## 2005



Bay City, August 17



Michael Whiting





Michael Whiting Elected Most Illustrious Grand Master August 18, 2004 Presided August 17, 2005

#### MICHAEL WHITING

Most Illustrious Companion Mike was born December 10, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan. The oldest of four children, he attended school in Detroit and Graduated from Frank 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 Patron 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 went to work for General Motors where he spent 31 years before 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 where he spent his Tour of Duty in Germany as an Armor Intelligence Specialist. A member of the 4th Armored Division it was his job to do radar surveillance at the East/West border of Germany and Czechoslovakia. As the only member in his unit who graduated from Radar School he became a Section Leader it was his duty to train the other members to operate the various radar equipment to perform that duty.

He met the love of his life, Jeanne, through his sister and they have been happily married since July 29, 1977. This Union produced two children, of which they are extremely proud, Dawn Renee and Michael Patrick. Dawn has three children and Michael has two children that they love very dearly.

#### MASONIC CHRONOLOGY

SYMBOLIC LODGE Pontiac Lodge No. 27 Worshipful Master	4
CAPITULAR Oakland Chapter No. 5 High Priest	7 11
CRYPTIC Pontjac Council No.3 Thrice Illustrious Master	
CHIVALRIC Pontiac Commandery No.2 K.T. Commander	3
YORK RITE COLLEGE Flint York Rite College No.5 Governor	

#### OTHER MASONIC AFFILIATIONS & HONORS

Michigan Priory No.22 Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Order of Amaranth, twice as Grand Royal Patron and four times as Royal Patron, Bethel No.5 as Associate Bethel Guardian, I.O.J.D., A.A.S.R. Valley of Detroit, A.A.O.N.M.S. Moslem Temple, White Pine Forest No.191 T.C.L., Trinity Council No.36, Knight Masons, Pon-T-Ac Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R., High Twelve No.87 and O.E.S. Chapter No.228. Royal Ark Mariners of Ontario.

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Romeo Chapter No.17 R.A.M. River Raisin Council No.4 Huron Chapter No. 27 R.A.M. Mount Clemens Council No.8 Iosco Chapter No. 83 R.A.M. Saginaw Council No.20 Caro Chapter No. 96 R.A.M. Northville Council No.30 Wayne Chapter No.182 R.A.M. Durand Council No.38 Leslie Council No.50 Colonial Chapter No.187 R.A.M. Durand Chapter No.139 Marine City Council No.59 Monroe Council No.1 Livingston Council No.73

Grand Council of Kentucky Grand Council of Ohio Grand Council of Indiana Grand Council of Ontario Grand Council of Wisconsin Grand Council of Illinois

Durand Commandery No.21 K.T. Romeo Commandery No.6 KT

Order of the Silver Trowel , Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin

Ish Sodi Degree, Wisconsin and Kentucky

Order of High Priesthood, Illinois and Kentucky

Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan to the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Ontario

Grand Representative of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan to the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Pennsylvania

His Masonic Career was highlighted by his Election as Most Illustrious Grand. Master 2004-05.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

OF

# Royal and Select Masons

OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL
BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 17, 2005



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#### PROCEEDINGS

## GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Double Tree Hotel, Riverfront Bay City, Michigan August 17, 2005

Most Illustrious Grand Master Whiting, inquiring of the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder if a constitutional number were present, Most Illustrious Grand Master Whiting proceeded to open the One Hundred Forty Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan in Full Form. The Distinguished Guest were then requested to retire to the Ante-room for the purpose of the proper receiving of the Guest.

## RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST

The following distinguished guest were presented at the alter and introduced by Most Illustrious Companion Terry G. Baker, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, and were escorted to the East, welcomed, accorded appropriate horsors, and seated:

IOWA: Most Illustrious Companion, James Fischer, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Minnesota. Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Minnesota to Michigan.

DELAWARE: Most Illustrious Companion Wayne T. Slack, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Ambassador to Delaware from General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

INDIANA: Most Illustrious Companion, Charles D. Woods, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Illustrious Companion James R. Adamson, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion Austin C. Gray, Jr. Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder, Illustrious Companion Gary G. Wyne, Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard and Most Illustrious Companion Lincoln Hamilton, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and and Ambassador to Indiana from General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

ILLINOIS: Illustrious Companion Richard T. Carnell, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. KENTUCKY: Illustrious Companion James R. Bowles, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.

OHIO: Most Illustrious Companion, Robert R. Retrig, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Illustrious Companion James B. Parker IV, Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Illustrious Companion Douglas A. Habeggen, Illustrious Grand Sentinel, Most Illustrious Companion James H. Warner, Past Most Illustrious Master, and Grand Representative to Michigan from Ohio.

ONTARIO: Most Illustrious Companion David P. Hardie, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion Thomas Janes, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and Most Illustrious Companion Donald R. Pardo, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

EASTERN CANADA: Presented by PMIGM Charles T. Myer - Illustrious Companion Darrell K. Thurber, Past Grand Steward.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MICHIGAN - Most Excellent Companion, Stanley Luykx, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, George W.H. Lyons, Grand King, Harry A. Walbridge, Grand Scribe, Brent Helm, Grand Treasurer, Paul C. Howell, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, Philip P. Steele, Grand Chaplain Howard J. Little, Grand Captain of the Guard, Paul D. Williams, Grand Principal Sojourner, Howard W. Duke, Grand Royal Arch Captain, William B. Fairchild, Grand 3rd Veil, Larry A. Inscho, Grand 2nd Veil, R. Colpus, Grand 1st Veil, Frederick T. Schneider Grand Sentinel and several Past Grand High Preist Wayne E. Turton, Paul C. Johnson, Gerald F. Thorp, Carl S. Hobday, Gordon B. Ruthruff, Charles E. Updike, Duane E. Warner, Robert R. Smith, Kay L. Yeager, James R. Sprague, Leonard W. Campbell, Dennis J. Sharrow, James J. Vann and Jan L. Besderstadt.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MICHIGAN: Sir Knight William Skrepnek, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Vernon T. Barnhart, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight General Mills Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Glenn Leeper, Grand Captain General, Sir Knight David Seyferth, Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight William Herilhy, Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Charles Updike, Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight K. Lee Yeager, Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Tommy R. Amidon, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Richard Cooper, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Jim Hawn, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Robert Ickes, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL: Most Illustrious Companion, Perry Anderson, Most Puissant General Grand Master General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA: Gene H. Schaber Deputy Governor General, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Wisconsin, Grand Representative to Michigan from Wisconsin. Right Eminent Distinguished Brother George C. Sellars, Secretary General and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, Right Eminently Distinguished Brother James R. Sprague, Grand Governor and Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

COVENT GENERAL: Most Eminent Ernest Berry, Grand Master General of Convent General - Knights of the York Cross of Honour and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

SCOTTISH RITE: Illustrious Erwin W. O'Dell 33, / M.S.A. Active Member of the Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. and Deputy for Michigan, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, also Grand Chancellor of United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine.

GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN: Worshipful Brother Charles Moulthrop, Past Grand Master, Worshipful Brother Wayne E. Turton, Past Grand Master and Worshipful Brother William Skrepnek, Past Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MICHIGAN: Walter F. Wheeler, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard P. Ruhland.

## ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS 2004-2005

MICHAEL WHITING	Most Illustrious Grand Master
KENNEY L. LENFESTEY	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
WARREN A. CARUSS	Principal Conductor of World
WILLIAM E. LE VEQUE, PMIG	M Right Illustrious Grand Treasures
DONALD L. HIMES, PMIGM	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
GEORGE W.H. LYONS, PMIGM	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
	Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard
	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
BRIAN K. HIMES	Illustrious Grand Steward
STEPHEN R. STRIGGOW	Illustrious Grand Marsha
DUANE E. WARNER, PMIGM .	Illustrious Grand Sentine
* Absent	

## ROLL CALL OF PAST GRAND MASTERS AND YEAR ELECTED

NAME	YEAR ELECTED
*JOHN LONGO	1974
*J. BRUCE ELDRED	
*G. GORDON GOODMAN	1982
WILLIAM SKREPNEK	
*GORDON J. KARSLAKE	
CHARLES T. MYER	
GEORGE C. SELLARS	1988
GEORGE W.H. LYONS	
*MICHAEL L STELLUTE	
ERNEST BERRY	
JEFFREY K. BURK	1993
*MICHAEL J. JUNGEL	
KENNETH D. CHANDLER	
CHARLES E. STEWART	1996
DONALD L. HIMES	
RONALD B. BLAISDELL	1998
JERRY C. TOWNSEND	
JAMES E. PRESTON	
DUANE E. WARNER	
WILLIAM E. LE VEQUE	
WILLIAM A. SIEBERT	2003
TERRY G. BAKER	

## ROLL CALL OF ARCH DEPUTIES 2004-2005

1st. Arch. . . . . . . . . James E. Ferguson

2nd, Arch
3rd. ArchLaurel J. Moffit
4th. Arch
5th. Arch
6th. Arch James H. Willoughby
7th. Arch
8th. Arch
9th, Arch
10th, Arch
Grand Lecturer Jeffrey K. Burk, PMIGM
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
ALABAMA Terry G. Baker
ARIZONA Paul C. Howell
*ARKANSAS Charles E. Stewart
CALIFORNIA Kenney I., Lenfestey
*CANADA - EAST
CANADA - ONTARIO
CANADA - WEST
COLORADO William Skrepnek
CONNECTICUT
DELAWARE Anthony M. Chamberlin
DIST OF COLUMBIA Kay L. Yeager
ENGLAND - WALES
FLORIDA
GEORGIA
GERMANY William H. Ford
GREECE Wayne E. Caruss
HAWAII Jeffrey K. Burk
*IDAHO Gene C. Welsh
ILLINOIS
INDIANA Kenneth D. Chandler
*IOWA J. Bruce Eldred
*ISRAEL Seymour D. Greenstone
*KANSASJohn Longo
*KENTUCKY Michael L. Stellute
*LOUISIANAClayton E. Swinburnson
MAINE Dwight A. Humm
MARYLAND L. Jarnes Ketchum
MASSACHUSETTS Brian K. Hirnes
*MINNESOTARichard N. Miller
*MISSISSIPPIMichael J. Jungel

*MISSOURI	Walter D. Hutchins
MONTANA	Iames A. Willoughby
NEBRASKA	
NEVADA	Warren A. Caross
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
NEW JERSEY	William A. Siebert
*NEW MEXICO	
NEW YORK	Donald L. Himes
NORTH CAROLINA	
*NORTH DAKOTA	
OHIO	George WH Lyons
OKLAHOMA	Gordon I Kardake
OKLAHOMA	Corbin P. Elliore
PENNSYLVANIA	Michael Whiting
PHILIPPINES	
PORTUGAL	
RHODE ISLAND	
SCOTLAND	
SOUTH CAROLINA	
SOUTH DAKOTA	James E. Dearson
TENNESSEE	
TEXAS	
UTAH	Toronto Derry
*WASHINGTON	James R. Sprague
*WASHINGTON	William E. Goleman
WISCONSIN	
WYOMING	Donald E. Haslett

<sup>\*</sup>Absent

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY THE HOST COUNCIL

Must Illustrious Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Members of this Grand Council.

On behalf of Pontiac Council #3, of Auburn Hills, I would like to welcome each of you to the 147th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

We hope you have enjoyed your stay at the Double Tree Hotel, here in Bay City. If there is anything further that we can do to make your visit here more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to let us know.

If any of you Companions are ever in the Pontiac area, please stop and visit Pontiac Council #3. Our Regular Assembly is on the second Thursday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., with work on the fourth Thursday, if so called,, our Council would welcome your visit.

We thank you for attending this Assembly.

Respectfully submitted Louie R. Cole, T.I.M. Pontiac Council #3

To the Officers, Companions and Ladies of Pontiac Council No. 3,

On behalf of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masons of Michigan, and our ladies, I wish to thank the Officers and Companions of Pontiac Council No. 3 for their hospitality, and their efforts to make our stay here in the city of Bay city productive and pleasant.

Your efforts have not gone unnoticed & unappreciated and you have our gratitude and thanks.

> Fraternally, Warren A. Caruss R.I.G.P.C.W.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### DIVISION AND REFERENCE:

Terry G. Baker, PMIGM, Chairman Robert W. Trussell, PTIM No. 8 Wayne E. Caruss, TIM No. 62

#### COMMITTEE ON APPEALS:

James R. Sprague, PTIM No. 3, Chairman Bruce D. Blondo, PTIM No. 8 Richard D. Tonda, PTIM No. 56

## COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND THANKS: Paul C. Howell, PTIM No. 86, Chairman David W. Dossette, PTIM No. 30 Tommy R. Amidon, PTIM No. 50 COMMITTEE ON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING: George C. Sellars, PMIGM, Chairman Dwight A. Humm, PTIM No. 20 Brian K. Hirnes, PTIM No. 8 COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS: James J. Vann, Chairman, PTIM No. 4 James E. Ferguson, PTIM No. 59 Donald L. Trumbull, PTIM No. 73 TELLERS: William A. Siebert, PMIGM, Chairman Salvatore J. Busito, TIM, No. 1 William H. Ford, PCW, No. 92. COLLECTORS: Thomas J. Myers, PTIM, No. 38 George E. Maule, PTIM, No. 65 Larry A. Inscho, PTIM, No. 90 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers And Companions Of The Grand Council of Michigan. The First Report of the Credential Committee is as follows: 32 Councils represented 19 Distinguished Guest registered Council not represented: #29 Lansing #32 Jackson

Respectfully submitted,

#75 Darius

#70 Cadillac

Donald L. Himes, PMIGM, Chairman

Terry G. Baker, PMIGM Thomas J. Myers, PTIM (38)

## TELEGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of regret were acknowledge from Most Illustrious Companion Kerry Sluss, Rt. Puissant Deputy General Grand Master, Please pass on to the Companions at the Annual Assembly my regrets at being unable to attend. My wife is having surgery and I must stay and artend to her. Tell MIGM Whiting I wish him a productive Grand Session. To Kenney Lenfestey, I wish for him an Enjoyable and fulfilling year. The Supreme Grand Council Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada Royal and Select Master's W. Job Parsons, Most Puissant Grand Master, Please express my sincere good wishes to your Grand Master Most Illustrious Companion Michael Whiring, for a successful assembly. I regret, that due to another engagement, my wife, Alberts and I are unable to attend. Grand Council Royal and Select Master Masons of Pennsylvania Albert P. Schmidt, Most Puissant Grand Master, Please extend my sincere thanks to Most Illustrious Companion Michael Whiting, Most Illustrious Grand Master, for his kind and gracious invitation to attend the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan at its 147th Annual Grand Assembly, Regrettably, I and my lady will be unable to attend. Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Rhode Island, I regret to inform you I will not be able to attend the Grand Council Annual Assembly due to a previous commitment on those dates. Please give my personal fraternal greeting from Rhode Island and my congratulations for his year as Most Illustrious. Charles Nazarian, Most Illustrious Grand Master. Regress were also received from the following widows of deceased Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters: Mrs. L. Stephen Gidden send her regret that she will not be able to attend, It would have been grand to have greeted so many old friends from the past. I am honored that you extended the invitation to me. Mrs Robert Wilson thanks for the invitation to Grand Council but I will not be able to attend this year. I hope to see you all in Iron Mountain on June 18, 2005 for the Uper-Council.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2004 PROCEEDINGS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Whiting announced that the Minutes of the 2004 Grand Assembly held in Flint, Michigan have been printed and distributed to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Sister Grand Jurisdictions, Grand Representative, Grand Representative of both Sister Grand Jurisdictions and of Michigan, and to the Constituent Councils of Michigan. If there be no objections the Minutes be approved and accepted as printed in the 2004 proceedings. There being no objection, Grand Recorder they are accepted and approved.

## MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER ADDRESS 147TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Distinguished Guests, Grand Officers, Part Most Illustrious Grand Musters, Illustrious Companions, and Companions of the Grand Conneil Royal and Select Masses of Michigan.

Welcome to this the 147th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan and the 2nd Joint Session of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Most Illustrious Grand Master this year. It has been a most humbling experience to say the least. I have tried my best to solidify the York Rise Bodies of Michigan, as well as the other Appendent Bodies of Masonry in this great Jurisdiction. To those of you that I have had the honor to serve with this year my sincere Congranulations and hope that your term in office was as rewarding as mine.

We welcome our visiting Companions and their Ladies and although this is the last day of our Assembly we hope that you have taken full advantage of our Michigan Hospitality. We were always treated with the most sincere respect and the warmest hospitality in our journeys out of state.

The presence of the Illustrious Companions of this Grand Council is greatly appreciated. We urge you to take an active part in our deliberations, as this is your Grand Council and we are only as strong as you Companions make it. Working together is Unity and in Unity there is Strength,

I will now give an accounting of my activities for the past year and hope that it meets with your approval.

#### NECROLOGY

We have been most fortunate this year, that the Supreme Architect of the Universe has spared the Grand Officer Line and Past Grand Masters. Unfortunately, we were saddened by the loss of one of Our Grand Council Widows, Mrs. Mildred Welsh, whose husband Ernest Welsh, PMIGM who served this Grand Council line in 1975.

Our Constituent Councils were not as lucky. We mourn the loss of these Companions and miss the many contributions they have made to this Grand Council.

Our Sister Jurisdictions has also suffered many losses and we join in paying our respects to those Companions.

Our Grand Bodies of Michigan, the death of any of our members brings sorrow to all of us.

May we all celebrate their lives and know they are in our Heavenly Fathers protecting care in that Celestial Lodge above. We look forward to that day when we can once more clasped their hand in Friendship and in Love.

Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council and Illustrious Grand Steward, drape the altar in token of our sorrow and respect for our departed Companions.

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work unveil the Floral Tribute.

Right Illustrious Grand Recorder, read the roll of Distinguished Dead from Michigan and our Sister Jurisdictions.

## DISTINGUISHED DEAD, SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

ALABAMA	Earl Rodney Allen Joseph Daniel Brackin
MARYLAND	C. Leigh Kingsford Everette Deitz Caldwell C. Hinson O'Neil Roberts
TEXAS	B.C. Courtney

#### MICHIGAN GRAND OFFICERS

We give thanks to the Grand Architect of the Universe for his guiding hand in keeping our Grand Lodge of Michigan Officers and Past Grand Officers and the grand york rite Officers and Past Grand Officers safe from the perils of illness.

Illustrious Grand Marshal, conduct the Illustrious Grand Chaplin to the Alter.

#### PRAYER AT ALTER

As we pause a moment for a short prayer In Loving Memory of our dearly Departed Companions let us remember these words as written by an unknown author.

God looked around His Garden and He found an empty place,
He then looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you could never get well on earth again.
He saw that the road was getting rough and the bills were burder to climb,
So be closed your weary eyelids, and whispered
"Pease Be Thine"

It broke our Hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you the day God salled you home.

AMEN!

Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council and Illustrious Grand Steward, restore the altar.

I recommend that suitable pages be set aside in the proceedings of this Grand Council in Memory of these departed Companions.

#### VISITATIONS

When I was elected as your Grand Master, my goals were Unity and Service. To that end I have released most of the Grand Officers as Arch Deputy's and appointed several capable Companions to take their places. My idea was that I couldn't visit every Council and by expanding the Grand Council Family we could visit the various Councils with more regularity. The numerous Councils 1 visited 1 was accompanied by many of the grand Officers of which I am truly grateful. When we attended these Councils we went there as a team to decimate as much information in the least amount of time so as not to tie up the Councils meetings. Michigan was well represented in our visitations to our Sister Jurisdictions such as Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Ontario, Wisconsin, and Illinois. I thank those that traveled with me to those functions as well as the East Central Conference in Lexington, KY.

I was honored to represent this Grand Council at the Grand Lodge of Michigan, Grand Commandery Knights Templar and Grand Chapter RAM at our Joint Session, which makes it most convenient. I also attended the Council of Deliberations of the AASR as well as the Valleys of Grand Rapids, Bay City and Detroit.

Some of the Grand Officers joined me in attending the Receptions for the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the State Master Councilor, The Grand Worthy Advisor, and the Grand Royal Matron and Grand Royal Patron. We also attended Grand Master's Classes for Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.

I was pleased to represent this Grand Council at the Grand Chapter Educational Workshop at Tawas as well as the George Washington Birthday Dinner in Caro. We assisted at the Grand Lodge Celebration in Alma by aiding the residents to get out and join in the festivities. Finally we attended with other Grand Officers the Annual get together at the Sprague's with the Grand Chapter for a weekend of fun and fellowship. This was the second year for their Annual Golf Outing at which we raised money for the Three York Rite Charities.

I was honored to represent Royal & Select Masons of Michigan at the Convent General KYCH, where PMIGM Ernest Berry presided as Grand Master-General. Also attended the Thumb of Michigan College U.D., where the Governor General was in attendance and was recognized as the Most Illustrious Grand Master. Through out my travels I have tried to promote not only Cryptic Masonry, but also the York Rite as a whole. My heartfelt thanks to all that attended, and participated in the various Festivals, All Degree and All Order Days. With your continued support we can only make the York Rite of Michigan stronger.

- 8-21 Pontisc Lodge #21 F&AM
- 8-28 Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception
- 9-1 Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
- 9-2 Colonial Chapter #187 RAM
- 9-4 Grand Commander's Reception
  9-7 Pontise Commander: #2 KT
- 9-7 Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
   9-9 Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
- 9-10/11 Convent General KYCH

9-12	5F's Three Youth Groups
9-13	Pontiac High 12 #87
	Romeo Commandery #6 KT
9-14	Ingham Chapter #51 RAM
	Leslie Council #50 R&SM
9-15	Albion Council #57 R&SM
9-17	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
9-18	Livingston Council #73 R&SM
9-21	Kentucky Grand Council R&SM
9-23	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
9-25	Strains Area Council #92 R&SM
9-27	Pontiac High 12 #87
	Romeo Commandery #6 KT
9-28	St. Clair River York Rite College
9-29	Braun York Rite College
10-1	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
10-2	Detroit York Rite College #1
10-4	Ohio Grand Council R&SM
10-5	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
10-6	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
10-7	Colonial Chapter #187 RAM
10-8	Northville Council #30 R&SM
10-9	Michigan Priory #22 KYCH
	MEGHP & MIGM Reception
10-11	Pontiac High 12 #87
	Romeo Commandery #6 KT
10-12	River Raisin Chapter #4 R&SM
ranger a	River Raisin Chapter #22 RAM
10-13	Romeo Chapter #17 RAM
19-14	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
10-16	Valley of Grand Rapids AASR
10-17	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
10-18	Pontiac High 12 #87
40.40	Romeo Commandery #6 KT
10-19	Lansing Council #29 R&SM
10-20	Cass City Council #90 R&SM
100.00	Thumb of Michigan College UD
10-21	Cedar Lodge #60 F&AM
20.22	Durand Commandery #21 KT Valley of Detroit AASR
10-22	Romeo Commandery #6 KT
10-23	
10-25	Pontiac High 12 #87 Pontiac Chapter #228 OES
10-26	George Hill Council #85 R&SM
10-20	Adrian Council #18 R&SM
10-28	Valley of Bay City AASR
10-29	Valley of Bay City AASR
10.00	come, or roll and conserve.

10-30	White Pine Forrest #191 TCL
	Durand Commandery #21 KT
11-1	Pontiac High 12 #87
	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
11-2	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
11-3	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
11-4	Colonial Chapter #187 RAM
11-5	Sunlight Chapter #189 RAM
11-6	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
11-8	Sault Ste. Marie Council #69 R&SM
11-9	Grand Ledge Council #62 R&SM
	Grand Ledge Chapter #85 RAM
11-10	Romeo Chapter #17 RAM
11-11	Royal Oak Chapter #167 RAM
11-12	Mt. Clemens Council #8 R&SM
11-13	Northville Commandery #39 KT
11-14	White Pine Forrest #191 TCL
11-15	Flint York Rite College #5
11-16	Capital Chapter #9 RAM
	Lansing Council #29 R&SM
11-18	Northville Commandery #39 KT
11-20	Grand Masters Class LOJD
11-22	Trinity Council #36 Knight Masons
11-24	Marine City Council #59 R&SM
11-27	North Branch Chapter #138 RAM
12-1	Oukland Chapter #5 RAM
12-2	Colonial Chapter #187 RAM
12-3	Sunlight Chapter #189 RAM
	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
12-7	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
12-8	Saginaw Council #20 R&SM
12-9	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
12-10	Northville Council #30 R&SM
12-11	Cedar Lodge #60 F&AM
	Birmingham Lodge #44 F&AM
12-12	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
12-20	Pontiac High 12 #87
12-21	Lansing Council #29 R&SM
12-24	Flint Rapids Chapter #116 RAM
1-3	Palestine Chapter #159 RAM
	Monroe Council #1 R&SM
1-4	Pontisc Commandery #2 KT
1-5	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
1-7	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
1-9	KYCH Dinner
1-10	Pontiac High 12 #87
1-12	Romeo Chapter #17 RAM

1-13	Royal Oak Chapter #167 RAM
1-15	Grand Chapter RAM
1-18	Wayne Chapter #182 RAM
1-27	Pontiac Chapter #3 R&SM
1-29	Grand Council Winter Retreat
1-31	Pontiac High 12 #87
2-1	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
2-2	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
2-3	Colonial Chapter #187 RAM
2-4	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
2-5	Chapter & Council All Degree Day
2-7	Durand Chapter #139 RAM
	Durand Council #38 R&SM
2.9	Romeo Chapter #17 RAM
2-10	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
2-11	Northville Council #30 R&SM
2-12	Commandery All Order Day Gennessee
2-16	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
2-17	Cedar Lodge #60 F&AM
2-19	Caro Chapter #96 RAM
2-21	Flint York Rite College #5
2-22	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
2-23	Wawanosh Chapter #15 RAM Samia, Ontario
2-24	Pontise Council #3 R&SM
2-25	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
2-26	York Rite Membership Breakfast
2-28	Pontiac High 12 #87
3-1	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
3-2	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
3-3	Colonial Chapter #187 RAM
3-4	Sunglight Chapter #189 RAM
3-5	All Degree Day Chapter & Council
3-7	Pontiac High 12 #87
3-8	Wayne Chapter #182 RAM
3.9	Romeo Chapter #17 RAM
3-10	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
3-12	East Central Conference Lexington KY
3-14	Pontiac High 12 #87
3-15	Wayne Chapter #182 RAM
3-16	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
3-21	Flint York Rite College #5
3-22	King Althestan College #47
3-24	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
3-25/28	Easter Sunrise Service Washington DC
3-31	Cedar Lodge #60 F&AM
4-1	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
4.2	Grand Master of the 1st Veil Reception

4-3	Grand Council Officers Meeting
4-4	Pontiac High 12 #87
	Durand Chapter #139 RAM
4-5	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
4-6	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
4-7	Colonial Chapter #187 RAM
4-8	Northville Council #30 R&SM
4.9	Homer Chapter #130 RAM
4-11	Pontiac High 12 #87
4-12	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
4-13	Lapeer Chapter #91 RAM
4-14	Northville Commandery #39 KT
4-16	Monroe Council #1 R&SM
4-18	Flint York Rite College #5
4-19	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
4-20	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
4-21/	23 Grand Court Amaranth
4-23	Leslie Council #50 R&SM
4-25	Pontiac High 12 #87
4-26/	28 Indiana Grand York Rite
4-29	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
4-30	Thumb of Michigan College UD
5-2	Pontiac High 12 #87
	Williamston Council #64 R&SM
	Williamston Chapter #117 RAM
5-3	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
5-4	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
5-6	Pontiac Lodge #21F&AM
5-7	White Pine Forrest #181 TCL
5.9	Pontiac High 12 #87
5-11	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM
5-12	Trinity Council #36 Knight Masons
	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
5-13	Valley of Bay City AASR
2000	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
5-14	Royal Court #14 Order of Amaranth
5-15	Geneessee Commandery #15
5-16	Pontiac High 12 #87
	Flint York Rite College #5
5-19	Mt. Clemens Commandery #51 KT
5-20	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
5-21	Michigan Priory #22 KYCH
5-23/2	5 Grand Lodge of Michigan F&AM
5-26	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
5-28	Ontario Grand Council R&SM
5-31	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
5-1	Oakland Chapter #5 RAM

6-3	Pontiac Lodge #21 F&AM
6-6	Pontiac High 12 #87
6-7	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
6-9	Pontiac Council #3 R&SM
6-11	Council of Deliberation AASR
6-12	GRM & GRP Reception Order of Amaranth
6-13	Pontiac High 12 #87
6-14	Pontiac Commandery #2 KT
6-16	Wisconsin Grand Council
6-18	Youper Council #125
6-23	International Order of Rainbow for Girls
6-27	Sunrise Council UD
7-7	IOJD Grand Session
7-14	Saginaw Valley Chapter #31 RAM
7-16	York Rite Night Tiger Baseball
7-24	GAM & GAP Reception Order of Amaranth
7-28	Illinois Grand Council
8-6	Masonic Family and Community Festival

## APPOINTMENTS

In August 2004 I made the following Appointments:

PMIGM George W.H. Lyons	Grand Chaplain & Cast Director
Anthony M. Chamberlin	Grand Conductor of the Council
Brian K. Himes	Grand Steward
Stephen R. Striggow	Grand Marshal
PMIGM Duane E. Warner	Grand Sentinel
PMIGM Jeffrey K. Burk	Grand Lecturer
James E. Ferguson	Arch Deputy No. 1
David W. Dossette	Arch Deputy No. 2
Laurel J. Moffit	Arch Deputy No. 3
Donald L. Galway	Arch Deputy No. 4
Wayne E. Caruss	Arch Deputy No. 5
James H. Willoughby	Arch Deputy No. 6
Donald E. Haslett	Arch Deputy No. 7
PMIGM William A. Siebert	Arch Deputy No. 8
PMIGM Duane E. Warner	Arch Deputy No. 9
William H. Ford	Arch Deputy No. 10

Standing and Special Committees as listed in the proceedings of the 146th Annual Assembly.

## COMMISSIONS

On June 30, 2005 Commission issued to:

Most Illustrious Companion James Howard Wamer to be Grand Representative of Michigan near the Grand Council of Ohio.

#### SPECIAL PERMISSIONS

June 30, 2005 - Gave permission for a waiver of Jurisdiction for William Clarke Wallace to Petition New Carlisle Council #143 in New Carlisle, Ohio.

#### DISPENSATIONS

August 24, 2004, Approved Marine City Council #59 to move their Charter to Marysville Masonic Temple until a permanent location can be found. Reason being their Masonic Center was sold.

November 16, 2004 to allow Marine City Council #15 to postpone their Regular Meeting on November 17 due to a death of a Companion so they can attend his Masonic Funeral until November 24, 2004.

