

# MICHIGAN TRIPLE TAU

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Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education -- "Quality Yields Quantity"

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## ***What Do We Have to Offer a New Candidate?***

What does Royal Arch Masonry have to offer to the new candidate or perspective candidate? Those of us in the Royal Arch believe that we have a lot to offer. Many, however, are unable to find that which we find so great, important and impressive in what we so strongly believe.

The Capitular Degrees of the Grand Chapter are an excellent organizational unit which devotes its time and efforts to the educational work in the Masonic degrees. We can tell the candidate that he will learn:

- 1) How the craft are paid their wages, what those wages are and the significance and importance of those wages.
- 2) How the Temple was so beautifully and spectacularly completed.
- 3) How he will be vested with power to "travel into foreign countries, work and receive Masters' wages"
- 4) How and why a "peon" was permitted to be chosen as Worshipful Master and the implements of his office.
- 5) How and why to dispense true light and knowledge.
- 6) What happened to the Temple after its' completion.
- 7) The lessons and legends of the veilmens.
- 8) The discovery of the lost treasurers.

The candidate will learn that the Royal Arch Degree is the complement of the Master Mason Degree unfolding into the second volume of history that which was lost to its final recovery. It brings to light many essentials of the Craft contained only in this Most Sublime Degree and explains many of the passages of the first three Degrees.

The Royal Arch reveals the full light of Ancient Craft Masonry in accordance with the original plan, and confers, at last, the rights and light of a Master Mason, in fact as well as in name.

When a candidate joins the Royal Arch he will have the door opened to him. He will learn of the importance of passing through and availing ourselves of the opportunity to learn and practice the lessons so beautifully taught.

What do we have to offer the Candidate for Royal Arch? All of the above, Education above all else, for the more we know the better we are able to understand and teach. We haven't even begun to mention the Friendship, Fellowship and Benevolence of our Organization.

## ***What is a Penalty?***

In each of our Obligations that we take in Freemasonry, there is a penalty that is implied or imposed upon those for violating any part of their Obligation! In many of the Obligations which we take we are informed that this penalty is Symbolic Only! If it is only symbolic, why do we even mention the fact that it exists?

The penalty of the Obligation, although it is only symbolic, would never be considered or imposed, is presented to impress upon the candidate the importance of the degree which they are then engaged. It is to make a strong, hopefully lasting, deep impression on their mind and conscience as to the moral lessons that are being portrayed, to live by and for the purpose of a man, a better man, for himself and his acquaintances.

Any story, which our rituals are, has a meaning and a moral and or spiritual lesson(s). Would the story and the lessons taught in the degrees be any less if the penalties were completely removed? The penalty has as its only purpose that of making a deeper impression of the importance of the degree to an individuals building and uplifting of his moral and spiritual self.

No Man or Mason should ever be wary or of fearful of the penalties of a Masonic Obligation. No Mason would ever consider that of having the penalty inflicted upon himself or that of inflicting any penalty. Know that the penalty is there as a symbol of our strong and firm belief in the moral and spiritual lessons of Masonry. Know that the penalty is to help in making you a better man and in strengthening your resolve between yourself and your God.

The penalties of Masonry are those that are inflicted upon ourselves and implanted within our breasts to make each of us a better man and Mason, in walking through the pathways of life.

May those penalties be strongly implanted upon you to make you a better man, Mason and citizen.



*“Quality Yields Quantity”*

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FROM THE GRAND EAST

My Companions:

Greetings from the Grand East of the Royal Arch Masons.

Companions, this last month has been a very busy and productive one. Kath and I went to Ohio the first week for their Grand Convocation. It was held at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, just north of Sandusky, Ohio. The facility was very luxurious, or room even had a working fireplace and a balcony. The Companions and Grand Officers were most gracious, and welcomed us with open arms.

By the time you receive this Triple Tau, we will also have attended the KYCH at the Flint Masonic Temple on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, do not forget my reception on October 27<sup>th</sup>. The social hour will begin at 4:00pm and the dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. Most of the Grand Officers of the other bodies will be in attendance, including the Grand Master, Ira Slaven. I hope you have made your reservation, and I am looking forward to seeing you.

