

Michigan Triple Tau



"Sharing the York Rite is the Right Thing to do"

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All Chapter Degree Day in Grand Rapids a Success

It was a great day for the Royal Craft, when 24 candidates from Chapters around Michigan were put through the Chapter degrees. The event was held at the Grand Rapids Masonic Center, on the Sixth Floor with the degrees being alternated between the Blue Room and Red Room. Thanks to the following organizations for their casts: Hooker Chapter # 73, Kent-Newaygo # 38, Grand Rapids Chapter # 7, and Western Michigan York Rite College# 10. Also, thanks to all the other companions who jumped in and helped out in various needed cast parts. We plan on this being the 1st Annual, with many more to come.



Royal Arch exalts Class of 24 new members from Chapters around the State on October 14. The Class along with some other companions (Photo by David Seyferth)

We're not intending that these degree days, should replace local chapter degree efforts, It seems to me, that if you don't put on the degrees, you probably won't learn the parts, and the candidates won't derive the benefits of ac-

tively participating. A rewarding Masonic education is based on both witnessing and actively receiving and engaging in the de-

gree work.

Companions, let us be optimistic about the growth of our Craft, I greatly value all of my Masonic friends and am always ready to meet new ones. I would hope every Mason would become a York Rite Mason.

Much success and happiness to these new Royal Arch Masons.

*Holiday
greetings to
all Companions*



Fraternally Yours,
Bob Cooper, GM3V

Grand High Priest sets goal for RARA

Companions:

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest has asked the Philanthropy Committee to raise MONEY for Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) which is the Philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. RARA helps to support the Able Kids Foundation (for Central Auditory Research). This is the same organization that we have been supporting, just under a new name. Dr. Joan M. Burleigh, Ph.D., is still heading it up, however; it is no longer affiliated with

Colorado State University.

We would like each Chapter, in the State, donate at least \$1.00 per member. This could be accomplished by putting out a jar to collect pennies or loose change at each meeting.

The Committee is also going to make up a coin that will have the Triple Tau on one side and "I support RARA" on the other side. These will be sold for a \$1.00 each.

After your Chapter has reached its goal, you will receive a 100% Certificate from the General Grand Chapter.

With an individual contribution of \$25.00 - \$49.99 a RED Certificate is issued, for \$50.00 - \$99.99 a SILVER Certificate and for \$100.00 and above a GOLD Certificate.

REMEMBER, all donations are TAX deductible, this is a 501-

C3 charity!

PLEASE send your contributions to the Grand Secretary, Paul C. Howell marking the check for RARA. He will then send it on to James Wall, the Executive Director of RARA. That way your Chapter gets credit and so does the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest would like to have this read at your next Stated Convocation of the Chapter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS PROJECT.

Fraternally yours,
The Philanthropy Committee
Perry Parker (37),
George Sivertson (91)
Anthony (Tony) Chamberlin
(27)

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Hutchins to be honored

Wayne Chapter is going to have a Class in the Royal Arch Degree. The class will be held as a part of the Round Robin put on by the Chapters of Southeastern Michigan. It will be held on Saturday, March 24th with a dinner at 5:30 pm prior to the Degree. This class will be named in honor of one of the hardest workers that Michigan has had, Walter D. Hutchins of Wayne Chapter who passed away last year.

Walter Hutchins was a passed everything in the York Rite of Michigan. He was one of the very few who has every received the Mason of the Year Award, Meritorious Service Award of each of the York Rite Bodies and the Meritorious Service Award "Red Hat" of the Scottish Rite.

A class being named in his memory is a fantastic honor. It is only too bad that it couldn't have been done while he was living. It is, however, a great way to remember one of Michigan's leading Masons. Make this a large class. He would be proud to know that he was still working for the fraternity.

Make sure that you come out that day and show your love and respect for him.

Fraternally,
Paul Howell, Grand Secretary



Grand Secretary's Scribbles

by Paul C. Howell, PGHP, Gr. Secretary

Secretary's Scribbles

Most of the Chapters slow down at this time of the year for the Holidays. A few of you are still doing a little work. That is always good news to hear about a Chapter that is putting on their own degrees, no matter when it is during the year.

It is my hope that if you have degree work in your Chapter coming up in the near future that you will get that information in to the Beaderstadts' prior to the 15th of the month so that they can get it published in the Triple Tau.