April 30, 2005, Approved Hiawatha Council #65 to move their Charter to Escanaba from Manistique temporarily to see if it will draw more Companions. Reason being, most of their members live at or near Escanaba.

#### BY-LAWS APPROVED

Marine City #59, December 10, 2004 approved By-law changes for Marine City Council #59 to move to 1569 Michigan Ave., Marysville, Michigan. Increase fees for Conferring Degrees to \$30.00. Increase dues to \$22.50 plus Per Capita & Assessments.

Kalamazoo #63, March 30, 2005 approved By-law changes for Kalamazoo Council #63 to change Meeting Night from second Friday to the fourth Tuesday.

Marquette #72, April 24, 2005, approval for Marquette Council #72 for their adoption of Grand Council Model By-Laws.

Monroe #1, May 19, 2005, approved By-law change for Monroe Council #1 to change their Meeting Night to the second Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

Hiawatha #65, July 3, 2005, approved By-law change for Hiawatha Council #65 to change their Meeting Night to the fourth Thursday at 7:30 P.M. Also, to change the place of Meeting from Manistique and Munising, Michigan to 617 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI.

#### CONSOLIDATIONS

On November 16, 2004 I approved the Consolidation of Sault Ste. Marie Council #69 with Straits Area Council #92, to be known as Straits Area Council #92 Royal and Select Masons and it will be located in St. Ignace, Michigan.

## GRAND MASTER'S SERVICE AWARD

The Grand Master's Service award is given to those Companions who have "Top Line Signed" three or more Petitions. These petitions can be accumulated over a several year period. I urge each Council to keep track of their Top Line Signers and submit them to this Grand Council so those Companions can receive proper recognition. This year, it is my pleasure to present this award to the following Companions:

Salvatore (Sam) Busuito Monroe #1
Howard Duke River Raisin #4
Stephen R. Striggow Durand #38
Jerry Ritzert Straits Area #92

## MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S MERITORIOUS AWARD

During my tenure as Most Illustrious Grand Master I have many Companions to thank for their assistance to myself, this Grand Council, their respective Councils, Freemasonry in general, and their various communities. At this time I would like to recognize the following Companions who have distinguished themselves in Service during this last Cryptic Year:

Monroe #1 Ill. Comp. Corbin P. Elliot, PTIM Pontiac #3 Ill. Comp. James R. Sprague, PTIM River Raisin #4 Ill. Comp. Howard W. Duke, PTIM Mr. Clemens #8 Ill. Comp. Philbert Vinson, PTIM Ill. Comp. Brian K. Himes, IGS Mr. Clemens #8 Ill. Comp. Dwight A. Humm, PTIM Saginaw #20 Northville #30 III. Comp. David W. Dossette, PTIM Durand #38 Ill. Comp. Phillip C. Smith, PTIM Mason #50 Ill. Comp. Lloyd A. Darling, PTIM Flint #56 M.I. Comp. William A. Skrepnek, PMIGM Albion #57 Ill. Comp. Erwin W. O'Dell, PTIM Marine City #59 Comp. Louis R. Shear, D.M. Cadillac #70 Ill. Comp. Melvin D. Rooker, PTIM Cass City #90 Ill. Comp. Ronald L. Snider, PTIM Bedford #91 Ill. Comp. Stanley B. Luykx, PTIM Straits Area #92 Comp. William H. Ford

#### CONDITION OF THE RITE

In my travels across the state I have observed that while some Councils are thriving and actively seeking new members, others are not. I believe that the reason for
this is some Councils have lost key members who were proficient in ritual and can
no longer put on the various degrees. This is no excuse as we have as many as eight
Festivals across the state. We must all band together and assist wherever and whenever we can to make the Cryptic Rite as strong as the other York Rite Bodies. We
should all take pride in our Councils, as we are equal partners in the York Rite. A
detailed report will be given by the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.

#### CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

As this Award is a very difficult choice I consulted with the Grand Council Officers and our consensus was that Illustrious Companion, Howard Carpenter, from Straits Area Council #92 was most deserving of the award. I thank all the Councils who submitted nominations for this prestigious honor. The formal presentation was awarded at our banquet last night.

#### THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

Another difficult decision, but I was pleased to award this honor to Illustrious Companion, Robert W. Trussell of Mt. Clemens Council #8, for his outstanding year as Thrice Illustrious Master. Again this award was presented last evening.

#### ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

This year's award goes to the Executive Director for DeMolay, Larry M. Dillon, from Bedford Council #91. Under his direction DeMolay was able to open or reconstitute 4 new Chapters this year. I realize that it takes many people to accomplish this task, but I can only give out one award. This was also presented at last nights banquet.

## BOND, SEAL AND MASTER KEY

I have in my possession, which I received from my predecessor, the Seal of the Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, a copy of the Master Key and the Fidelity Bond covering the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. These items will be turned over to my successor in accordance with Cryptic Law.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

My thanks and appreciation for all of your hard work in publicizing this Grand Council in the various Publications, in this jurisdiction as well as the General Grand Councils "The Cryptic Freemason". Through your efforts in promoting this Grand Council, many jurisdictions now know that Michigan Cryptic Masons are alive and well.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- I would like to take this opportunity to make the following recommendations to the Officers and Companions of this Grand Council.
- Actively support the Grand Lodge in the implementation of their five-year plan. More Masons equal more Companions.
- Continue with the plans we have developed for the use of the Special Assessment. Let the Companions know where and what their money is being used for.

- Keep extending the Hand of Fraternal Friendship to our York Rite Brothers, so we can have a UNITED YORK RITE IN MICHIGAN.
- Promote the various Festivals across the state and urge the various Councils to participate and take an active role in the Degrees.
- Allow the Arch Deputy's to close a Council in Ample Form on their Official Visit. Many of our Councils have joint meetings with Chapters and Commanderys and meetings and schools make the evening too long.
- 7. As most Council's complied when asked to assist the Grand Recorder in establishing a database of its members, I recommend that we establish a monthly or quarterly report so we can keep this database current.
- Each Council should make sure that the Grand Recorder has a copy of your current by-laws. If they are outdated, correct them and have the M.I.G.M. approve them as soon as possible.
- 9. Establish a list of Companions who can assist in portraying the three Degrees and would be willing to travel to other Councils and Festivals to confer the Degrees. While the Grand Officers do not mind assisting in the conferrals I feel we need more participation from the Companions.
- That we continue our support for the three Youth Groups, that we become more visible at the Youth Organization Functions.
- That a better attempt be made to contact and interview companions who are leaving their Councils through withdrawals or suspensions.
- That the Grand Officers meet quarterly, after the Board of Directors Meeting to discuss problems facing the Grand Council, as well as the Winter Retreat.
- 13. 'The Arch Deputy's should be invited to those meetings so we can keep up communication with the Constituent Councils.
- Establish a Workshop for Recorders and Treasurers so we can eliminate the filing of late reports.

#### CONCLUSION

In all my years as a Presiding Officer, in the various Masonic Bodies I have never been willing to relinquish that Office with so much more to be done, but all good things must come to an end.

My extreme Thanks to you, for electing me to this Grand Council Line 7 years ago. Time passes ever so quickly and this year was no exception. I hope that my service to this Grand Council meets with your approbation. I have enjoyed this journey through this Grand Line and the many Friendships I have made. My service does not end with my departure as Grand Master and I look forward to working with each of you in the years to come.

It has been a journey that I would not have attempted without the support of Pontiac Council. My appreciation for them as well as Pontiac Commandery and Oakland Chapter knows no bounds. We are truly Brothers of the York Rite. Thanks to you, Grand Officers and Arch Deputys, without your support this year would not have been a success. The travels to our Sister Jurisdictions and across this great state together have forged a special bond between us. If there is anything I can do to help you in the future don't hesitate to ask.

The assistance and guidance of the Past Grand Masters has been immeasurable. They are a great asset to this Grand Council and to me personally.

Without the assistance of our Grand Recorder, Donald L. Himes, this Grand Master would have been lost. The wisdom and strength you have given me this last year is something I have come to depend on.

To the Grand Council Ladies, Thank you for helping Jeanne at all our various functions. Without your support and the delicious goodies you provided we would have a much harder task. As you continue to support your Husbands through this Grand Line, we know that is will not always be easy, but we want you to know that we truly appreciate everything you do.

How can I attempt to thank my family and more especially my Lady, Jeanne, for their love and support these last seven years. I guess nothing has changed during my twenty-six years as a Mason because you have always supported me in whatever I have attempted. You are a very special person to put up with me and I love and treasure our partnership. I look forward to many years together and maybe even more evenings, without me running off to some place or another. We'll discuss that one later on.

My deepest appreciation to you Companions for attending this Grand Council Session and for allowing me to serve as your Grand Master, the pinnacle of my Masonic aspirations.

> Respectfully Submitted In Unity and Service, Michael Whiting Most Illustrious Grand Master

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master I move that this report be received and referred to the Committee on Division and Reference. Second by Illustrious Companion Caruss Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. Motion Carried.

## REPORT OF THE DIVISION AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE

To The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers And Companions Of The Grand Conneil Of Michigan:

Your Committee on Division and Reference, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Master, report as follows:

- That portion of the address pertaining to necrology be referred to the Obinuary Committee.
- The Appointments, Commissions, Consolidations, Dispensations and By-Laws Approved be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.
- That portion pertaining to the Condition of the Rite be referred to the Condition of the Rite Committee.
- That portion pertaining to the Bond and Seal be referred to the Committee on Finance.
- That portion pertaining to Public Relations be referred to the Public Relations Committee.
- The recommendations of the Most Illustrious Grand Master be Referred to the incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master.
- 7. The balance of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's report be Approved.

Zealously and Fraternally,

Terry G. Baker, PMIGM, Robert W. Trussell, PTIM #8

Wayne E. Caruss, TIM #62

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second by Illustrious Companion Robert W. Trussell, PTIM. Carried.

#### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers And Companions Of The Grand Council of Michigan.

The Final Report of the Credential Committee is as follows:

Grand Officers entitled to one vote each
Past Grand Officers entitled to one vote each
Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each
Deputy Masters entitled to one vote each
Principal Conductor of work entitled to one vote each
Part Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each
Arch Deputies Instructors entitled to one vote each
Proxy votes issued at one each
TOTAL VOTES OR BALLOTS ISSUED

#### 32 Councils represented

#### 18 Distinguished Guest registered

## Council not represented:

29 - 32 - 70 - 75

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Himes, PMIGM, Chairman
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM
Thomas J. Myers, PTIM (38)

To: Grand Officers, Grand Council of Michigan From: George C. Sellars, P.M.I.G.M., Finance Chairman

## **GUIDELINES FOR FOUNDATION & ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES**

The services rendered by a Trustee are often considered among the most important provided to any institutional investor. There are many reasons to pursue a position on a nonprofit organization. For you and I, it offers a way to make a lasting contribution to the Grand Council of Michigan and prepare for the advancement of the York Rite in Michigan.

The previous Annual Assembly of Grand Council of Michigan the members approved the Endowment Trust. This is but only a small segment of our responsibility. The next step is to consider the managers or Trustees of our funds as we gather the contributions.

To those who will be considered must come with a high level of responsibility and commitment. Serving as a Trustee means becoming a Fiduciary and complying with federal and state regulations. They must have an understanding of investment issues and the knowledge that all investment related decisions impact the organizations objectives. Their failure may result in liability for him and his group.

The Trustee must establish a documented process, which may include and not limited to:

- 1. Developing spending policy
- 2. Establish written investment statement
- 3. Develop an asset allocation strategy
- Select investment managers
- 5. Monitoring investment; rebalancing portfolio
- 6. Maintain accurate records

All of this on a planned reporting bases.

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "I deem it the duty of every man to devote a certain portion of his income for charitable purposes; and that it is his duty to see it is so applied as to do the most good of which it is capable".

Clearly a portion of our agenda at the winter board meeting in 2005 should be devoted to recommendations as the Trustees for our new Foundation Trust.

Select the Best! Results will be Irrefutable!

## ELECTION FOR FOUNDATION & ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES

TERRY G. BAKER, PMIGM
JERRY R. RITZERT (92)
JAMES R. SPRAGUE (3)
JOHN E. TROUT (4)
DAVID W. DOSSETTE (30)
RICHARD A. DETTOFF (8)

BART A. PORTER (38)

## REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand officers and members of this Grand Council.

Your committee on Jurisprudence is pleased to report that the portions of the Grand Masters address dealing with, Decisions-Appointments-Commissions-Dispensations and By-Law approval were all made within the power and authority of the Grand Master and we move that they be approved as such.

Albion Council had asked that their council revert to its former name Hiram and this committee ruled it out of order as the law book states it unlawful to do such, but on further Investigation, we find that in 1971 that a similar request by Northville council did occur and the Companions in session did approve their request, as a precedent was established, we move that Albion Council be renamed Hiram council No. 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Skrepnek, PMIGM acting chairman

Kenneth Chandler PMIGM

Jerry Townsend PMIGM

## GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT JANUARY - DECEMBER 2004

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

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FIFTH THIRD BANK - CHECKING ACCOUNT  Balance January 1, 2004 \$  Deposits \$  Disbursements - Checks 1336-1404 \$  Balance December 31, 2004 \$	558.51 26,437.83 (24,420.60) <b>2,575.74</b>
FIFTH THIRD BANK - GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Polongo January 1, 2004	
Balance January 1, 2004\$	2,945.65
Deposits	1,286.10
Interest	11.05
Withdrawals (Transfer to Checking)	(1,820.00)
Balance December 31, 2004\$	2,422.80
LORD ABBETT FUND'- #774890-1 (GENERAL FUND)	
Dividends to General Savings Account	
January 1, 2004 Market Value\$	E 2/4 E0
	5,364.50
Deposits	- 0 -
Degraces in Market Value	225.22
Decreases in Market Value\$	(225.22)
December 31, 2004 Market Value\$	5,364.50
OPERATING FUNDS	
Fifth Third - Checking Account\$	2,575.74
Fifth Third - General Savings Account	2,422.80
Lord Abbett Fund #774890-1 (General Fund)	
Total Operating Funds December 31, 2004	5,364.50 10,363.04
	10,363.04
SPECIAL FUNDS	
Fifth Third Bank - Ritual Savings Account	
Balance January 1, 2004	5,632.18
Deposits	60.00
Interest\$	10.94
Withdrawals\$	-0-
Balance December 31, 2004.	5,703.12
Lord Abbett #776157-7 - Triennial Account	5,705.12
January 1, 2004 Market Value	825.18
Deposits\$	300.00
Increases in Market Value\$	77.29
Decreases in Market Value	(50.19)
December 31, 2004 Market Value\$	1,152.28
Lord Abbett #556993-3 - History Account	
January 1, 2004 Market Value\$	429.44
Deposits	- () -
Dividends Re-Invested.	1.51
December 31, 2004 Market Value	
	430.95
Total Special Funds - December 31, 2004	7,286.35

ENDOWMENT FUNDS	
Franklin Income Fund	
Interest goes into General Savings Account	
January 1, 2004 Market Value\$	15,547.14
Deposits	- 0 -
Increases in Market Value\$	1,557.09
Decreases in Market Value\$	(685,86)
December 31, 2004 Market Value	16,418.37
Lord Abbett - #783967-4 - Endowment Fund	
Dividends into General Savings Account	
January 1, 2004 Market Value\$	33,001.87
Deposits January - December\$	3,859.56
Increases in Market Value\$	2,938.68
Decreases in Market Value	(3,077.53)
December 31, 2004 Market Value\$	36,722.58
Total Endowment Funds - December 31, 2004\$	53,140.95
TOTAL ASSETS	
Total Operating Funds December 31, 2004\$	10,363.04
Total Special Funds December 31, 2004 \$	7,286.35
Total Endowment Funds December 31, 2004\$	53,140.95
Total Assets December 31, 2004\$	70,790.34
Respectfully submitted,	

William E. LeVeque, PMIGM Grand Treasurer

Moved by Most Illustrious Companion William E. LeVeque that the report be Referred to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Brian K. Himes, Ill. Grand Steward. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

To The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers And Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

I herewith submit to you my Annual Report of the Transactions of the office of the Grand Recorder for the period of January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004 for your consideration and approval.

