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

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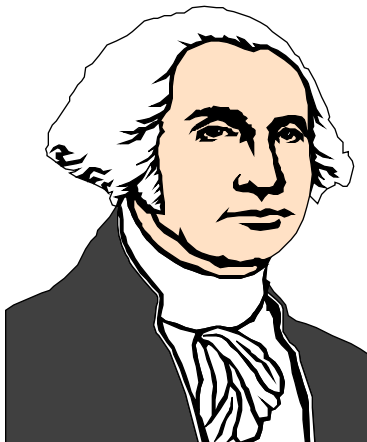
All Degree opportunities await

Could it be that you do not wish to do the work on your candidates or do not believe that you can do the work, at this time, even with the assistance of the Regional Degree Teams. Some Companions want to make their lives easier and not do any of the ritual work at their own Chapters. It is always easier to have someone else do your work for you, however, those that come in may not have any reason to come back, if they do not think that their Chapter does anything, other than meet once a month to read the minutes and pay the bills.

Washington celebration

How many of your Chapters can boast something of this nature. 87 consecutive years of having the same type of a formal recognition party.

It has been traditional for



If you wish to have someone else do your work for you, then there are several opportunities coming up in the near future. One in your area?

Saturday, Feb. 3: All Chapter/Council Degrees, Kalamazoo Chapter at Schoolcraft Masonic Temple.

Saturday, Feb. 24: Angola, Indiana. All Chapter/Council Degrees, minus Super Excellent Master. Michigan, Ohio Indiana Tri-State Festival.

Saturday, March 3: All Chapter/Council Degrees, Flint

Rapids Chapter at Flushing Masonic Temple.

All of the above begin their degree work at 9 am.

Saturday, April 21: Upper Peninsula All Chapter Day. Marquette Masonic Temple. 10:00 a.m. (EST) Upper Michigan York Rite College Annual Assembly. LUNCH followed by All Royal Arch Degrees

6:00 p.m. DINNER at Marquette Masonic Temple 7:00 p.m. Royal Arch Widows Degree (Whole Family Invited) - Grand Chapter

Sat. June 9: Dowagiac All Chapter Outdoor Degrees. Degrees begin at 9 am.

Once your candidates, new Companions have received their work at one of these All Degree Days, make sure that you that you get them back to your Chapter immediately. Have something planned for them at that Convocation, besides the normal business. How about a dinner prior to the meeting and then having a degree rehearsal for one of the Degrees. Give the new Companions a part for them to read through for the rehearsal.

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the Grand Chapter Foundation to have a meeting earlier in the day also the Grand Officers to have a meeting that day.

The Dinner will held on Saturday, February 17th this year. The dinner will be the traditional Turkey Dinner with all of the trimmings and Cherry pie. The cost is only \$12.50 per person.

It is a great evening for all who attend. Hope that you are one of those to be in attendance this year.

Contact Chester Gross, Secretary of Caro Chapter to make your reservations. 989-673-7875 or email at chetson@centrytel.net

Paul Howell, Grand Secretary

Circle around the fire of fraternal love

It was a tale of Brother Masons surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently.

Finally one spoke up "I can tell you more about Masonry in one example than some of the great Masonic philosophers have in books. Everybody stand up, and gather in a circle around the campfire." They did that.

"Now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him."

They did that, too. "Now, what do you see, looking ahead?" "The face of a Brother through the flames."

"What do you feel in front of you?" "The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night." "What do you feel at your side?" "The warm hand of a Brother."

"OK. Now, drop the hands, and turn around." They did so.

"Now, what do you see, looking ahead?"

"Complete darkness." "What do you feel, looking ahead?" "A sense of loneliness, of being alienated." "What do you feel at your

side?" "Nothing at all." "What do you feel on your backside?" "The warmth of the fire."

"So it is with Masonry," said the old man. "In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of a Brother."

"When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother."

"But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you."

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Ten Attitudes and Basic Ingredients for Growth

Desire — We have to want to grow. It's not going to accidentally take place. We have to really believe in our organization and be willing to pay the price.

Vision — We need to be able to have a dream and goals to shoot at.

Atmosphere — We must be mood makers. The life of our organization will be determined largely by the kind of mood we set. The spirit of friendliness and enthusiasm are crucial.

Strong Leadership — We cannot build a great organization with weak leadership. Our organization's influence should broaden, year after year. There is a definite link between strong leadership and the growth of any organization.

Action Orientation — People have to be involved. Diversities of talents make a healthy organization.

Planning and Setting Goals — We must be realistic, and we must start with the basics. With definite goals in mind, we then need to outline procedures to reach those goals. It is very easy to drift into discord, so we need to plan our work, and work our plan.

Unity — Unity is absolutely essential. It is imperative to convince the Chapter that the need is there and we will be doing something about it.

Delegation — We multiply ourselves by delegating responsibility. No delegation = stagnation.

