

# Michigan Triple Tau



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

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## Whiting and Dossette Elected

At the 158<sup>th</sup> Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan Michael Whiting was elected to the office of Grand Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil and David W. Dossette was elected to the office of Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil.

Right Excellent Companion Whiting is PHP of Oakland Chapter No. 5 in Auburn Hills and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan. Mike and his wife Jeanne live at 615 Melrose,

Pontiac, 48340-3316. Their phone number is 248.376.7081 and their email address is: [mikewhiting@webtv.net](mailto:mikewhiting@webtv.net).

Right Excellent Companion Dossette is PHP of Wayne Chapter No. 182 in Westland and has been seen around the state on many occasions adding musical delight to the various Degrees and Orders. David and his wife Sue live at 13669 Hannan, Romulus 48174. Their phone number is 734.941.3056 and their email address is:

[DBLDFOTOG1@aol.com](mailto:DBLDFOTOG1@aol.com).

Both of the Companions have expressed a deep interest and concern for the Companions, Chapters and Grand Chapter of Michigan. They thank you for your support and offer to assist you in any manner possible. Please let them know how they may be of assistance to you.

Congratulations to both. May your journey in the Grand Line be enjoyable and rewarding to you and an asset to the Grand Chapter.

## Degree Day hosted by District 5

The West Michigan Royal Arch All Degree Day will be held Saturday, October 14 in the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple, 233 Fulton, Grand Rapids.

Candidates will be registered beginning at 8 a.m..

Opening is slated for 8:30 followed by the Mark

Master Mason Degree. After the 10 a.m. break, the Past Master Degree will be presented followed by the Most Excellent Master Degree.

Lunch will be served in the Fourth Floor Dining room followed by a 1:15 p.m. reception of Grand Officers and guests. The

Royal Arch Degree will be presented at 1:30.

Lunch reservations are \$8 per person and may be made by contacting Charles Kramsvogel, HP, at 616-542-4036 (e-mail [cfkrams@core.com](mailto:cfkrams@core.com)) or Robert Cooper, HP at 616-696-4847 (e-mail [bcooper@mkassoc.com](mailto:bcooper@mkassoc.com))

# From the Grand High Priest

By Harry A. Walbridge

Greetings to all Companions.

As we launch into this new year, with my theme of "Communication + Unity = Progress", it is my feeling that communication is so important for the vitalization of our Chapters. It is through this that we stimulate interest in our Chapters; it is also the most important method to get members back into Chapter meetings. We need to let our Companions know when we are performing degree work and in-

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Grand High Priest



vite them to participate; let them know that interesting topics are discussed at Chapter meetings, not simply business transacted.

Unity follows when all the Companions work together. Working with other Chapters brings great returns; the opportunity to make new acquaintances; become aware of what other Chapters are doing; increased activity should bring excitement to our Chapter meetings. It also gives us the opportunity to discuss those issues and/or actions we would like to see addressed at Grand Chapter Sessions that will benefit and enrich the Royal Arch for all

***Now to a subject in which we should all be involved.*** A piece of legislation before our

legislators in Lansing is proposed to relieve the tax burden on our Masonic buildings which would save many lodges and Chapters from losing their meeting places. A letter, e-mail or 'phone call—any communication to impress our representative with the need we have. A note as simple as: Please support HB5761 so we can continue with our local support of scholarships, donations to the Boy Scouts, literacy councils, fire safety education to school children, etc. We are serious contributors to our community in providing and/or supporting community activities." No one is going to dictate what or how you get your word to Lansing. Just do it, please!! You can find where to write in the front of the 'phone book. Should we not succeed, no doubt it will be a long time before we will have another opportunity. Village, city and township governments will be strongly opposed to this legislation because of the tax loss, but they may fail to realize that if we do not get relief, we may not be able to maintain ownership of our buildings and they will not have that property to tax.



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## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Companion Secretaries, I have received a Monthly Report with no Chapter Name or Number on the top of the page, so I do not know which chapter these two Companions petitioned. I believe I know the chapter because of an address change on the back of the form, so I can add these companions to our database.

If you complete the "old" Monthly Report form that are used by Secretaries that do not have email, please remember to put your Chapter Name & Number somewhere on the form. Unfortunately, when these forms were duplicated, the space for this needed information was left off the form. I apologize for this oversight.

Thank you for your dedication to helping me keep the records of the Grand Chapter current.

Fraternally,

Beth Masten, The Grand Secretary's Secretary :)

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## Grand Secretary's Scribbles

by Paul C. Howell, PGHP, Gr. Secretary

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The Annual Grand Convocation is now completed. Beth and I can now both take a deep sigh of relief. Of course we left the session on late Friday evening and spent all of Saturday and Sunday working on the Annual Proceedings. I hope to have them ready to go to the Printers by the end of the 1st week of September.