The Annual Reports have been received from 37 Councils.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Councils enrolled in the Grand Council	
Total membership as of December 31,2003	38
Greeted during 2004.       48         Affiliated by Demit.       1         Affiliated by Transfer       15         Affiliated by Restoration       4         Affiliated by Dual Membership       0         Correction of 2003 Returns       5         73       73	
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	11
Died       92         Transferred out       5	
Demitted	
Suspended	
194	94
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004	17
NET LOSS FOR 2004	23
Number of councils showing a gain in membership	6
Number of Councils showing a loss in membership	28
Number of Councils showing neither a gain or loss	
Number of Councils Greeting new members	
Number of Councils not Greeting any new members	18

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

During the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, deposit slips numbers 601 through 655 were forwarded to the Grand Treasurer for a Total of \$26,437.83 deposited.

RECEIPTS JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 31,2004
Per-Capita\$11,347.50
Super Excellent Master Fees
Youth Foundation Assessments319.55
Withdrawals
Demits
Life Memberships Granted
Life Membership Certificates
Honorary Membership Certificates
Sale of Dues cards
Postage
Handling Charges
Rituals
Transfer from Savings account
Endowment fund
Baseball Tickets
Medallions
Interest from Investments
Miscellaneous
TOTAL RECEIPTS

## DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004

Grand Master's Allowance (Siebert)\$881.25
Grand Master's Allowance (Whiting)
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance (Siebert)
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance (Whiting)
Grand Master's Apron (Whiting)315.30
Grand Master's Stationary (Whiting)85.55
Grand Master's Jewel (Siebert)
Grand Treasurer's Allowance
Grand Treasurer's Postage & Phone Expenses
Grand Sentinel's Allowance
Grand Recorder's Allowance
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance
Grand Recorder's Rent Allowance
Grand Recorder's Office-Expenses
Grand Recorder Telephone Reimbursement
Grand Recorder Postage Reimbursement
Social Security Tax91.80
Insurance & Bonds
Entertainment of Guest at Lansing
Proceedings and Directories
Annual Call and Schedules
Youth Promotions
General Grand Council Per-Capita557.90
Dues Cards
Per-Capita Refunds
Revision of By-Laws
Grand Captain of the Guard Apron Case
Contributions to Endowment Fund
Miscellaneous
Computer and AOL
Triennial
Detroit Tigers
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
Bank Balance January 1, 2004
Receipts January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004
\$26,996.34
Disbursements January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004\$24,420.60
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE December 31, 2004\$ 2,575.74

## RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENT

Bank Statement Balance, December 31, 2003

Fifth Third Bank, Washington, Michigan

\$ 558.51

### CASH ASSETS OF GRAND COUNCIL December 31, 2004

Fifth Third Band, Washington, Checking Account (#7512257531)\$2,575.74
General Savings Account - Fifth Third Bank (#7508865362 )         Balance January 1, 2004 . \$ 2,945.65         Deposits . \$ 1,286.10         Interest . \$ 11.05         Withdrawals . (\$1,820.00 )         Balance December 31, 2004 . \$ 2,422.80 \$ 2,422.80
Lord Abbett Fund - #774890-1 General Fund Dividends to General Savings Account Balance December 31, 2004 Market Value
Ritual Savings Account, Fifth Third Bank (#75118852365)  Balance January 1, 2004
Lord Abbett Triennial Fund - #776157-7 Dividends & Capital Gains Reinvested Balance January 1, 2004 Market Value\$ 825.18 Balance December 31, 2004 Market Value\$ \$1,152.28
Lord Abbett History Account #556993-3  January 1, 2004 Market Value\$ 429.44  December 31, 2004, Market Value\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Franklin Income Fund January 1, 2004 Market Value\$15,547.14 Interest to General Savings Market Value December 31, 2004\$16,418.37
Lord Abbett Endowment Fund, Roney & Co. #783967-4  Balance January 1, 2004 Market Value \$33,001.87  Deposits ( Dividends to General Savings )  Balance December 31, 2004 Market Value
Total Net Worth, Grand Council, December 31, 2004\$70,790.34

In order to correct some erroneous assumption regarding the Grand Council tax status with the Internal Revenue Service, I submit the following:

In the files of the Grand Recorder's Office a letter dated January 15, 1973 from the Internal Revenue Service that reads in part:

"On July 22, 1972 application was made to the Internal Revenue Service for exemption under Section 501 (c) (8), whereby the Corporation of the Grand Council and all constituent Councils under our jurisdiction would be exempt from income tax as a group.

It further reads in part:

"Based on the information supplied, we have determined that you and your subordinate Councils listed in the roster accompanying your application are exempt under Section 501 (c) (10) of the code."

#### CONCLUSION

I would like to thank the Companions of this Grand Council for allowing me to serve this Grand Council as your Grand Recorder. A special thanks goes to the Record's of this jurisdiction for their cooperation during the year.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move as much of this Report as relates to membership, be referred to the Committee on the Condition of the Rite, that the portions that relates to Finances be referred to the Finance Committee; and that all other matters herewith discussed and not specifically referred to a Committee, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald L. Himes, PMIGM Grand Recorder

Second by Brian K. Himes, Ill. Grand Steward. Motion carried.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT August 17, 2005

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee, to which was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the financial records of the Grand Recorder, report that we have examined their financial accounting and find them to be correct, in agreement, and are in accord with their reports submitted to the Grand Council. We recommend that these reports be approved, and the Grand Treasurer and Recorder be commended on their usual efficient performance and the accuracy of their financial records.

Fraternally submitted,

George C. Sellars, P.M.I.G.M., Chairman Kenney L. Lenfestey, Deputy Grand Master William A. Siebert, P.M.I.G.M.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second by Brian K. Himes, Ill. Grand Steward.

Receivables: . . 14,402.00 Unrealized Bal. . . . . . 0

# GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL & SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN PROPOSED BUDGET 2006

Receipts: Estimated		
Per-Capita		
Super Excellent Master Fees 180.00		
Demits		
Withdraws		
Life Memberships		
Youth Assessment297.00		
Interest		
Total Receipts	14,402.00	
Disbursements: Estimated		
Grand Master's Allowance \$1,175.00		
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance 880.00		
Grand Master's Apron		
Grand Master's Stationary		
Past Grand Master's Jewel		
Grand Cap. of Guard's Apron Case 115.00		
Grand Treasurer's Allowance		
Grand Treasurer's Office/Phone/Postage 108.00		
Grand Sentinel's Allowance		
Arch Deputy Expenses		
Grand Recorder Allowance		
Grand Recorder, Travel Allowance 860.00		
Grand Recorder, Office Expense 1,430.00		
Computer Lease		
AOLC		
Grand Recorder, Rent Allowance 535.00		
Grand Recorder, Equipment Fund50.00		
Grand Recorder, Phone Reimbursement 400.00		
Grand Recorder, Postage		
Social Security Tax		
Insurance & Bond		
Endowment500.00		
Entertainment of Guests		
Proceedings & Directories		
Annual Call & Programs		
Reprint of by-laws		
Flowers for Triangle	•	
Youth Groups		
General Grand Council Per Capita510.00		
Triennial		
Contingencies		
	¢1.4.402.00	
Total Disbursements		64.4.00.00
-	Liabilities:	. \$14,402.00

#### Special Assessment Initiated 2004

Receipts

First Yr. Assessment (2008 Fund)

\$5,492.00

Disbursements

Grand Officers Jewels

\$1,522.00

Balance on hand

\$3,970.00

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report. Second by Brian K. Himes, Ill. Grand Steward.

> George C. Sellars, P.M.I.G.M., Chairman William A. Siebert, P.M.I.G.M. Kenny L. Lenfestey, Rt. Ill. Dep. Grand Master

Most Illustrious Companion, William Skrepnek, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Illustrious and Companions, I just said that George had \$300.00 in the budget to go to the Triennial meeting of the General Grand Council should not actually be in the budget. In pass practice it has always been that the assembly prior to the general meeting that the Finance Committee would make a recommendation to the body how much we would recommend for our representative to go out their and we have always done that in the pass and I think \$300.00 is a lot of money that more money then we got to go to the first one. At that particular time we had \$275,00 to split three ways and if two guys went you got \$50.00 more, but that \$300.00 I would move that it be taken out of the Annual Budget. And that following the approval of the budget we would approve and expense account to go to the triennial. I so move. Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companions and amendment to the budget that we set a side a separate account for the triennial for our three top Grand Officers. It has been regularly supported, any further discussion? all those in favor will vote by the usual sign of a Mason, those apposed. Motion carried.

Most Illustrious Companion George Sellars, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Illustrious Grand Master now you have a balance of all the reports in the Advance Proceedings, I move that they be approved and printed in the proceedings. Grand Master let me approve your budget first. I thought you had already approved them. No that was the amendment. I move for the adoption of the amended budget. It has been regularly moved and second for the adoption of the amended budget, any further discussion all in favor vote by the usual sign of a Mason, apposed. Carried. (Sellars) Now I move for the balance of these reports in the advance proceedings be approved and then I have a comment after it. I will entertain that motion, but I would like the CMRF and endowment fund to be exempt from that. Do I have a second to that. Most Illustrious Grand Master, Illustrious Grand Steward, Brian Himes, I will second that, it has been regular move and second that we accept the remaining reports as printed except the CMRF and Endowment Fund, any discussion, all in favor vote by the usual sign of a Masons, those apposed. Carried. (Sellars) Most Illustrious Grand Master you will note that on the reports on page 37 you just approved the report on the Grand York Rite Session Committee you heard earlier a report given by the Host Committee, the

Host Council committee and a response in regard to that. The Host Council Committee is a redundant committee with a special Committee operating the last four years therefore the Host Committee is no longer functional and as well as the response. I recommend that we no longer will use a Host Committee because the Host Committee is you. You are the one who tell us were we are going and the committee is working on your behalf not the Host Council therefore I would like to refer that particular ideal to the Jurisprudence Committee to make sure that this is alright as far as are Laws are concern and as well with in our agenda for the day so the Host Committee, Host Council Committee report be deleted in the future.

Most Illustrious, before we go on further between the Grand Treasurer and Jurisprudence Committee we were having a terrific discussion and I have to come to you a bit that we were really in err as to what we have done. The \$300.00 that we just took out of the budget is actually is an Annual Budget idem that they place in there so at this time I can move that the representative that go to South Dakota will each receive \$300.00 for their expenses to go there and that we reinstate the \$300.00 back into the budget and I so move all that. Do I have a second to that. Any discussion? all in favor vote by the regular sign of a Mason. Those apposed. Carried.

## ELECTED TO THE FOUNDATION AND ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES

		·	
5 years	88 votes	James R. Sprague,	6587 Greene Haven Drive Clarkston, MI 48348-4420 (248) 625-9264
4 years	78 votes	Terry G. Baker,	1936 Michigan Avenue, Marysville, MI 48040-2026 (810) 364-7352
3 years	68 votes	David W. Dossette,	13669 Hannan Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1034 (734) 941-3056
2 years	58 votes	Richard A. Dettloff,	49535 Hamilton Ct., Shelby, MI 48315-3934 (586) 566-5589
1 year 52	votes	John E. Trout,	13930 Trout Street, Monroe, MI 48161-3890 (734) 241-5609
Henry L. Seitz, Rt. Ill, Deputy Grand Master			E710 Gerue Stephenson, MI 49887-8923 (906) 753-2346
	D. Tonda, Chairman		3166 Mac Kenzie Drive, Howell, MI 48843-8050 (517) 546-4934
	E. Le Veque, rand Treasur		E9586 Cedar Street. Wetmore, MI 49895-9721 (906) 387-3068

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CMMRF)

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

Your Committee of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation here in Michigan reports activities for the past Cryptic year.

Dr. Keith L. March, M.D., Ph.D. Director, Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Chair in Vascular biology and Medicine, reported at the East Central Region meeting in Lexington, KY. That when speaking to Cryptic Masons from around the country the interest and dedication in supporting the mission was adopted almost a decade ago ... to unite in the explorations of vascular problems and increase the likelihood of finding a cure for atherosclerosis",

The Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine, has helped accelerate research at a pace that is producing results. The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was the leader in establishing the Center and should be proud that its leadership attracted other followers resulting in gifts from private individuals and other foundations that now total over \$4.4 million. It was the *critical initial gift* of \$1 million from the Cryptic Masons that gave the Center the impetus to concentrate on vascular research. We need to stay the course, recognizing that results take patience and finally PATIENTS! We are getting very close to reaching PATIENTS

This past year the Center has brought a vascular surgeon who brings with him the first FDA-approved stem cell trial for patients with blood vessel disease in their legs, using cells obtained from their own bone marrow. At last patients with acute leg pain facing amputation as a last resort will have another chance. The Centers work with adipose (fat) derived stem cells will be able to piggyback on this trial using cells that are more accessible by even less invasive procedures.

Other studies that are being done at the Center include: Vascular Remodeling this is the study of mechanisms of blood vessel occlusion, due to vascular injury, which commonly results from atherosclerosis. Working with drug-cluting stents that releases a substance which prevents blockage of blood vessels after percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty. This novel stent and drug combination may be an enhancement over drug-eluting stents currently on the market.

With much research being done at the Center your support to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Fund "CMMRF" is funded only by your direct generosity. You are not assessed by Grand or General Grand Council in any way. Therefore, it is important, that you remember this Fund on a regular basis, and we encourage at least annually. Please take time to pick up information on the CMMRF at the registration table outside Grand Council. Your gifts will be rewarded at various levels, with the \$1,000 total donation bringing a very handsome plaque. All donations are cumulative, and awards are based on your accumulated totals of giving, even over several years.

We have 2 Video tapes available for your Councils use that further explain Vascular Biology. Take time to support this worthy endeavor during this Grand Council Session and make your contribution today, thereby assisting the University of Indiana's efforts in finding a cure for Atherosclerosis.

#### Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony M. Chamberlin, Chairman Brian K. Himes, I.G.S.

Stephen R. Striggow, I.G.M.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second by Illustrious Grand Marshall Stephen R. Strigow. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND COUNCIL ENDOW-MENT FUND

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, GRAND OFFICERS, AND COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN:

The Grand Council Endowment Fund Committee reports as follows:

Donations from individuals......\$860.00 Donations from Councils......\$100.00

As of this writing, advance ticket sales for the baseball game are proceeding slowly, and it appears as though the minimum number of tickets will not reached. The Endowment Fund will not suffer a loss as a result, but different means of generating funds must be contemplated.

Baseball game generated \$1,314.00 and the baseball bat generated \$245.00.

Several Companions have made donations in excess of \$ 100.00, and one Companion in of \$500.00. All donations to the Endowment Fund, no matter what amount, will be gladly accepted and greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenney L. Lenfestey R.I.D.G.M. (ch) Anthony M. Chamberlin R.I.G.CoC William E.LeVeque P.M.I.G.M.