November will be a busy month, as I tentatively plan to visit several Chapters. Hopefully I will be visiting Mackinac #134 on the 5<sup>th</sup>, Huron #27 on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and Bedford #188 or Iosco #83 on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Romeo #17 on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Kent-Newaygo #38 on the 19<sup>th</sup> and Sturgis #26 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. I will do my best to attend all of these dates, but sometime something unforeseen might occur to prevent me from doing so. I do look forward to these visits, and will call your High Priest or Secretary prior to coming.

Please remember to visit your Blue “Symbolic” Lodge. If you know somebody, a neighbor, relative or friend, rather than asking them if they would join your lodge, ask them if they ever thought of joining a Masonic lodge. They will feel less pressure this way, and might have wanted to become a member but were never told about our great organization. If and when they do join, stay with them as a mentor and tell them about the other great organization, the Royal Arch Masons, and how they can benefit from it also.

I hope to see you all during my year as Grand High Priest and wish you all the best with a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for.

God Bless each of you and remember, *“Quality Yields Quantity.”*

## **GUESS WHO IS BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN?**

“Biking Stan” is back at it again. This time he is planning on riding to the General Grand Chapter’s Tri-Annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana in August, 2008. I thought it would be a fun thing to do so I got the OLD blue machine out, dusted it off, and I’m in the process of getting back into shape (that’s going to be a long hard job). The bones are already creaking just thinking about it. Oh well, such is life! Roughly, Companions, you have raised about \$4400 for RARA in the last three rides I have done and I would again ask for your support towards this latest endeavor.

There will be more information coming out in December.

Thanks,

*Stan*

Stan Luykx  
Aka Biking Stan

## **KING'S KORNER: William B. Fairchild**

Companions:

By the time this issue comes out the reception for our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Paul D. Williams has taken place and I am sure that all had a wonderful time. I know that I am looking forward to it. Which brings me to the next point of interest. 1 year from now, should I happen to be elected as your Grand High Priest, my reception will September 20, 2008 at Escanaba. This will be in conjunction with the Michigan KT Upper Peninsula Tour.

Most Excellent Paul has some ideas he would like implemented for the ensuing year. As in all organizations, new ideas, have to be implanted to keep on being successful. We have to remain positive and progressive to keep on gaining. All York Rite Classes are really going along great. Grand Rapids had a successful one on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We are gaining membership in these classes. I know there is one being planned in the Upper Peninsula in the spring. More information will come out on this.

The Royal Arch Chapter has a tremendous amount of information to relay to new candidates. When new candidates are conferred the Chapter Degrees, they will leave impressed with our great Fraternity. When Chapter Degrees are presented, in good fashion, it makes a great impression on the candidates.

The Grand Chapter Officers, and the DDI's, are striving, hard this year, to assist all of the Chapters, in the conferring of the Degrees. It is realized that there are Chapters that need assistance in conferring the degrees. This is what the Grand Officers and DDI's are pledged to do. We are here to help. Remember.

Another major subject is the involvement of our Ladies, and how they play such an important role in the York Rite activities. How many times have we been doing something around the house and our Lady will say "don't you have a meeting?" This has happened to me many times. The Ladies like being involved. How many times we want a special event done, and the Ladies have taken for 5 the meal, and never complained. Companions, we have special Ladies involved with us.

The other night, I visited a Chapter, and they had a carry in dinner. This was a very successful night. When I got there, for the supper, there was a car with four Your Rite Widows waiting for the doors to open. They had been awaiting this event for weeks. What a special feeling I had for these Ladies. They have not forgotten the Great times, they had with their mates during these meals.

My personal feeling is, we should start getting these great Ladies of our, involved.

It is a good idea to visit other Chapters and meet other Companions. I realize with the price of gas this can be difficult. I have always enjoyed traveling to other Chapters, and Jurisdictions. It is surprising to see how many differences there are, when going to other Jurisdictions. New ideas, can be had, when seeing how other do the work.

Ann and I wish all of you, and your families, the very greatest of Thanksgivings. May God be with all of you.

