...2011

CHIVALRIC

- Bay City Commandery No. 26, KT.....1991
- Commander.....1996, 1997
- Recorder.....2003-2006
- Past Commander's Association.....1997

YORK RITE COLLEGE

- Northeastern Michigan YRC, No. 16..... 1997
- Gold Honor Award.....1992
- Governor.....2001
- Order of the Purple Cross..... 2003
- Associate Regent.....2003
- David Brawn YRC, No. 65.....Duel

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

- Valley of Bay City. AASR.....1998
- Acolyte, Lodge of Perfection1990-1992
- Mummer Line, and President.....2005- 2010
- Meritorious Service Award.....2004
- Coroneted 33 Degree.....2007

SHRINE

- Elf Khurafeh Shrine, AAONMS.....1988
- Midland Area Shrine Club.....1988-2011
- Midland Shrine Club Golf Outing
 (Course Workers)...1990-2009

OTHER MASONIC AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

- Michigan Priory No. 22, KYCH.....2002
- Prior Michigan Priory #22, KY.....2011
- Ionic Council No. 251, AMD..... 1995
- Sunrise Council No. 418, AMD..... 1998
- Past Sovereign Master.....2001
- Trinity Council 36, Knight Masons.....2003
- St. Martin Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine..2007
- Michigan College, MSRICF.....2007
- Gate of the Temple Tabernacle LXV, HRAKTP.2009
- Grand York Rite Session Committee.....2001-2009
- General Chairman.....2007-2009
- Breckenridge Chapter #323, OES.....1983
- Isabella-Gratiot Dis. Assoc., 2nd V.Pres.....1987-1988

William H. Ford, PTIM

Straits Area Council No. 92

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Sir Knights and Companions All,

On Friday evening at the Grand Commandery Round Table Dinner the following presentations and inductions were made, congratulations to each recipient: Receiving and being inducted into the College of the Grand Encampment as a Knight Companion of the Temple was Lynwood A. "Woody" Alverson of Battle Creek Commandery No. 33. The ceremony was performed by PGC and Past Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, Stanley O. Simons.

Three Sir Knights were acknowledge as and received the Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Award.

Three ladies were received as Companions of the Temple.

Joseph B. Medved, PC, Recorder of Lexington Commandery No. 27 was awarded the very distinguished and prestigious Grand Encampment "Knight Templar Cross of Honor."

On Saturday morning at 10 am the election of Officers for 2011-12 was conducted. Roy A. Ickes was elected to serve you as your Eminent Grand Commander for the coming year.

Loren A. Winn, PGC was elected to serve as Grand Recorder and:

Donald L. Trumbull, KTCH, PC of Howell Commandery No. 28 was elected as the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery.

Paul C. Howell, K.T.C.H., K.C.T.

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.

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.

The **Michigan Grand Commandery Website** has moved to: www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mi

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

Send corrections, additions or removals to:

caonline@msn.com.

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

We will be posting updated information for Knights Templar of Michigan events and activities 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.