I move that the report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second by Right Illustrious Companion Anthony M. Chamberlin.

#### READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GRAND COUNCIL LAW BY MOST ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION, DONALD HIMES RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND RECORDER

Article XIV, Sec. 5 - Quorum at Assemblies

#### Currently reads:

No Council shall be opened for any purpose unless there shall be present at least nine members of the Council, and not then unless the Master shall be one of those present, or in his absence, the Deputy Master or whoever else may be qualified to preside.

#### Change to read:

No Council shall be opened for any purpose unless there shall be present at least six members of the Council, and not then unless the Master shall be one of-those present, or in his absence, the Deputy Master or whoever else may be qualified to preside.

#### Reason:

Many of the Councils are unable to hold legal meeting do to the lack of attendance. Lowering the required number of member will assist them in being able to legally conduct business necessary to allow them to grow.

Also, now that the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter have already lowered their attendance requirements to six we would just be adjusting our requirements to conform to those already in place.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Whiting, M.I.G.M. Kenney L. Lenfestey, R.I.D.G.M. Warren A. Caruss, R.I.G.P.C.W. Donald L. Himes, P.M.I.G.M. Brian K. Himes, Ill. G.S.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I Mark Evans move that we except Amendment No. 1. Second by Brian K. Himes Illustrious Grand Steward. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, GRAND OFFICERS, AND COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

It has been our pleasure to have attending the One Hundred Forty Seventh Annual Assembly, several Most Illustrious Companions of Sister Jurisdictions, and, as it has been a custom of this Grand Council, I move that the following Most Illustrious Companions of Sister Jurisdictions be made Honorary Members of this Grand Council:

Charles D. Woods, MIGM, Indiana Robert R. Rettig, MIGM, Ohio David Hardie, MIGM, Ontario Thomas Janes, PMIGM, Ontario. Donald Kline, PMIGM, Ontario James A. Fisher, MIGM, Iowa

Fraternally,

Donald L. Himes, PMIGM Grand Recorder

Second by Most Illustrious Companion, Stephen R. Striggow, Illustrious Grand Marshal

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Most Illustrious Companion, William Le Veque Past Most Illustrious Grand Master I move that the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master advance to Most Illustrious Grand Master. The Right Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work advance to the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. The Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard advance to the Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. The Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer and Recorder retain stations is there a second. Most Illustrious Grand Master I second. By Illustrious Companion, Brian K. Himes. Motion carried.

Election for the Office of Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard. Most Illustrious Companion, Terry G. Baker TIM of Marine City Council No. 59 I place in nomination the name of Illustrious Companion Anthony M. Chamberlin for the office of Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard.

Are there any other nominations, Are there any other nominations, are there any other nominations.

Most Illustrious Companion, William Siebert Past Most Illustrious Grand Master I move that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Tony Chamberlin for the office of Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard. Second and Carried.

All of the above accepted their office and the Teller were dismissed.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The. Grand Council of Michigan has a core of Companions whom we call Arch Deputies. These companions are dedicated to Masonry and especially Cryptic . Masonry. The purpose of the Arch Deputy system is to see that every council is proficient in their work.

It was decided this year to have the Arch Deputies concentrate on Schools of Instructions for the councils as opposed to having Inspections. I would like to thank and applaud our Arch Deputies for a job well done.

Since there was no official inspection required, I will only announce those councils that received an appraisal score 60 or more.

Mt. Clemens #8	64
Saginaw # 20	63
Durand #38	63 ·
Bedford # 91	61
Flint #56	60.5
George Hill # 85	60

It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand Council as Grand Lecturer for the past year and I would like to thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master for giving me to opportunity to serve as Grand Lecturer.

#### Fraternally,

Jeffrey K Burk PMIGM Grand Lecturer.

I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second and motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

It has been the pleasure of the Public Relations Committee to assist and support the Grand Officers of the Grand Council and Companions of Michigan in their public relations efforts this year.

A special thank you to Companion Corbin Elliot P.T.I.M., and Companion Duane Todd P.T.I.M., who greatly assisted and directed me; this being my second first year with this committee.

Multiple articles with photos of Michigan Royal and Select Masons were submitted to "The Crypic Freemason" national publication, the "Tripple Tau" publication, and various local Masonic News publications, not all the submissions were printed, but we continue in our efforts. Very importantly, we were able to continue "the York Rite Corner" articles into "Point to Point" the publication of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan. These articles are a composite of entries from all three York Rite Bodies, with the cooperation of the heads of each Grand York Rite body. A big thank you to Companion Henry Sietz P.T.I.M. the publisher of the "Point to Point" publication, for his continuing assistance in formulating and directing these articles. All articles and photos, this year, were in digital format.

The goal of all submissions was in conformity of our Most Illustrious Grand Masters vision of visibility, and gave information for contacting the author, for those readers who may be interested in knowing more about our great fraternity. If there is anything that the Public Relations Committee can do to assist any of the officers or Councils, please feel free to call upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Duncan, P.T.I.M. Chairman, P.R. Committee

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second by Illustrious Companion, Corbin Elliott. Carried.

### REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION AND THANKS

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

Your Committee on Resolution and Thanks respectfully submits the following report:

- To the Officers, Companions and Ladies of Pontiac Council No.3, thank you for making the 147th Annual Assembly a memorable event.
- 2. To the Distinguished Guests, we sincerely hope that you enjoyed your stay in Michigan, and wish you a safe journey home. It was a pleasure having you here with us at this 147th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.
- To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Michael Whiting, we thank you for many years of devoted service to the Grand Council of Michigan and wish you success in all your future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted, Paul C. Howell, PTIM #86

David W. Dossette, PTIM #30

Tommy R. Amidon, PTIM #50

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second by Most Illustrious Companion, William Skrepnek, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master. Carried.

## REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances wishes to report that the Most Illustrious Grand Master Michael Whiting, received no appeals or grievance during the past Cryptic year.

This is indicative of the peace and harmony that prevailed throughout the Grand Council of Michigan, under the Leadership of the Grand Master.

Therefore, nothing has been referred to the Committee for consideration or action.

Respectfully submitted,

- James R. Sprague, PTIM #3
- Bruce Blondo, PTIM #8 Richard D. Tonda, PTIM #56

I so move this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second. Carried.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of The Grand Council of Michigan.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business Respectfully submits the following report:

After consultation with the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder, we find no unfinished business as of this time.

Respectfully submitted

James J. Vann, PTIM #4 James E. Ferguson, PTIM #59 Donald L. Trumbull, PTIM #73

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move that this report be received and printed in the proceedings. Second. Motion carried.

## REPORT OF THE RITE ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

Companions, as the term of Deputy Grand Master draws to a close, I wish to give my thanks to all of the Companions who have helped me as I have served this Grand Council.

It has been a great pleasure to attend and participate in the degree work during the Festivals that have been conducted throughout the state. I have also attended several council meetings and have participated in the officer installations in several.

I have been able to attend the Grand Council Sessions in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Ohio, Delaware, and the Province of Ontario. The East Central Conference in Lexington, KY. was very informative and it was fun to travel to a city that I had not been to before. I also attended the Winter Retreat held this year in Frankenmuth, MI. and we had a very productive and also fun Session.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my wife Linda, who has been with me on many of my excursions, and who has not complained about my absences when left home alone. During our trips we have been befriended by many new and renewed many old friendships.

I wish to again thank all of the companions for the courtesies extended to Linda and I, during this year, and for making this year possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenney L. Lenfestey Rt. Ill. Deputy Grand Master

Advanced proceedings.

# REPORT OF THE RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

This year has been a busy and productive year for me as your Principal Conductor of the Work. I visited all but one of our sister jurisdictions in the East Central Region and the Grand Council of Ontario. The hospitality and warm reception by these jurisdictions was gratefully appreciated. I also took part in the festivals and some of the individual degree work around the state. I visited many Councils in the state and was warmly received by each. The hospitality of our Councils is second to none!

I traveled to Lexington, Kentucky for the East Central Regional Conference. Many idea's were shared and friendships made. I was saddened to learn that my counterpart in the Cryptic council of Illinois, Jim Cooper, died of cancer. He had become a good friend and his humor and friendliness will be sorely missed.

I wish to thank all the Arch Deputies for their exemplary work this year. You are

hard working and deserve the commendation of your Companions. Thank you for your comments and idea's, which help keep the Grand Council Officers in touch with the realities of the Councils. You are always there ready to help.

Finally, I wish to thank the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction for the confidence you have reposed in me. I will endeavor to earn that trust and work hard to build and improve Cryptic Masonry.

Respectfully Submitted,.,

Warren A. Caruss R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Advance proceedings.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

One of the important benefits of membership in General Grand Council is sponsoring seven (7) domestic Regional Conferences each year in conjunction with General Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment, so that the entire international York Rite programs may be presented for all to review. These conferences appear to be growing in interest and enthusiasm with many ideas shared with one another from all the country.

The Triennial of General Grand Chapter & General Grand Council will be held this year in Rapid City, South Dakota. We are particularly enthusiastic about this year's Triennial due to the fact that two P.M.I.G.M.'s of this jurisdiction are running for office.

We are grateful for the attendance of the General Grand Master Perry B. Anderson from Pierre, South Dakota. He brings a wealth of leadership, Masonic history and information from the General Grand office to our Grand Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

George C. Sellars, P.M.I.G.M., Chairman Kenneth D. Chandler, P.M.I.G.M. Jerry C. Townsend, P.M.I.G.M., Ambassador for MI

Advance proceedings.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF THE RITE

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, GRAND OFFICERS, AND COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN:

Companions, The Committee on Condition of the Rite has attended many of the Councils throughout the state and has witnessed a decline in the Cryptic Rite during the last year. There was a net loss of 194 members for the Cryptic year 2004-2005. Several Councils are on a sound basis and are taking in new members, some are just holding their own. Sadly, several Councils seem to have given up and are considering merging.

The Statistical Report from our Grand Recorder shows that we again had a net loss. The report is as follows:

Deceased       92         Transferred Out       05         Demitted       04         Withdrew       27         Suspended       66         Total       194	Greeted       48         Affiliated by Demit       01         Affiliated by Transfer       15         Affiliated by Restoration       04         Correction of 2003 Returns       03         Total       71
Loss       194         Gain       71         Total Loss       123	

The Committee would like to congratulate the Councils and Companions that worked hard this year in all the festivals throughout the State and in their own Councils. Membership is still declining and this Committee encourages each Companion to get involved in each aspect of Masonry but more especially in his Symbolic Lodge and Cryptic Masonry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenney L. Lenfestey R.I.D.G.M. (ch) Warren A. Caruss R.I.G.P.C.W. Henry L. Seitz R.I.G.C.G.

Advance proceedings.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE YOUTH FOUNDATION

TO THE GRAND OFFICERS, AND COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN:

The Committee on Youth Foundation is pleased to report that the future of Masonry is in very capable hands. Our Masonic Youth have continually developed leaders that we can all be proud of

We have attended the grand Sessions of all Three Youth Groups as well as other activities across the State. If we could only harness some of their enthusiasm and direct it into our own organizations.

We urge everyone to attend as many Youth Activities as possible. Something magical happens to you when you attend their functions, you feel and act younger.

Our Board of Directors has always supported our Youth Groups and we will continue to do so. Any support you can give them would be greatly appreciated.

The Youth Groups are a very intricate part of the Masonic Fraternity. They are our future, but without your support there will be no future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Whiting, M.I.G.M.
William E. LeVeque, P.M.I.G.M.
Anthony M. Chamberlin, I.G.C.C.

Advance proceedings

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE COOPERATION

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The Committee on York Rite Cooperation has worked with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar to minimize the conflicts in scheduling of Festivals and other events. The Degree Days scheduled at Flushing/Flint and Kalamazoo/Baffle Creek were a resounding success. We recommend all use the calendar attached to the Grand Lodge website (www.gl-mi.org) to reduce conflicts and to publicize events. Also the York Rite Calendar at http://smart cal.com/calendar.

As far as the York Rite Grand Sessions, a report will be made at the proper time in regards to our progress there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren A. Caruss, RIGPCW Chm George W H Lyons, PMIGM, IGC William M Skrepnek, PMIGM

Advance Proceedings.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS AND PUBLICATION OF CRYPTIC LAW

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, GRAND OFFICERS, AND COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN:

The Committee on Revisions and Publication of Cryptic Law received four amendments to the Cryptic Law Book passed by the Grand Council Session in August 2004. The amendments were edited by the Committee into the established form and style and written copies thereof were submitted to the Grand Recorder. These amendments have now been printed as substitute pages for the loose-leaf Cryptic Law Book and should be in the hands of the subordinate Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Siebert, PMIGM, Chair Donald Himes, PMIGM James Preston, PMIGM

Advance proceedings.

#### REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

The principal focus of the Committee's work is the preparation of a Cryptic History of the Michigan Grand Council to be available for purchase in conjunction with the Grand Council's Sesquicentennial to be celebrated in 2008. As the original history, published at the time of the Centennial is available only on a limited basis, the new publication will include the period covered by that history, brought up to date to the present.

Materials are still being assembled and research continues, but a draft should be forthcoming within the next year. Indeed, the timeline calls for the book to go to press sometime by the end of next year.

Also, in conjunction with celebrating the Sesquicentennial, we are in conversation with the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Connecticut, which chartered this Grand Council, to participate in our Sesquicentennial Celebration, possibly conducting a rededication ceremony.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Henry L. Seitz, Rt. Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard, Chairman Ronald Blaisdell, PMIGM Duane Warner, PMIGM

Advance proceedings.

#### REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan.

As we gather to celebrate our 147th., year of Cryptic Masonry we are thankful that the Supreme Architect of the Universe has seen fit to spare our Grand Officers and Past Grand's from that Celestial Lodge above. We are sad to report that our Constituent Councils have not been so fortunate. We have lost (92) Companions of whom there were (18) Past Thrice Illustrious Masters and (44) Life Members. Also at this time we must also remember the many Companions who have passed on the working tools of Life in our Sister Grand Jurisdictions. We will cherish all these Companions memories in our hearts.

Fruit for thought: This is a time of sorrow for the Family and Friends of our Dearly Departed Companions, but we as Masons must remember into whose hands we have placed our trust. As we are taught in Masonry they have gone to a better place, we must also be thankful that there will be no more pain and suffering. Also, we are taught when our Labors on Earth are finished we will once again Clasp there hand in Friendship and Brotherly Love.

For the Families and Friends of our Departed Companions we sincerely sympathize with you in this hour of sorrow. Until we can better understand the close companionship we have shared with our departed loved ones, we shall know heartache and sorrow, for none of us can Escape these feelings. Once again Heavenly Father we pray that you watch over the Family of our Departed Companions and remind us to pray each day for the blessings you have bestowed upon us.

This we ask in thy Holy Name.

Amen.

#### Fraternally Yours:

George W.H. Lyons, P.M.I.G.M. Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Chairman Gordon J. Karslake, P.M.I.G.M. Charles E. Stewart, P.M.I.G.M.

Advance proceedings.

#### REPORT OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan

Your Committee of the Sesquicentennial for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan is happy to report for the past Cryptic year.

With the work of the 2008 Sesquicentennial Celebration, many plans are being considered. The Special Assessment that was approved by the membership at our Grand Assembly in Flint, Michigan has help a great deal in funding the many pro-

grams that have been set aside for many years because of the lack of funds. Thus far we have been able to refurbish the Grand Officers collars and jewels, the Arch Deputy jewels have also been replaced.