### *Colon Chapter No. 81, Sherwood Woodchoppers Degree*

What's the Woodchoppers Degree? Lem Teague, DDI, Dist. 18, imported it from Maine, with permission.

It is a fun, fundraising degree.

The date, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> with a supper at 6:00 PM and the degree will start at 7:00 PM.

Cost? Only \$30.00 which includes supper, a pin and dues card. RARA will receive a donation from each degree.

Wives are invited to come and watch, but, will have to pay for their supper which will be \$5.00.

You will, one and all, enjoy this degree.

May I say that this is a great degree that you do not want to miss. Lem Teague brought this degree into Michigan from the GC of Maine. The Grand Lodge of Michigan has given him permission to put this degree on.

Not only is it a very enjoyable degree, which your ladies will enjoy also, but, it is a degree by means of which you will be able to raise funds for the RARA Program.

Should you wish this fun degree to be put on in your area just contact Lem Teague at either: 517/523/4217 or via email at: [loteague81@dmci.net](mailto:loteague81@dmci.net).

Neither you nor your ladies will ever be disappointed at having been able to see or participate in this FUN degree.

Len is doing a great service to Masonry and also to the charity of the Royal Arch by his willingness to travel near and far for his love of the Craft.

*St. Clair Chapter No. 12  
Canadian Night*

On January 29, 2008, St. Clair No. 12 will again host a Past Masters' Allegory Degree for our Canadian Brothers/Companions.

Ten years ago, 62 of our Canadian Companions came across the St. Clair River via the Sombra-Marine City Ferry. Everyone enjoyed an excellent dinner at 6:30 pm and the Past Masters Degree was conferred at 7:30 pm.

The Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Ontario does not confer the Past Masters Degree. It was both an honor and a joy to do the work for them. Each Brother received a dues card, in their Chapters name, as witnessing the degree, hosted by St. Clair Chapter with a seal of St. Clair Chapter. It enables our Canadian Companions to then participate in the remaining Royal Arch Degrees anywhere in our Country.

Mark your calendars for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January 2008, the 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM.

Dinner is only \$5.00 and the camaraderie will be tenfold that figure, and of course, this is all weather permitting.

Contact Terry Baker, DDI#8 for further information and to place your reservations.  
810-364-7352

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***RUNNING FOR THE OPEN CHAIR***

For any companion considering running for an office in the Grand Chapter Line the following Procedure is strongly suggested by the Protocol committee.

One of the first things you should do is to contact the Protocol Committee who will provide you with all the information necessary to make an informed decision. This decision should be made by both you and your wife.

You should next go to your Chapter and inform them of your intentions, who will then vote to support you in your ambitions. This support is necessary because you are going to need their help throughout the coming years, with possible financial Aid.

Next you need to put together a mailing containing; Pertinent information on your Private Life, A Biographical Sketch on you Masonic Activities and the Endorsement by your Chapter.

Send this mailing to all the Grand Officers, District Deputy Instructors, Past Grand High Priests and all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction. Also, a formal letter to the Grand Secretary. All the above should be completed as soon after the current Grand Convocation as possible.

You should make every attempt to visit as many Chapters as possible. Plan on attending York Rite dinners, Banquets and all the various functions held throughout the state introducing yourself as a candidate for Grand Honors.

Prior to the Grand Convocation make yours and your Chapter Reservations as early as possible with the Headquarters hotel. Make sure your reservations are made for the entire session or longer.

Plan on holding a Hospitality Room (Possibly in your room) for the evening prior to the day of the vote. This gives the Companions, who have not had the opportunity to meet you and your spouse in an informal manner before. I need not tell you that impressions are very important at this juncture. Have your literature available at this time.

On the day of the Grand Convocation go down early armed with more literature. Place this information on each seat of the Grand chapter, then go out and "greet and meet" as many of the voting delegates as possible prior to the opening.

You have now done as you can the rest is up to the Companions, you should, however, have a Tuxedo at hand should you be elected.

Good Luck!

Carl S. Hobday, PGHP – PDGGHP., Rt. Ex. Grand Chaplain and Chairman of the Protocol Committee.