These holidays coming up and your Chapters not being very active means that each of you and your Chapters have



that great opportunity to spread the word of Capitular Masonry to our less informed Brothers. You will be presenting the Masters' Pins at the Installations of the Masters' of the Local Lodges. Make your presentation one that will want to

encourage the Brothers to become a part of our Organization. By our presentations we can be assured of having this Spring be one of our busiest seasons of all time.

The very best to each of you.

Happiest of Holidays to each of you and yours.

Paul Howell, Grand Secretary

Grand King's Corner

By Howard Little

I would like to address the Grand Chapter Budget and some thoughts for you to think about. Our budget these past few years has seen cuts in programs due to the revenue coming in from our per capita. The following have been eliminated or reduced to operate within our budget: travel and per diem to the delegates attending our grand session and your Grand Officers and DDIs travel money.

This past year money had to be taken from the Permanent Fund to keep some programs going.

At the present time we receive \$10.75 per dues paying member to establish a budget. In order to keep and expand some of our programs which we need to secure an active and enlightened fraternity, we need to keep our funds up to ensure a balanced budget and have the ability to raise the funds needed.

Here is a thought for you to consider:

If our dues paying members remain at the current level and each chapter through the "Membership Recruitment Program raised their membership by 5%, we would receive an increase of approximately \$2, 8000 per year. I have outlined an example of how this can be done.

A chapter with 46 members @ 5% increase = 2 members

78 members @ 5% increase = 4 members

124 @ 5% increase = 6 members

232 = 12 members

I challenge your chapter to try it and see how it will work for you and increase your chapter and activity. What ideas do you have to share? Let your Grand Officers know.

Fraternally,
Howard J. Little
Grand King

Rituals

Companions it is my deepest regret that I must inform you that the Grand Chapter Office is out of the new rituals. They were ordered during the summer. At Grand Chapter I was informed that they would be ready for me to review the first of September. Harry Walbridge talked with the printer a short time ago regarding when we would be receiving them. He was informed that they should be ready for review after the 1st of December.

Companions, we will probably be without Rituals until around the 1st of March.

My deepest apologies. I wish that I had better news for you.

What this does mean is that the Inspection, for those Chapters who do not have the newest ritual will have to do their inspection in the old ritual 1996 edition of the Past Masters' Alle-gory.

Thank you for understanding and good luck to each of you.

Paul Howell, Grand Secretary

It's time that we share

For Capitular Masons every day is a holiday. We have the gift. The oil of plenty.

Capitular Masonry has the gift that is continual and continues to grow within one as the study and participate in its work and rituals. This gift we must continue to share in all of our experiences. We must add to the size of this gift. Like the oil of plenty, it will continue to glow and enlighten and brighten our day and lives and is available to all of our friends and Brothers to make their lives better.

Is it now time for each of us to share this Holiday, every day. To give the gifts when have. To brighten and illumine the lives of the uninformed.

How can we let any day go by that we do not make every day a holiday for all of our Brothers who are not informed?

How can we keep this gift and the oil to ourselves.

It's time that we shared that which we have.

Paul Howell, Grand Secretary

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

Plan Comes Together

It is not that long ago that that there was show on television that you frequently heard the leader say at the end. "I love it when a plan comes together."

Many of the Chapters and Regions in the State has a plan. It is called the Regional Degree Team Program of the Grand Chapter. By the use of this Plan our programs of doing the work ourselves to make it more enjoyable for the candidates by having their friends and neighbors instill in them the work and instruction will come together.

It is good that many Chapters and Regions are now beginning to take advantage of this plan. It is good that more and more of you are again taking pride in your work and the work of your Chapter.

With this work and pride that we show the plan will come together, and we will continue to grow again and we will prosper.

The southeastern part of the state has their method of seeing to it that this plan does come together. They have what they call a "Round Robin." Four different Chapters putting on a degree with each of those Chapters traveling and bringing in their candidates. The Mark Degree has already been conferred, however, if you have a candidate who has received the Mark Degree then you can bring them to Northville on Wednesday January 24th for the Past Masters Degree. Colonial Chapter in Livonia will be putting on the Most Excellent Masters' Degree on Thursday, February 15th and Wayne Chapter in Westland will be putting on the Royal Arch Degree on Saturday, March 24th.

Hopefully we will be seeing this plan really come together by having a large turnout in candidates for the Royal Arch Degree on the 24th of March.

Trenton Chapter has been very busy this past year and has continued this with work this year. They are putting on the Most Excellent Masters' on Friday, December 8th and the Royal Arch Degree on Friday, January 12th.

It can and does work. "I love it when a plan comes together."

Paul Howell, Grand Secretary

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