The many new pamphlets on the Cryptic Rite are now being or about to be printed and will soon be in the hands of our many Councils throughout Michigan. Our 3-dimensional medallion has been designed to celebrate our 150th year and is available from your Arch Deputies and Grand Officers at a cost of \$25.00.

New Handbooks for the Officers, Treasurers and Recorders are being developed and will also be in print shortly. 150 years of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan is being developed and will be made available for the Sesquicentennial year.

We still need to do work on a special Grand Council penny/or pin to honor our Sesquicentennial year. The fictitious "Troll Council # 150" needs to be worked on. Also, the possible Time Deposit/Memorial for the 150th Celebration still needs to be considered.

There are many plans, programs and preparations that are under way to make our Sesquicentennial Celebration one of the best in the country. One of our biggest questions, where will our Sesquicentennial Celebration be held? We have the greatest confidence in our Michigan Grand York Rite Session Committee to select a place that Cryptic Masons of Michigan will have a Glorious Celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony M. Chamberlin, Chairman Henry L. Seitz, I.G.C of G Brian K. Himes, I.G.S.

Advance proceedings.

#### AWARDS

The awards were presented at the York Rite Banquet on Tuesday evening.

The Cryptic Masons of the year award was presented by Most Illustrious Companion, Perry Anderson General Grand Master to Illustrious Companion Howard Carpenter, Straits Area Council No.92. He also presented the Youth Leadership Award Medal to Larry M. Dillion.

The Thrice Illustrious Masters Award was presented by Most Illustrious Companion, Michael Whiting, Most Illustrious Grand Master to Illustrious Companion, Robert W. Trussell, Mount Clemens Council No.8.

The Recorder of the Year Award was presented by Most Illustrious Companion, Donald L. Himes, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder to Illustrious Companion, Timothy C. Forche, Leslie Council No.50.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following Officers were duly elected for the year 2005 - 2006
Kenney L. Lenfestey Most Illustrious Grand Master Warren A. Caruss Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Henry L. Seitz Right Ill. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work William E. Le Veque, PMIGM Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer Donald L. Himes, PMIGM Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Anthony M. Chamberlin Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard
Right Illustrious Companion Lenfestey appointed the following officers:
Brian K. Himes Ill. Grand Conductor of the Council Stephen R. Striggow Ill. Grand Steward Richard D. Tonda Ill. Grand Marshal George W.H. Lyons, PMIGM Ill. Grand Chaplain Duane E. Warner, PMIGM Ill. Grand Sentinel Michael Whiting, PMIGM Grand Lecturer
Arch Deputies:
1st Arch Robert O. Troutman
2nd Arch
3rd Arch Michael R. Bayles
4th Arch Donald L. Galway
5th Arch Wayne A. Caruss
6th Arch George E. Maul
7th Arch
8th Arch
9th Arch
10th Arch William H. Ford

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companion of the Grand Council of Michigan:

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting requests your presence at the York Rite Annual Sessions, which will be held jointly with the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Michigan and the Grand Commandery, K.T. of Michigan.

The Michigan Grand York Rite Session Committee cordially extends an invitation to hold the 148th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Michigan at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort, 5700 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546 on August 22 through the 26th 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

George C. Sellars, P.M.I.G.M., Chairman

Dwight A. Humm, K.Y.C.H.

Carl S. Hobday, K.Y.C.H.

Brian K. Himes, III Gr. Steward

William Skrepnek, P.M.I.G.M.

Roy A. Ickes

Robert A. Maxwell, P.T.I.M.

Carole Duke, Ladies Consultant

Advance proceedings.

#### CALL OFF FOR LUNCH

Most Illustrious Companion Whiting, Most Illustrious Grand Master called the Council from Labor to Refreshment and to Labor again at 1:30 p.m.

### INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The following Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters were selected as the Grand Installing Officers:

George C. Sellars

Installing Grand Master

Kenneth D. Chandler

Installing Grand Marshal

James Preston

Installing Grand Chaplain

Donald L. Himes

Installing Grand Recorder

Following the obligation of the Grand Master Kenney Lenfestey, Most Illustrious Companion, Donald Himes Past Most Illustrious Master presented Most Illustrious Grand Master Lenfestey with his Past Most Illustrious Master's apron.

After the remaining Grand Officers were installed, Most Illustrious Companion Sellars Past Most Illustrious Grand Master installed The Grand Lecturer, Michael Whiting and the Arch Deputies.

Most Illustrious Companion Donald L. Himes, presented to the Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Michael Whiting his Past Master's Jewel.

## CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

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1979 — Howard G. Branch*	Kalamazoo 63
1980 — W. Wallace Wilson*	Niles 19
1981 — David S. Willson*	Muskegon 54
1982 — Fred G. Catrell*,	Livingston 73
1983 — Elmer Harpst*	
1984 — Howard C. Bedell*	Inverness 60
1985 — John J. Dull*	Bedford 91
1986 — Earl C. Quackenbush*	Ann Arbor 86
1987 — Carl H. Cull*	Flint 56
1988 — Albert F. Cronheim*	
1989 — Harley B. Kinne*	Grand Ledge 62
1990 — Schuyler A. Erickson*	Niles 19
1991 — Masao Kon*	Ann Arbor 86
1992 — David H. Ahearn	Inverness 60
1993 — Randy C. Richardson	Mt. Clemens 8
1994 — Ernest C. Folkmire	Mt. Clemens 8
1995 — William R. Cook*	Inverness 60
1996 — Terence J. Donegan*	Saginaw 20
1997 — Paul A. Duke	Mt. Clemens 8
1998 — Robert J. Vesey	River Raisin 4
1999 — Duane V. Todd	George Hill 85
2000 — William E. Coleman	Muskegon 54
2001 — Bart A. Porter	Durand 38
2002 — Fred W. Deady, Jr	
2003 — Donald L. Crist	
2004 — Laurel J. Mofit	
2005 — Howard Carpenter	Straits Area 92

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL YOUTH AWARD
1984 — Russell Helmer, Jr
1985 — John K. Gale*
1986 — Milton D. Olson
1987 — Robert B. Wardell* River Raisin
1988 — Eric Nyman
1989 — Nils Jay Larson* Inverness 60
1990 — Frank E. Russell
1991 — Albert Pontious* Pontiac 3
1992 — Earle W. Mott
1993 — Lenzy R. Lewis Flint 50
1994 — Roland B. Birch*
1995 — Kenneth E. Smiley Lansing 29
1996 — Vernon T. Barnhart
1997 — John A. Jackson
1998 — Armand Cote
1999 — Ms. Jo Neil Shaw, GG
2000 — Peter Scholtz
2001 — Benjamin R. Johnson Livingston 7.
2002 — Deborah Lawrence Supreme Deputy Rainbov
2003 — Bill Wilder Grand Secretary Job's Daughter
2004 — Michael D. Zirkle
2004 — Larry M. Dillon Eye, Officer, DeMola
THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR
1988 — Roy E. McConnell
1989 — George J. Rutherford*
1990 — Henry F. Schroeder, III
1991 — Herbert Glassmeyer Northville 3
1992 — Shirley W. Curtis Marine City 5
1993 — James J. Vann, Sr River Raisin
1994 — Aubrey W. Carless
1995 — Lanier M. DeLind*
1996 — Frank A. MacWhirter
1997 — Thomas F. Schultz
1998 — Corbin P. Elliott
1999 — Mark Schnesk
2000 — Jeffrey W. Sloboda
2001 — Anthony M. Chamberlin
2002 — Howard Carpenter Straits Area 9
2003 — John T. Updike River Raisin
2004 — Robert W. Trussell

#### RECORDER OF THE YEAR

1988 — Robert E. Kerr	Cass City 90
1989 — Glen M. Smith *	Grand Ledge 62
1990 — Brian K. Himes	Mt. Clemens 8
1991 — Laurel J. Moffit	Durand 38
1992 — Hugh A. Horner	Sault Ste. Marie 69
1993 — Ernest R. Gartz	Northville 30
1994 — Charles W. Ridoutt*	Muskegon 54
1995 — William E. Le Veque	Marquette 72
1996 — Dwight A. Humm	Saginaw 20
1997 — James P. Henry	Albion 57
1998 — James T. McKnight	Muskegon 54
1999 — Raymond Parker, Jr	Nile 19
2000 — Donald B Whitener	Flint 56
2001 — Raymond E. King	Monroe 1
2002 — Kay L. Yeager	River Raisin 4
2003 — George W.H. Lyons	Pontiac 3
2004 — Timothy C. Forche	Leslie 50
*Deceased	

#### GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2004-2005 STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence - Ronald B. Blaisdell, Chairman; William Skrepnek Jerry C. Townsend

Finance - George C. Sellars, Chairman; Kenney L. Lenfestey William A. Siebert Credentials - Donald L. Himes, Chairman; Terry G. Baker, Ernest E. Folkmire, Randy C. Richardson

Condition of the Rite - Kenney L. Lenfestey, Warren Caruss, Henry L. Seitz

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

General Grand Council - George C. Sellars, Chairman; Kenneth D. Chandler, Jerry C. Townsend

York Rite Cooperation - Warren A. Caruss, Chairman; George W.H. Lyons, William Skrepnek

Youth Foundation - Michael Whiting, Chairman; William E. Le Veque, Anthony M. Chamberlin

Revisions & Publication of Cryptic Law - William A. Siebert, Chairman; Donald L. Himes, James E. Preston

Cryptic Med. Res. Fdn. - Anthony M. Chamberlin, Chairman; Brian K. Himes, Stephen R. Striggow

Grand Council Endowment Fund - Kenney L. Lenfestey, Chairman; Anthony M. Chamberlin, William E. Le Veque

Sesquicentennial - Henry L. Seitz, Chairman; Anthony M. Chamberlin, Brian K. Himes

Public Relations - William J. Duncan, Chairman; Duane V. Todd, Corbin Elliott

Historical - Henry L. Seitz, Chairman; Duane E. Warner, Ronald B. Blaisdell

Public Address System - Jeffrey K. Burk, Chairman

Grand Lecturer - Jeffrey K. Burk

Cast Director - George W.H. Lyons

#### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The Minutes of the Board of Director's of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan for the Fourth Quarter of 2004, held at the Frankenmuth Springhill Suites, Frankenmuth, Michigan, Saturday January 29, 2005.

The meeting called to order at 8: 10 a.m., by President Michael Whiting.

Present: Whiting, Lenfestey, Le Veque, Himes and Caruss and several of the other Grand Officers and Past Grands of the Grand Council. Absent None

The Minutes of the Third Quarter, 2004, Board of Director's Meeting held at the St Ignace Masonic Center, St. Ignace, Michigan, Saturday September 25 2004. were presented for approval. Treasurer Le Veque moved the Minutes as presented be approved and printed in the proceedings. Seconded by Director Caruss. Motion carried.

Treasurer Le Veque presented the Treasurer Report for the Third Quarter ending September 17, 2004. Total Operating Funds of \$11,196.78 and a Net Worth of \$69,579.55. Vice President Lenfestey moved that the Treasurer Report be accepted as presented. Second by Director Caruss. Motion carried.

Secretary Statement of Accounts for June 19, 2004 thru September 17, 2004 was given by Secretary Himes. The statement showed that the balance of \$1,593.12 was in the Checking Account; \$11,196.78 in the Operating Fund, \$7,204.53 in the Special Funds Account and \$51,178.24 in the Endowment Fund for a Net Worth of \$69,579.55. Vice President Lenfestey moved that the Secretary report be accepted as presented. Second by Director Caruss. Motion carried.

Secretary Himes presented the bills for the Fourth Quarter covering October 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2004, check numbers 1390 through 1404, totaling \$3,071.10. Vice President Lenfestey moved that the bills be approved and the checks written for the several amounts. Seconded by Treasurer Le Veque. Motion carried.

Treasurer Le Veque presented the Treasurer Report for the Fourth Quarter ending December 31, 2004. Total Operating Funds \$10,363.04 and a Net Worth of \$70,790.34. Secretary Himes moved that the Treasurer Report be accepter as presented. Second by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion Carried.

Secretary Statement of Accounts for September 17, 2004 thru December 31, 2004 was given by Secretary Himes. The Statements showed that the balance of \$2,575.74 was in the Checking Account; \$10,363.04 in the Operating Funds, \$7,286.35 in the Special Funds Account and \$53,140.95 in the Endowment Fund for a Net Worth of \$70,790.34. Director Caruss moved that Secretary report be accepted as presented. Second by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion carried.

President Whiting announced that the next meeting of the Board of Director's would be the held in the Pontiac Masonic Center, Auburn Hills, Michigan on April 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Vice President Lefestey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Treasurer LeVegue. Motion carried. Closed at 8:30 a.m.

> Respectfully submitted, Donald L. Himes, Secretary

#### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The Minutes of the Board of Director's of the Grand Council Of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan for the First Quarter of 2005, held at the Pontiac Masonic Center, Auburn Hills, Michigan, Sunday, April 3, 2005.

The meeting called to order at 10: 00 a.m., by President Michael Whiting,

Present: Whiting, Lenfestey, Le Veque, Himes and Caruss and several of the other Grand Officers and Past Grands of the Grand Council. Absent None

The Minutes of the Fourth Quarter, 2004, Board of Director's Meeting held at the Frankenmuth Springhill Suites, Frankenmuth, Michigan, Saturday January 29, 2005, were presented for approval. Director Caruss moved the Minutes as presented be approved and printed in the proceedings. Seconded by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion carried.

Secretary Himes presented the bills for the First Quarter covering January 1, 2005 thru March 31, 2005, check numbers 1405 thru 1418, totaling \$3,899.16. Director Caruss moved that the bill be approved and checks written for the several amounts. Second by Treasurer Le Veque. Motion carried.

Treasurer Le Veque presented the Treasurer Report for the First Quarter ending March 26, 2005. Total Operating Funds \$23,980.14 and a Net Worth of \$86,342.68. Director Caruss moved that the Treasurer Report be accepter as presented. Second by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion Carried.

Secretary Statement of Accounts for December 31, 2004 thru March 26, 2005 was given by Secretary Himes. The Statements showed that the balance of \$16,191.48 was in the Checking Account; \$23,980.14 in the Operating Funds, \$7,298.47 in the Special Funds Account and \$55,072.07 in the Endowment Fund for a Net Worth of \$86,342.68. Director Caruss moved that Secretary report be accepted as presented. Second by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion carried.

After some discussion on the History Account, Director Caruss moved that the History Account be closed and the funds be placed in the General Account. Second by Vice President Lenfessey. Motion carried.

President Whiting announced that the next meeting of the Board of Director's would be the held in the Kingsford Masonic Center, Kingsford, Michigan on June 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m..

Vice President Lenfestey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Secretary Himes, Motion carried. Closed at 10:43 a.m.

> Respectfully submitted, Donald L. Himes, Secretary

#### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The Minutes of the Board of Director's of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan for the Second Quarter of 2005, held at the Kingsford Masonic Center, Kingsford, Michigan, Saturday, June 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m..

The meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m., by President Michael Whiting,

Present: Whiting, Lenfestey, Le Veque, Himes and Caruss and several of the other Grand Officers and Past Grands of the Grand Council. Absent None

The Minutes of the First Quarter, 2005, Board of Director's Meeting held at the Pontiac Masonic Center, Auburn Hills, Michigan, Sunday, April 3, 2005, were presented for approval. Director Caruss moved the Minutes as presented be approved and printed in the proceedings. Seconded by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion carried.