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Secretary's Scribbles:

My Companions:

When is the last time that you truly offered thanks for who you were or what you had? For many of us it may have been way to long ago. For me, I could give the date of October 2, 2007. Why? That is the date that Brent Helm went in for surgery. I had blockage some 29 years ago and there was nothing that they could or were willing to do, safely at the time. They found Brent's blockage and were able to correct it immediately. His recovery is coming along very well. That is great news for all of us. Keep up the great progress back to a complete recovery.

The rituals are now in the office of the Grand Chapter. If you have not already received your new ones make arrangements to do so. There were only 500 printed, cost is very high, so remember that it is on a first request, first served. Cost: \$15.00 or the return of the Hard Copy printed edition of 2007.

Each Chapter has its Masters' Pins for presentation. Please make sure that these are each presented personally to the new Worshipful Master, in Lodge, preferably at the time of Installation. Don't just hand it to them and say that it yours, but, make sure they all know that it is from the Royal Arch Masons in their continued dedication and support of the Masonic Lodges. Also let them know how they can become a member to insure this continued support.

It is great to hear encouraging words from around the state about the new "young" members that are coming into the Lodges, and in many cases into the York Rite. My congratulations to those who are working so hard in the quarries to bring new men to Light by diffusing light and information to the uninformed Men and Brothers. Keep up the good work.

Keep the information on your Companions as they change in address and status coming into the Grand Chapter Office. This is very important. Even in coming years. I have had several requests in the last year or two for information on past Companions, as far back as the 1870's. I would have been impossible to locate this information had the Secretary's not kept the records up to date in the office of the Grand Chapter. It is very difficult to find information that has not been supplied. I know that the family members appreciate the information we have been able to supply. Email additions, subtractions and corrections to Beth at [auntiebabe@comcast.net](mailto:auntiebabe@comcast.net)

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

### *NO DECEMBER TRIPLE TAU*

The decision was made 2 years ago that the Triple Tau, a 10 month a year publication, would not be published in the months of December and June but would be published in July and August. The publishing in July and August was determined to be best because it is prior to the Annual Convocation and, therefore, extremely important in getting the information out to the Companions in a very timely manner, also, it is much less expensive than otherwise.

The next issue will be for January 2008 and will be published and distributed in late December.

Articles will be due into my office **not later than** December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Paul Howell, editor

### *Grand Chapter Educational Seminar*

Annually the Grand Officers hold an Educational Seminar. This is planned and coordinated by the Grand Scribe. This year Larry Inscho has set the dates for Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in Lapeer, Michigan.

This years programs will include specific areas of work and study for the Grand Officers, the Past Grand High Priests (Red Book Review) and the District Deputy Instructors (helping to establish and determine their roles and responsibilities in the future of the Grand Chapter.

This should be an enjoyable an rewarding experience for all.

Mark your calendars to attend.

***Livingston Chapter No. 30  
Royal Arch Masons  
Howell, MI***

Livingston Chapter No. 30 will host it's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Masters Testimonial Dinner at the Howell Masonic Temple on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Social Hour: 6:00 pm

Dinner and short Program to follow.

The dinner honors the newly Installed Masters of the Symbolic Lodges of Livingston County and the surrounding area.

Cost: \$10.00 per person.

Reservations with **remittance** are requested by January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to:

Ex. Comp. Donald Trumbull

P. O. Box 997

Pinckney, MI 48169-0997

Tickets will be held at the door.

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Companions: this is an excellent opportunity for you to bring your fellow Brothers and Companions to a very enjoyable social function put on by a Chapter in Michigan.

This will give you an additional idea of activities that may be helpful to you in spreading the word to the Brothers in your area as to what the Royal Arch is and some of the advantages of belonging.

It is an excellent opportunity for you to introduce and encourage prospective candidates and for you to learn ways to help you increase your exposure in the Masonic Community. Take advantages of what others are doing to help yourself.

Do you have activities going on that you are doing within your area that might be interest and assistance to others around the State? Send these ideas to the Grand Chapter Office for inclusion in the Triple Tau.

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***Recognition Dinners***

April 12, 2008: Bedford Chapter 188 to recognize Ex. Companion John G. Roe, Region 2 Michigan Meritorious Service Award.