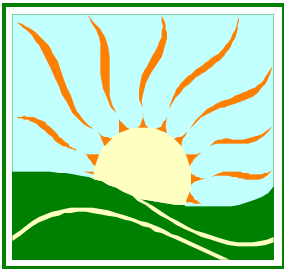
Praise — If someone has done a good job, praise will boost them to even greater service.

Persistence — We must stay on it, without giving up. "Kites rise against the wind." "Failure is not the same as final."

Grand Secretary's Scribbles

by Paul C. Howell, PGHP, Gr. Secretary

Fred Schneider, Director of District Deputy Instructors has indicated to me that he has received back several of the Masters' Pin Reports for this year. He was also pleased to note that on a couple of occasions you had made suggestions for changing who



should present pins to a specific Lodge. You are also letting us know what Lodges are no longer in operation.

Although most of you are seeing to it that your High Priest is doing his job in getting these presentations done, I have had several requests for extra pins from Lodges because their Chapter did not see to a presentation at their Installation. If it was your Chapter that failed to present your pins on time or in a timely manner, then you lost a fantastic opportunity to recruit new members.



I have heard from several Companions that they have gained several new petitions this year, after they made their Masters' Pins presentation. Not only is this a great sign, but we should note that most of those petitioners are younger Masons. Both in age and in years in the Masonic Fraternity. They are anxious to learn more about the fraternity. I hope that we are all anxious to teach it to them.

I would really like to see most, if not all of the work being done in their new Chapters or in the Regional Degree Teams Chapters for that area. The new candidates will feel more like they are having it done for them, specifically.

Paul Howell, Grand Secretary

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Award nominations needed

Companions, soon, if you've not already, your Chapter will receive a nomination form for Meritorious Service Award. There will be given out three Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Awards, one for each of the 3 regions, and one General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal Award for the whole state.

It is hoped that you will take these nomination forms seriously, and nominate that most deserving Companion in your Chapter. Maybe he's a Companion who is going through the chairs, or has already gone through them and now should be recognized for his hard work, and devotion to your Chapter.

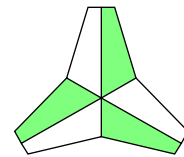
Maybe he has never been an officer, but is always there working behind the scenes, helping at the breakfasts and dinners, and other duties. He might be active

in the community, volunteering in other organizations, or taking an active part in PTA, the United Way, etc... Maybe he is young and energetic, and receiving such an award might encourage him to continue his devotion to the Chapter. If he is elderly, and you want to wait another year, another year might be too late and you'll think why did we not do this before.

Remember if a Companion has already received the Regional Chapter Meritorious Service Award, he can still be nominated for the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal Award. If a Companion was nominated in previous years and not chosen, nominate him again. It did not mean he did not deserve.

We are looking forward to hear from your Chapter soon. Nominations will be due by April 1, 2007.

Paul D. Williams, Grand Scribe



In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing,

the next best thing is the wrong thing,

and the worst thing you can do is nothing.

- Theodore Roosevelt

Upper Michigan York Rite College # 40

**Cordially invites you to the
Upper Peninsula Royal Arch
All Degree Day
Saturday, April 21, 2007**

**Marquette Masonic Temple
128 West Washington Street Marquette, Michigan 49855**

- 10:00 a.m. (EST) Upper Michigan York Rite College Annual Assembly (Members welcome)
- 11:30 a.m. LUNCH
- 12:30 p.m. MARK MASTER DEGREEMarquette # 43
- 1:35 p.m. PAST MASTER DEGREE.....Delta # 118 / Manistique # 127 R.A.M.
- 2:15 p.m. MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE.....Mackinaw # 134 R.A.M.
- 3:30 p.m. ROYAL ARCH DEGREE..... Grand Chapter Officers
- 6:00 p.m. DINNER at Marquette Masonic Temple
- 7:00 p.m. Royal Arch Widows Degree (Whole Family Invited) - Grand Chapter

Anyone desiring overnight accommodations should make them direct with the Motel:
Rooms have been blocked for Friday & Saturday Evening at the Cedar Motor Inn - (888) 551-7378 - Mention York Rite when calling (Hospitality Room will be at the Cedar Motor Inn Conference Room)

PRE-PAID MEAL RESERVATION REQUIRED

Please reserve _____ tickets for Chapter All Degree Day Lunch/Dinner to be held at Marquette Masonic Temple on April 21, 2007.

Cost: \$ 15.00 per person TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Your Name: _____ Chapter # _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Marquette Chapter, No. 43 Reservations must be received no later than April 10, 2007. Tickets can be picked up at the Temple when you arrive. Send this Reservation Form together with your check to: Bill LeVeque, E 9586 Cedar Street, Wetmore, Michigan 49895 H: (906) 387-3068 Cell: (906) 250-1961, Email: bleveque@up.net