It is unfortunate that we still had two Chapters that had not submitted their Annual Returns to the Grand Chapter as of the commencing of the Grand Session: Calvin Britain 72 and Zion 171. That unfortunately means that we will have an incorrect report, accounting—membership

and financial, that will have to be submitted to the General Grand Chapter.

It was sure great to see and visit with each of you. That is one of the best parts of attending the Grand Session. Renewing old acquaintances and the making of new ones.



## We're Back

Beth and I were gone from the Office for several days, but we're back now.

Immediately after the Grand York Rite Sessions were completed Beth and I took off for a resort to get away from the telephones. We spent the first couple of days working on the Proceedings while they were fresh in my mind and on the tapes. Those days could not have been considered a vacation, however, they were very fruitful.

We went home for a few hours, lawn had to be mowed. Dropped off everything and went back to the resort until Labor Day. Beth would not let me take any work with me, said something about me relaxing and getting refreshed.

Weather wasn't that great to begin the vacation, so I found myself setting inside most of the time, and reading. Beth introduced me to a new author and I got totally engrossed in her fiction stories. Very light reading, but very enjoyable. I used to enjoy reading, however, had not had much time the last several years. Felt good to just read and enjoy. It was relaxing.

I have been home for a little over 24 hours now and it seems like I had never left. Am now trying to catch up on all my mail, email and phone messages. This will take awhile, but I will keep after it.

We're Back and I am refreshed and ready to get going again.

Hoping that each of you feel refreshed and ready to go. We have a long way to go and it means that we must be ready to put out our very best effort.

Paul Howell

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## Grand King's Corner

By Howard Little

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Companions:

I will be writing articles this year and communicating on the topic of finance within our Grand Chapter and how we can best serve this Grand Jurisdiction. I ask that you keep them for a reference as the year goes by.

In anticipation of my hopeful election next year as your Grand High Priest for 2007-08, I am going to, during the upcoming year, present some statistics and points of interest for your consideration and ask

you to share with me your ideas for possible solutions so that I( and your Grand Officers can better serve you and your Chapters.

Through communication, we can come up with the proper solution to any problem, make things better and stronger, for all.

I will begin to discuss the following areas starting next month: Financing, budget, RAM Foundation, Per-Capita, Funding of Programs and others that come to mind or that you bring forth as concerns to you.

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# *158th Grand Convocation Concludes*

The 158th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort, 5700 28th Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan on Thursday, August 24th, 2006. Opening took place at 8:30 am by MEC George W.H. Lyons, Grand High Priest and his core of Officers.

Most Worshipful Brother Walter F. Wheeler, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was in attendance for the entire session and after being properly received was seated in the east with the Grand High Priest.

Also in attendance was Emory J. "Smokey" Ferguson, PGHP of Alabama and the General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. We had the Grand High Priests of 7 Foreign Jurisdictions and the Representatives to Michigan from many of our Sister Jurisdictions.

There were 8 Chapters that were not registered at this Grand Convocation prior to the closing of the Registration at 8:30 am to coincide with the opening of the Grand Chapter: Calvin Britain 72, Mt. Pleasant 111, Manistique 127, York 150, Palestine 159, Royal Oak 167 & Zion 171.

The Convocation was conducted in a smooth, orderly and efficient manner by Most Excellent Companion Lyons. We broke for lunch at 12:05 and reconvened at 1:30 pm to conclude the business.

At 2:30 pm MEC James R. Sprague, Installing Grand Officer conducted the Annual Open Installation of Officers. Installed were:

Harry A. Walbridge, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Howard J. Little, Right Excellent Grand King

Paul D. Williams, Right Excellent Grand Scribe

Brent A. Helm, Right Excellent Grand Treasurer

Paul C. Howell, PGHP, Right Excellent Grand Secretary

Carl D. Hobday, PGHP, Right Excellent Grand Chaplain

Larry A. Inscho, Right Excellent Grand Captain of the Host

William B. Fairchild, Right Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner

R. Michael Colpus, Right Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain

Robert E. Cooper, Right Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil

Michael Whiting, Right Excellent Grand Master of the 2nd Veil

David W. Dossette, Right Excellent Grand Master of the 3rd Veil

Frederick T. Schneider, Right Excellent Grand Sentinel and Executive Director of the District Deputy Instructors.

MEC Companion Sprague also installed the District Deputy Instructors, appointed, into their positions.

An excellent Joint York Rite Banquet was held that evening, and enjoyed by all in attendance.