April 19, 2008: Lebanon Chapter 125 to recognize Ex. Companion Robert Kerr as the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal Award Recipient.

Dates not available for A Eugene Smith of Manistique Chapter No. 127 and Woodson Orvis of Romeo Chapter No. 17 or for the reception into the Grand Chapter Line of Jim Kiefer or Louis McCray.

More information on all of the above to follow.

***Individual Ritual Award***

The Dale C. Rickrode Individual Ritual Award is a program of the Grand Chapter which was begun in October of 1997.

The Award is to distinguish those Companions who are willing to perform the various parts within the degrees of Capitular Masonry.

A pin is awarded by the number of points that a Companion is able to earn. It is not based upon a specific length of time to accumulate the points.

The Companion should, if possible, do the ritual work from memory, but, he does not have to be letter perfect. Working for the betterment of the Craft is the important part of this Award. It does require that the Companion keep his own records and submit them as he completes the next 150 points.

There are Four (4) pins which a Companion will be able to earn. Each is based and designed upon the Four (4) Veils of the Royal Craft. Each of these pins can be earned by receiving a progressive number of points. Each Pin is emblematic of the Veils of the Craft, opening toward the pinnacle of the Royal Craft.

The first pin (150 points) is blue in color opening to the purple veil. The second pin (300 total points) is purple in color opening to the red veil. The third pin (450 total points) is red in color opening to the white veil and the fourth or final pin (600 total points) is white in color opening to Yellow (the sunshine of your work.)

Each part, speaking and non-speaking, of every degree has its specific point value attached. Each part may be used twice, but only twice, in accumulating the total points necessary to receive the 4 pins available.

These Awards are to pay special recognition to our Companions who labor in the quarries and who assist the Craft and to identify these Companions within the Grand Chapter.

So far, only 3 Companions have presented their applications for up to 600 points for their work. Dale C. Rickrode (whom the award is named after), Paul C. Howell and Elliott F. Walters.

We know that there are other Companions out there who have and can do the work. Receive the recognition due you and them. Fill out and submit the paperwork, that is all that is required of you.

Get the recognition you deserve and wear and display the veils pins with pride and accomplishment.

## LET'S KEEP FISHING

Today, I had the opportunity to take a break from my daily and Masonic activities. We all need a break, or so they tell me, from the normal “grind” no matter how much we enjoy what we’re doing.

I’m not a fisherman in any real sense of the word, but, here I am sitting on a Charter boat, on Lake Erie, out of Canada. Just taking a break from moving into my new place and setting it up as a residence and office.

I had time to sit back, put up my feet, and think. Isn’t it amazing at although we may believe we know a lot about a given subject, there is always much more that we can learn and attempt to understand.

The reason that I had time to think is that no matter how good a fisherman one is, or how knowledgeable the Captain of the Charter is reputed to be, we still have a lot of down time while we try to figure out how to get the fish to bite, while they seem to be just “swimming about aimlessly”. Some bite when they are in a school, while others do so while swimming alone. Others do not do so at either time.

This same is true about Masonry. No matter how much knowledge we believe we have, there is still much knowledge to be gained to increase our Masonic education and awareness. I have participated in all of the degrees of the Symbolic Lodge and York Rite on many occasions, and have assisted in many of the Degrees of the Scottish Rite and other appendant bodies, However, I am always amazed at how little I really know and understand of the Fraternity, it’s degrees and orders. Each time I watch or participate I gain additional knowledge and information. I will never, fortunately, know all there is to know about Masonry. The same as we did not catch all the fish in Lake Erie. I did catch more that I would have had I stayed at home. You can only learn by active participation and involvement, either on the sidelines or floor while observing others perform the work.

Isn’t it fantastic when you stop to think about it, that we caught the fish which we did. Many people had tried before, including myself, with no luck. Today, we hooked the, maybe only a few, but we hooked them because they were ready to bite that which was placed before them. The same is true of Masonry! There are many good men out there “swimming about aimlessly” who have not yet become “hooked” on Masonry and its appendant bodies. We must keep on trying. I didn’t catch those fish the last time I tried.