Secretary Himes presented the bills for the First Quarter covering April 1, 2005 thru June 18, 2005, check numbers 1419 thru 1434, totaling \$10,317.55. Vice President Lenfestey moved that the bill be approved and checks written for the several amounts. Second by Director Caruss. Motion carried.

Treasurer Le Veque presented the Treasurer Report for the Second Quarter ending, June 18, 2005. Total Operating Funds \$18,541.87 and a Net Worth of \$80,503.23. Secretary Himes moved that the Treasurer Report be accepter as presented. Second by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion Carried.

Secretary Statement of Accounts for March 26, 2005 thru June 18, 2005 was given by Secretary Himes. The Statements showed that the balance of \$10,317.55 was in the Checking Account; \$18,541.87 in the Operating Funds, \$6,966.20 in the Special Funds Account and \$54,995.16 in the Endowment Fund for a Net Worth of \$80,503.23. Director Caruss moved that Secretary report be accepted as presented. Second by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion carried.

President Whiting announced that the next meeting of the Board of Director's would be the held in the Howell Masonic Center, Howell, Michigan on September 17, 2005 at 8:00 a.m..

Vice President Lenfestey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Secretary Himes. Motion carried. Closed at 10:56 a.m.

> Respectfully submitted, Donald L. Himes, Secretary

### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The Minutes of the Board of Director's of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan for the Third Quarter of 2004, held at the St. Ignace Masonic Center, St. Ignace, Michigan, Saturday September 25, 2004.

The meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m., by President Michael Whiting.

Present: Whiting, LenFestey, Himes, Caruss and several of the other Grand Officers and Past Grands of the Grand Council. Absent Le Veque.

The Minutes of the Second Quarter, 2004, Board of Director's Meeting held at the Marquette Masonic Center, Marquette, Michigan Saturday June 26, 2004, were presented for approval. Director Caruss moved the Minutes as presented be approved and printed in the proceedings. Seconded by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion carried.

The Treasurer and Recorder Report for the Third Quarter were not complete as we just installed a new recorder in August. The Recorder asked the Board of Directors to let them make their reports at the Fourth Quarter Meeting which the Board granted.

Secretary Himes presented the bills for the Third Quarter covering June 19, 2004 thru September 30, 2004, check numbers 1372 through 1389, totaling \$5,866.35 Vice President Lenfestey moved that the bills be approved and checks written for the several amounts. Seconded by Director Caruss. Motion carried.

President Whiting announced that the next meeting of the Board of Director's would be the held in the Frankenmuth Springhill Suites, Frankenmuth, Michigan on January 29, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Vice President Lenfestey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Director Caruss. Motion carried. Closed at 11:46 a.m.

> Respectfully submitted, Donald L. Himes, Secretary

President Whiting announced that the next meeting of the Board of Director's would be the held in the Pontiac Masonic Center, Auburn Hills, Michigan on April 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Vice President Lenfestey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Treasurer Le Veque. Motion carried. Closed at 8:30 a.m.

> Respectfully submitted, Donald L. Himes, Secretary

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD IN THE HOLIDAY INN, GATEWAY CENTER, FLINT, MICHIGAN

#### AUGUST 18, 2004

Pursuant to a regularly given notice, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan was held in the Holiday Inn, Gateway Center, Flint, Michigan, August 18, 2004 at 1:35 p.m.

Present: President Whiting, Vice President Lenfestey, Treasurer Le Veque, Secretary Himes, and Director Caruss. Absent none.

Certification: The Secretary reported and certified that the above names were duly elected and installed at the One Hundred Forty Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, and thereby, according to the By-Laws of the Corporation, held the following Offices on the Board of Directors:

Michael Whiting	n
Kenney L. Lenfestey	President
William E. Le Veque, PMIGM	····· Vice President
Donald L. Himes, PMIGM	Treasurer
Donald L. Himes, PMIGM	· · · · · Secretary
VII. 40	Director

Vice President Lenfestey moved that the Minutes of the One Hundred Forty Fifth Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held in Battle Creek, Michigan, August 11, 2003, be approved as printed in the 2003 Annual Proceeding, Second by Treasurer Le Veque, Motion carried.

Treasurer Le Veque moved that the bills, pertaining to the Annual Assembly just completed, and the operation of the Grand Council be approved and paid. Seconded by Director Caruss. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 25, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Straits Breeze Motel, St. Ignace, Michigan.

No further business to come before this Meeting, a motion to adjourn, was made by Director Caruss. Seconded by Vice President Lenfestey. Motion carried. Closed at 1:55 p.m.

> Respectfully submitted, Donald L. Himes, Secretary August 18, 2004

# APPENDIX

## ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 2004

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### Living Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters Present Mailing Address

JOHN LONGO (1974), 528 Winter Terrace, Winter Haven, FL 33881-5813, (941) 299-0032.

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ERNEST BERRY, (1992), 22416 Van Hoen, Woodhaven, MI 48183-3763, (313) 692-2738.

JEFFERY K. BURK, (1993), 7529 Leelanau Tr., Gaylord, MI 49735-8851 (231) 585-7409.

MICHAEL J. JUNGEL, (1994), 426 Division St., Vicksburg, MI 49097-1104 (616) 649-2791.

KENNETH D. CHANDLER, (1995), 2288 Goy Rd., Mason, MI 48854-9205, (517) 676-2172.

CHARLES E. STEWART, (1996), P.O. Box 125, Newport, MI 48166-0125, (734) 586-3092.

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DUANE E. WARNER (2001), 3967 Hennessey Rd, Watervliet, MI, 49098-9502, (269) 463-8540.

WILLIAM E. LE VEQUE (2002), E9586 Cedar Street, Wetmor, MI, 49895-9721, (906) 387-3068.

WILLIAM A. SIEBERT (2003), P.O. Box 116, Gladwin, MI, 48624-0116, (989) 426-3559

MICHAEL WHITING (2004), 615 Melrose, Pontiac, MI 48340-3116

### SUCCESSION OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS Year, Name, Residence When Elected, and Remarks

1858 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867. 1859 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867. 1860 FRANCIS DARROW, Pontiac. Died April 11, 1873. 1861 JOHN CLARK, St. Clair. Died February 19, 1876. 1862 DAVID BURHAM TRACY, Detroit. Died February 19, 1906. 1863 EDWARD A. ELLIOT, Detroit. Died November 15, 1880. 1864 GARRA BENJAMIN NOBLE, Detroit. Died February 9, 1897. 1865 DAVID BOVEE, Coldwater. Died July 19, 1900. 1866 SEAMAN L. DART, Coldwater. Died February 8, 1883. 1867 WILLIAM SHERMAN EDWARDS, Hillsdale. Died May 19, 1913. 1868 JOSEPH THAYER HAYDEN, Hillsdale. Died April 24, 1898. 1869 CHARLES HIRAM PUTNAM, Hudson. Died May 15, 1895. 1870 OLIVER LYMAN SPAULDING, St. Johns. Died July 30, 1922. 1871 EBENEZAR SPRAGUE, Lyons. Died January 2, 1892. 1872 HENRY SHAW NOBLE, Monroe. Died October 23, 1908. 1873 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880. 1874 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880. 1875 MORTIMER MANSFIELD, Coldwater. Died December 20, 1883. 1876 GEORGE HILL, JR., Portland. Died October 3, 1920. 1877 JOHN R. EVERARD, Jackson. Died November 22, 1891. 1878 ANDREW JACKSON UTLEY, St. Louis. Died Nov. 10, 1905. 1879 HUGH McCURDY, Corunna. Died July 16, 1908. 1880 DAVID WOODWARD, Clinton. Died March 30, 1921. 1881 RUFUS CLAGHORN HATHEWAY, Ionia. Died Dec. 8, 1896. 1882 WILLIAM GILSON HUDSON, Ludington. Died May 28, 1924. 1883 GEORGE HENRY GREENE, Lansing, Died June 24, 1899. 1884 JAMES HOUGHLAND CUMMINS, Holly. Died Oct. 29, 1908. 1885 GEORGE HAMILTON STEPHENSON, St. Johns. Died Oct. 27, 1901. 1886 ALFRED BALDREY, St. Joseph. Died October 14, 1923. 1887 ALFRED GORDON GULLEY, South Haven. Died August 15, 1917. 1888 ALLEN McKEE, Manistee. Died November 4, 1921. 1889 THOMAS GREY GREENE, Centreville. Died December 18, 1911. 1890 TRAVERS PHILLIPS, Hastings. Died January 5, 1920. 1891 CHARLES RUSH BAGG, Detroit. Died August 17, 1899. 1892 HORACE EDGAR HATCH, Detroit. Died May 4, 1931. 1893 FRANK NORMAN CLARK, Northville. Died December 19, 1910. 1894 EMERSON MERRIMAN NEWELL, Holly, Died March 13, 1930. 1895 GEORGE ADELBERT CROSS, Lawrence. Died December 18, 1927. 1896 GEORGE PORTER McMAHON, Grand Rapids. Died June 11, 1914. 1897 LLOYD B. HESS, Grand Rapids. Died June 10, 1901. 1898 CHARLES MILAN NORTON, Lansing. Died September 3, 1919. 1899 GEORGE DUDLEY SMITH, Muskegon. Died September 1, 1916. 1900 RICHARD ALDEN CATTON, Detroit. Died January 9, 1903. 1901 ITHAMAR TITUS SMITH, Hudson. Died June 13, 1926. 1902 BRYON CULVER HILL, Jackson. Died April 15, 1905. 1903 JOHN HAMPDEN KINGSLEY, Manchester. Died Sept. 1, 1940. 1904 DALLAS DOW ALTON, Fremont. Died August 9, 1947.

1905 BAYARD ALFRED CHURCH, St. Louis. Died April 29, 1944.

1906 ARTHUR HAMILTON McCLOUD, Detroit. Died Oct. 10, 1917. 1907 FRANK OSCAR GILBERT, Buy City. Died November 26, 1929. 1908 CHARLES HENRY PATTERSON, Jackson. Died June 1, 1948. WILLIAM WENTE, Honorary, Manistee. Died February 25, 1915. 1909 EMORY TOWNSEND, Saginaw. Died October 18, 1933. 1910 WILLIAM PRICE PERRY, Hillsdale. Died December 26, 1923. 1911 JOHN NICHOL, Ionia. Died August 31, 1928. 1912 FRANK POMEROY WILCOX, Detroit. Died July 1, 1931. 1913 LOU BARNEY WINSOR, Reed City. Died November 8, 1936. 1914 JOHN HOMER McCALLUM, Sault Ste. Marie. Died Oct. 25, 1918. 1915 HORACE SHELDON MAYNARD, Charlotte. Died Sept. 2, 1917. 1916 CLARENCE A. HOWARD, Three Rivers. Died November 27, 1922. 1917 FRANK VINTON HALE, Pontiac. Died October 13, 1924. 1918 CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE, Grand Rapids. Died Oct. 12, 1936. 1919 FRANK SCADDEN, Crystal Falls. Died September 6, 1929. 1920 H. BURR LEE, Petoskey. Died May 27, 1951. 1921 ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR, Pontiac. Died March 21, 1933. 1922 HOWARD EDGAR SLOCUM, Corunna. Died December 2, 1957. 1923 WILLIS VIRGIL CAPRON, Flint. Died June 9, 1924. 1924 CHARLES WADE MIXER, Hastings. Died November 11, 1934. 1925 WILLARD B. OAKES, Lansing. Died May 17, 1929. 1926 NEIL EDWIN REID, Mount Clemens. Died May 4, 1956. 1927 DANIEL WILLARD McMILLAN, Detroit. Died August 31, 1938. 1928 JOHN PALMER WOOD, Lakeland, Florida: Died March 30, 1947. 1929 EDWIN JESSE MacMILLAN, Grand Rapids. Died Oct. 30, 1938. 1930 JAMES STEPHEN POTTER, Hillsdale. Died Dec. 23, 1954. 1931 ORON JOHN RICHARD BURY, Ann Arbor, Died Sept. 29, 1944. 1932 ARTHUR EDDY WEST, Kalamazoo. Died April 22, 1941. 1933 ARTHUR EDDY WEST, Kalamazoo, Died April 22, 1941. 1934 JOHN E. CLARK. Died September 15, 1972. 1934 WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSTON, Leslie. Died June 6, 1948. 1935 FRED A. YOUNG, Dowagiac. Died April 23, 1980. 1936 WILLIAM ALOYS BILZ, Spring Lake. Died April 12, 1940. 1937 CLAUDE EZRA FURGASON, Lansing, Died February 4, 1939. 1938 WILLIAM CLIFFORD WHEATON, Elk Rapids. Died Dec. 17, 1962. 1939 SAMUEL RYERSON WILDE, Saginaw Died June 15, 1956. 1940 ARCHIE KIDFORD ADAMS, Iron Mountain. Died March 16, 1950. 1941 HOLLIS J. COLYER, Pleasant Ridge. Died June 4, 1967. 1942 HAROLD P. WILLIAMS, R.E.D., Otisville. Died June 2, 1967. 1943 MARK C. CARPENTER, Glendora, California. Died Feb. 12, 1965. 1944 JOHN D. RIGG, Hillsdale. Died May 23, 1965. 1945 RUSSELL J. HAMMOND, Lake City. Died December 16, 1984. 1946 FRANK J. MEISTER, St. Petersburg, FL. Died Jan. 30, 1960. 1947 SAMUEL E. BALLANTINE, Detroit. Died August 5, 1948. 1948 DONOVAN L. DYER, Ann Arbor. Died August 24, 1961. 1949 WILLIAM E. DORAN, Flint. Died January 3, 1976. 1950 JOE RICE, Tecumseh. Died October 15, 1965. 1951 CHARLES H. SINCLAIR, Cadillac. Died October 5, 1968. 1952 LLOYD E. KNAPP, Lansing. Died October 20, 1976. 1953 DONALD D. BOUDEMAN, Kalamazoo. Died December 24, 1979. 1954 CLYDE G. TOWNSEND, Pontiac. Died March 15, 1964.

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1955 RUSSELL H. KIKSTADT, Clearwater, FL. Died December 6, 1990.
 1956 CLIFFORD A. TAYLOR, Spring Lake. Died December 29, 1966.
 1957 ARVIDE R. NORTH, Mason. Died May 25, 1984.
 1958 CHARLES D. LOGSDON, Zephyrhills, FL. Died Nov. 24, 1989.
 1959 RAYMOND M. CARLSON, Okemos. Died September 17, 1972.
 1960 JAMES VAN WAGONER, Saginaw. Died September 7, 1975.
 1961 WILLIAM H. HARMON, Cheboygan. Died October 22, 1977.
 1962 JOSEPH H. MURRAY, Kalamazoo. Died August 14, 1967.
 1963 ARTHUR N. ROZELLE, Brooklyn. Died March 5, 1986.
 1964 WALTER S. PATTISON, Muskegon. Died August 7, 1965.
 1965 ROYCE E. CURLIS, Sault Str. Marie. Died June 1, 1997.
1966 EARL E. PETTIT, Williamston. Died November 30, 1979.
1967 KENNETH J. PENBERTHY, Royal Oak. Died March 6, 1988.
1968 CHARLES PHILO SHEFFIELD, Grand Rapids, Died June 17, 2004
1969 LELAND C. DENNIS, Pontiac. Died October 16, 1985.
1970 WARREN G. MAJOR, Centreville. Died July 13, 1998.
1971 WANG-JUITING (RAY) LIVINGSTON, Boulder, CO. Dd Apl. 18, 1995.
1972 ROBERT S. SPENCER, Lakeland, FL. Died October 31, 1985.
1973 RICHARD GLEN DEANE, Flushing, Died September 18, 1992.
1974 JOHN LONGO, Winter Haven FL.
1975 ERNEST L. WELSH, Gobles. Died April 29, 2004.
1976 HAROLD F. BLAESS, Ann Arbor. Died July 3, 1986.
1977 GEORGE BOOKLESS, Rochester. Died January 20, 1985.
1978 GEORGE W. POST, Mason. Died May 8, 1984.
1979 ROBERT ALVIN STUTESMAN, Gaylord. Died October 19, 2002.
1980 J BRUCE ELDRED, Mr. Pleavant.
1981 KAI VILMER KOFOED, Grand Rapids. Died August 30, 1997.
1982 GLENCOE GORDON GOODMAN, Palm Harbor, FL.
1983 WILLIAM SKREPNEK, Lennon.
1984 GORDON J. KARSLAKE, Mason.
1985 KENSELL RICHARD GOSS, Gobles. Died March 31, 2003.
1986 CHARLES THEODORE MYER, Trenton.
1987 ROBERT ANDREW WILSON SR., Channing, Died March 27, 2002.
1988 GEORGE CLOW SELLARS, Harrison Twp.
1989 ROBERT PAUL BISHOP, Flint. Died June 16, 1991.
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1991 MICHAEL LOUIS STELLUTE, Concord.
1992 ERNEST BERRY, Trenton.
1993 JEFFREY KEITH BURK, Gaylord.
1994 MICHAEL JAMES JUNGEL, Vicksburg.
1995 KENNETH DEAN CHANDLER, Mason.
1996 CHARLES EDWARD STEWART, Monroe.
1997 DONALD LEE HIMES, Washington Twp.
1998 RONALD B. BLAISDELL, Redford.
1999 JERRY C. TOWNSEND, Marcellus.
2000 JAMES E. PRESTON, Rockford.
2001 DUANE E. WARNER, Watervliet.
2002 WILLIAM E. LE VEQUE, Wetmore.
2003 WILLIAM A. SIEBERT, Gladwin
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2004 MICHAEL WHITING, Pontiac REV. JAMES W. ROBBINS

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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Terry G. Baker	ALABAMA	W. Malcolm Killingsworth
Prof C. Howell	ARIZONA	Elmo R. Dibble
Charles E. Steatert	ARKANSAS	Jimmy W. Bennett
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Paul A. Duke	CANADA-EAST	C. G. Stenon
William E. Le Veque	CANADA-ONTARIO	Thomas G. Japen
Benry L. Seitz	CANADA-WEST	Hugh E. Fenner
William Skeepnek	COLORADO	Mosse Diemour
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Anthony M. Chamberlin	PACE AND ARE	Charles H. Lessel Jr.
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William H. Ford	GERMANY	Walter Eachin
Wayne E. Caruss	GREECE	Dimitrios Papakyriakou
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Gese C. Welsh	IDAHO	Duine Sarrwell
Charles T. Myer	ILLINOIS	Robert M. Hill
Kenneth D. Chandler	INDIANA	Thomas D. Barton
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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2005 ASSEMBLY THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

The Sixty First Annual Assembly of the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was opened in due form at the Doubletree, Bay City Michigan on August 17, 2005, at 3:45 PM by the Thrice Illustrious Master Carl D. Rufus. A warm welcome was extended 100 all members and guests. The names of the candidates for this order were read, as follows:

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Salvatore J. Busuito	Monroe Council No. 1
Louie R. Cole	Pontiac Council No. 3
Mack D. Reece	River Raisin Council No. 4
Bruce D. Blondo	Mount Clemens Council No.
Harley D. Ridgeway	Tyre Council No. 10
Jack Woodyard Jr.	Union Council No. 11
Charles M. Smith	Northville Council No. 30
Carlton R. Gregory	Flint Council No. 56
Bernard C. Kirchoff	Marine City Council No. 59
Walter Rosebrugh	Marine City Council No. 59
Wayne E. Caruss	Grand Ledge Council No. 62
Charles Tuttle	Kalamazoo Council No. 63
James L. Melby	Livingston Council No. 73

It was moved, seconded, and carried that all the candidates so named will receive the "Order of the Silver Trowel" An Honorary membership was granted to Illustrious Companion Darrell Thurber, PTIM, of Tantramar Council No. 7 in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. The prologue was given by Illustrious Companion Brian K. Himes, PTIM, of Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, from Mount Clemens Council No. 8, St. Clair Shores, The Heralds gave the lessons, and the Officers of the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters portrayed the "Order of the Silver Trowel".

### The Cast

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T.I. Master (and King David)
T.I. Senior Warden
T.I. Junior Warden
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4th Herald Donald L. Trumbull
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Prologuizer Brian K. Himes, PTIM

### Business of the Council

An excellent portrayal of the Order of the Silver Trowel Degree was conferred for the pleasure of the candidates and members of the Assembly.

After the Degree, Thrice Illustrious Master Carl D. Rufus called to order the Michigan Council of Thrice illustrious Masters for the business of the Council.

Thrice Illustrious Master Carl D. Rufus congratulated the newly made Thrice Illustrious Masters and boped that they had enjoyed the conferral of the degree

Thrice Illustrious Master Carl D. Rufus introduced the Past Thrice Illustrious Masters in attendance. He then called for a moment of silence for Past Thrice Illustrious Master Walter D. Hutchins and all others who had passed away since our last Annual Assembly.

It was moved and seconded that the Records and Financial Report of the last Assembly printed in the 2004 Proceedings be approved. The motion carried.

### Financial Report

A complete accounting was unavailable, due to the absence of the Recorder/Treasurer who is now residing in Florida. The following report was given using the 2004 Proceedings and the most current bank statement.

August 18, 2004	. 5	810,14
August 17, 2005	. \$1	210.14

It was brought to the attention of the Illustrious Companions that we have not paid the Grand Council R.& S.M. for the printing of the Directory and Proceedings for 2003 and 2004 at a cost of \$245.00 per year.

It was moved and seconded that we pay the Grand Council R& S.M. for the printing of the Directory and Proceedings for 2003, 2004, and 2005 at a total cost of \$735.00. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the "Class of 2005" be named in honor of Walter D. Hutchins, PTIM of Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters. The motion carried.

### Election of Officers for 2005-2006

It was moved and seconded that all elected officers advance one station. The motion carried. All officers accepted the advancement, and Companion Anthony Chamberlin was elected to the station of Sentinel. Companion Brian K. Himes, PTIM was nominated for the office of Recorder/Treasurer, and there being no other nominations, be was declared elected. Companion Charles T. Myer, PTIM was reappointed Chaplain by the incoming Thrice Illustrious Master Kenneth D. Chandler. The incoming Thrice Illustrious Master appointed the Prologuizer and Heralds, and all accepted their appointments.

The officers elected and appointed were then installed by Brian K. Himes, PTIM, Installing Grand Master, assisted by Ernest Berry, PTIM, as Installing Grand Marshal, Charles T. Myer, PTIM, as Installing Grand Chaplain.

### 2005-2006 Officers

- Kenney L. Lenfestey, No. 73. . . . . . . . . . . Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden. 7745 Darlene Drive, Brighton, MI 48116-8910, (810) 227-4259
- Brian K. Himes, PTIM, No. 8 . . . . . . . . . . . Thrice Illustrious Recorder/Treasurer 24584 Laetham, Eastpointe, MI 48021-1046 (586) 772-5582

- Charles T. Myer, PTIM, No. 1 . . . . . . . . . . . . . Thrice Illustrious Chaplain 2645 Riverside Drive #310, Trenton, MI 48183-2834, (734) 692-7967

### Prologuizer

Brian K. Himes, PTIM, No. 8 24584 Laetham, Eastpointe, MI 48021-1046, (586) 772-5582

### Heralds

- 1st Warren A. Caruss, No. 62 (2002) 11142 Bishop Hwy, Lansing MI 48911-6201, (517) 646-0504
- 2nd Charles Collins, Sr., No 91 (2000) 7200 S. Cass, Hastings, MI 49058-2029, (616) 945-4438
- 3rd K. Loe Yeager, No. 4 (2003) 1832 Center Drive, Temperance, MI 48182-9268, (734) 847-6660
- 4th Donald L. Trumbull, No. 73 (2005) P.O. Box 997, Pinckney, MI 48169
- 5th James L. Melby, No. 73 (2005) P.O. Box 668, Hamburg, MI 48139-0668.
- 6th James H. Miller, No. 11 12829 Millers Drive, Milan, MI 48160-9782, (734) 439-3582
- 7th David Seyferth, No. 54 (2000) P.O. Box 1714, Muskegon, MI 49441-1714, (616) 780-3683
- 8th Laurel J. Moffit, No. 38 (2001) 228 N. Spring St. Box 107, Vernon, MI 48476-0107, (517) 288-2879

Thrice Illustrious Master Kenneth D. Chandler thanked the installing officers and members for their confidence and support.

Normally, at this point the Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Carl D. Rufus would present the new Thrice Illustrious Master Kenneth D. Chandler with the badge of his office. The Recorder would then present the outgoing Thrice Illustrious Master, Carl D. Rufus with the Thrice Illustrious Master Certificate, indicating the date he was elected, installed, and presided as Thrice Illustrious Master. Also, the candidates would be presented with their Dues Cards, a Silver Trowel, and a pumphlet on the Silver Trowel Degree. Due to the absence of the Recorder/Treasurer none of these items were available for presentation. These items will be mailed as soon as the material is obtained.

The Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was then closed in due form by the Thrice Illustrious Master Kenneth D. Chandler, at 4:50 p.m.

### Respectfully submitted,

Brian K. Himes, PTIM Thrice Illustrious Recorder/Treasurer

### Succession of Thrice Illustrious Masters

1944-46	*Hollis J. Colyer, No. 1, Pleasant Ridge
1946-47	*Harold P. Williams, No. 56, Ortisville
1947-48	*Mark C. Carpenter, No. 29, Pasadena, CA
1948-49	*Sherman W. Garnett, No. 38, Owosso
1949-50	*Robert Inskip, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1950-51	*John F. Beel, No. 29, Lansing
1951-52	*Earl E. Pettit, No. 64, Williamston
1952-53	*Ernest J. Whitlock, No. 39, Livonia
1953-54	*J. Wallace Royce, No. 8, Clawson
1954-55	*Walter J. Way, No. 54, Muskegon
1955-56	*Harry M. Cook, No. 59, St. Clair Shores
1956-57	*Jerome W. Hartman, No. 29, Lansing
1957-58	*William M. Allen, No. 73, Brighton
1958-59	*Ivan W. Hughes, No 9, Athens
1959-60	*Walter S. Pattison, No. 54, Muskegon
1960-61	*Kenneth J. Penberthy, No.1, Royal Oak
1961-62	*John L. Campbell, No. 20, Saginaw
1962-63	*Earl L. Ries, No. 73, Howell
1963-64	*Marquis A. Sartell, No. 3, Pontiac
1964-65	*Thomas W. Bailey, No. 1, Highland Park
1965-66	*Orrie C. Mead, No. 64, Holiday, FL
1966-67	*Harold T. Glassford, No. 88, Royal Oak
1967-68	*Daniel Yakuber, No. 1, Detroit
1968-69	*R. L. Hart Oldham, No. 57, Marshall
1969.70	*Flowl F. Barnes, No. 19 Niles

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Carl D. Rufus, No. 11, Willis

Kenneth D. Chandler, Mason

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### DEFUNCT COUNCILS

St. Clair No. 2, Revoked, 1878

Mt. Moriah No. 6 (Coldwater) merged with Nebuzaradan No. 37, May 16, 1992 and took the No. 6.

Three Rivers No. 7, Revoked Dec. 15, 1882

Ionia No. 12, Surrendered, Dec. 27, 1937

Sturgis No. 13, Surrendered Dec. 13, 1936

Hiram (Marshall) No. 14, Revoked Dec. 15, 1882

Putnam (Hudson) No. 16, Surrendered Oct. 23, 1877

Genesee (Fenton) No. 17, Arrested Jan. 7, 1889

St. Johns No. 21, Arrested March 28, 1933

Mosaic No. 22, Revoked, Dec. 28, 1877

Portland No. 23, Surrendered Merged with No. 62, in 1996

Adoniram No. 24, (Manchester) Surrendered Jan. 1, 1936

King Solomon No. 25 (Big Rapids) Revoked April 28, 1941

Clinton No. 26, Surrendered Dec. 3, 1931

Oceana No. 27 (Pentwater) Revoked Dec. 15, 1882

Dowagiac No. 28, Revoked Dec. 15, 1882

Northville No. 30, Revoked Feb. 17, 1901

Reading No. 31, Arrested Dec. 15, 1882

Ithaca No. 33, Surrendered Dec. 10, 1925

Blanchard No. 34 (Tecumseh) Surrendered March 7, 1933

Union City No. 35, forfeited May 16, 1982

Charlotte No. 36, Surrendered Feb. 20, 1934

Holly No. 39, Surrendered April 16, 1932

Bronson No. 40, Revoked Feb. 19, 1900

Centreville No. 41, Revoked Dec. 15, 1882

Lapeer No. 42, Revoked May 15, 1917

Lawrence No. 43, Surrendered Jan 20, 1938

St. Joseph No. 44, Merged with Niles No. 19

South Haven No. 45, merged with St. Joseph No. 44, Sept. 12, 1953

Newago No. 47, Arrested Jan. 12, 1884

Ludington No. 48, Revoked April 29, 1941

Giblum No. 49 (Hastings) Surrendered May 27, 1947

Grand Haven No. 51, Revoked May 21, 1918

Petoskey No 52, Surrendered Feb. 14, 1939

Bay City No. 53, Merged with No. 20 Dec. 12, 1938

Reed City No. 55, Forfeited March 19, 1935

Sah-gon-ah-ka-to (Alpena) Surrendered Dec. 1, 1938

Traverse City No. 61, Surrendered Dec. 5, 1941

Marquette No. 66, Revoked Feb. 9, 1901

King Cyrus No. 67 (Crystal Falls) Forfeited March 4, 1935

St. Louis No. 68, Revoked May, 15, 1927

Grayling No. 70, Revoked Jan. 16, 1900

David S. Kendall (Houghton), Revoked May 9, 1930

Fred L. Wells No. 74 (Port Huron), Surrendered Feb. 12, 1934

Fremont No. 76, Surrendered Feb. 4, 1944

Sanduskey No. 77, Revoked Dec. 27, 1979

Colon No. 78, Surrendered Jan. 4, 1934

Mt. Sinai No. 79, Surrendered Dec. 27, 1928

Bessemer No. 80, Merged with Darius No. 75, Dec. 2, 1993

Charlevoix No. 81, Surrendered May 17, 1920

Benzie (Frankfort) No. 82, Revoked May 14, 1931

Eaton Rapids No. 83, Surrendered Dec. 15, 1935

Almont No. 84, Revoked March 3, 1942

Vicksburg No. 87, Merged with Kalamazoo No. 63, April 10, 1959

Jeremiah No. 88 Ferndale, Merged with Mt. Clemens No. 8, Sept. 25, 1995

Northville No. 89, Took back their old No. 30, 1971-72.

Mt. Ararat No. 5, Merged with Jackson No. 32, April 14, 2004

Albion No. 57, Took back their old No. 14 and name, Hiram, August 17, 2005, at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council



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