If it has been awhile since you have “participate”, then it is time that you make a concerted effort to attend your Masonic Lodge and the appendant bodies. Maybe we could all become better fisherman while attempting to explain Masonry to the uninformed. Perhaps we could again become “hooked” on the Fraternity. Perhaps we might hook or snag those who are just “swimming about aimlessly” both within and without the Fraternity.

The Charter Captain had us try many different approaches: bottom fishing in a known school of fish, trolling at different depths, changing the hooks, lures and bait. Some worked one time, and not the next.

Different approaches are needed and required. The same as fishing – sometimes the approach works, other time it does not. In fishing, they never say, “We can’t do it that way, we tried that before and it didn’t work!”, or “Let’s not try and catch the fish. He’s never taken the bait before”.

The same is true of good men. Because we tried them before does not mean that they are not now ready. It just takes the right approach at the right time and place for them to bite. As with the fish, they have to be ready and hungry.

### CATCH THE SPIRIT!! LET’S GO FISHING!!

#### *A Special Thanksgiving Wish*

*May all of the blessings of this special season be yours while thanksgiving is here ....*

*And may all of the joys of this beautiful land be yours in abundance all year.*

#### *Happy Thanksgiving*

*And may the blessings of this Thanksgiving be transmitted to your and yours throughout your Holiday Season.*

*May you find peace, happiness and abundance throughout the coming year.*

*Happy, Safe and Prosperous Holidays and 2009*

“The character of individual or institutions is indicated to a great extent by how and where they spend their time and money. Selfish activities usually lead to dissipation and failure while help to others in an altruistic manner lift the spirit and lead to success and happiness.”

*Masonic Charities* published by The Supreme Council, 33 deg, AASR, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA.

*May your activities, interests and efforts this coming Holiday Season, and through the years, lift your spirits and lead you, your family, neighbors, country and your GOD to success and happiness.*

*Royal Arch given unselfishly to the Masonic Fraternity!*

**General Grand Chapter – Ritual Award**  
**“Without the Hope of Fee or Reward”**

The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International announces the establishment of an award to acknowledge those companions who work “Without the Hope of Fee or Reward” and excel in ritualistic work.

A beautiful jewel has been struck for this purpose and it shall be awarded to those Companions who have performed the following ritualistic parts:

1. Conferred the Mark Master Degree as Right Worshipful Master
2. Conferred the Past Master Degree as Right Worshipful Master
3. Conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree as Right Worshipful Master
4. Conferred the Royal Arch Degree as the High Priest (Joshua)

The Companion must have performed the above parts *from memory*, on at least two (2) occasions for actual candidates. The work must be accomplished between the time period of January 1, 2002 and August 15, 2008.

**Nominations**

Secretaries of Constituent Chapter are to send nomination forms to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary is to send the nomination form to the General Grand High Priest, who will have the Companion’s name inscribed on the jewel and returned to the Grand Secretary for presentation. The jewel shall be presented to the Companion at a Chapter Convocation.

*Please note? This award may or may not be continued into the next triennium.*

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Nomination Form  
(Please duplicate as necessary)

I certify that Companion \_\_\_\_\_ a member in good standing  
of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Jurisdiction of  
Michigan has performed the required ritualistic parts  
and is entitled to wear the Ritualistic Jewel.

\_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Date

Constituent Secretaries send to:  
Paul C. Howell, PGHP, Grand Secretary  
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Grand Secretary will forward to Larry E. Gray, GGHP, General Grand Chapter RAM International

<p style="text-align:center"><b>General Grand Secretary Retires</b></p> <p>John F. Kirby agreed to retire from the office of General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International effective January 1, 2008.</p> <p>This decision was made because of the decision of the General Grand High Priest that he was going to move the office to Indiana.</p> <p>MEC Kirby wishes to thank everyone for their support over the years, nearly 15, and that he leaves the office with a positive attitude toward Royal Arch Masonry.</p>	<p style="text-align:center"><b>Announcing for General Grand Honors</b> <b>General Grand Secretary</b> <b>General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons</b> <b>International</b></p> <p>Larry E. Gray, General Grand High Priest has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of General Grand Secretary at the triennium of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in August 2008.</p>
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