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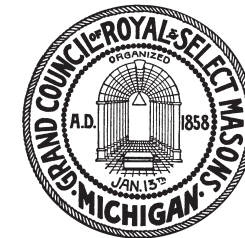
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*The One Hundred Fifty First Annual Assembly will be held in the
City of Flint, Michigan on August 6, 2009*

2008



Kalamazoo, Michigan
August 7



Henry L. Seitz



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Henry L. Seitz
Elected Most Illustrious Grand Master
August 16, 2007
Presided August 7, 2008



Dedicated to the Memory of
Companions
 of the
Constituent Councils
 Called to the
Supreme Grand Council
 In 2008

*May Their Services to the Craft
 Be Long Remembered*

PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
 OF
Royal and Select Masons
 OF THE
 STATE OF MICHIGAN
 ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH
 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
 RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL
 KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN
 AUGUST 7, 2008



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PROCEEDINGS**GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT
MASONS OF MICHIGAN****Radisson Plaza Hotel
Kalamazoo, Michigan
August 7, 2008**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Seitz, inquired of the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder if a constitutional number were present, Most Illustrious Grand Master Seitz proceeded to open the One Hundred Fiftieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan in Full Form.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST

Most Illustrious Companion, William Skrepnek, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master it is my pleasure this morning to present to you and the companions, Most Worshipful Brother, Michael J. Jungel, Most Worshipful Grand Master Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan and I leave him in your fraternal care. Most Illustrious Grand Master welcomed him and conducted him to the East given Grand Honors of Masonry, and was extended with the gavel to preside over this Grand Council. After a short remark he returned the gavel to the Most Illustrious Grand Master and directed him to continue with the annual assembly.

The following Distinguished Guests were presented at the altar, introduced and were escorted to the East, welcomed, accorded appropriate honors, and seated.

INDIANA : Most Illustrious Companion Gary G. Wyne, Most Illustrious Grand Master.

WISCONSIN: Most Illustrious Companion Gene H. Schaber, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Representative to Michigan from Wisconsin

NEW MEXICO: Most Illustrious Companion, James A. White, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Representative to Michigan from New Mexico.

ONTARIO: Most Illustrious Companion Donald F. Kline, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and Most Illustrious Companion Donald R. Pardo, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

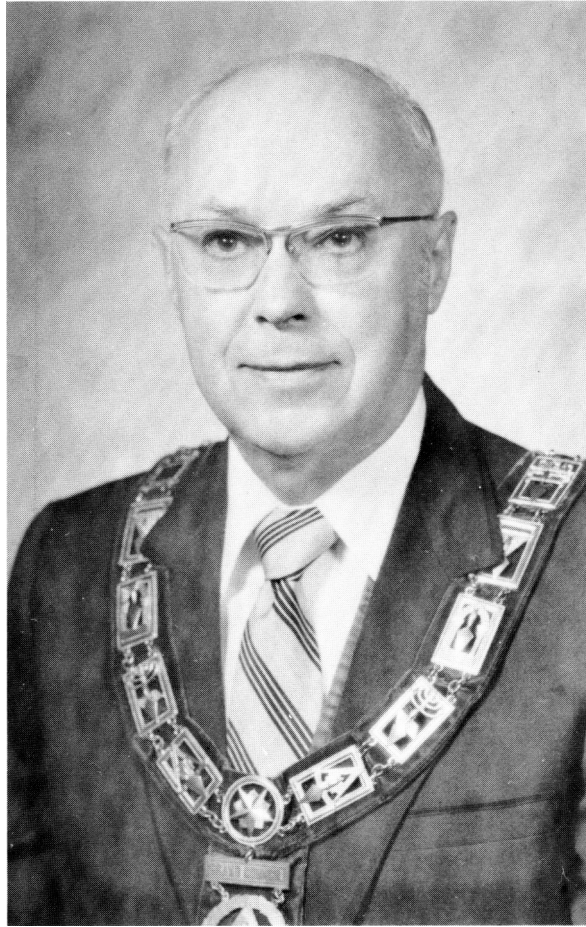
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MICHIGAN: Most Excellent Companion Paul D. Williams, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, William B. Fairchild, Grand King, Larry A. Inscho, Grand Scribe, Brent Helms, Grand Treasurer, Paul C. Howell, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, Carl S. Hobday, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chaplain, Michael R. Colpus, Grand Captain of the Host, Robert E. Cooper, Grand Principal Sojourner, Michael Whiting, Grand Royal Arch Captain, David W. Dossette, Grand 3rd Veil, James M. Kiefer, Grand 2nd. Veil, Louis C. McCray, Grand 1st Veil and



**Dedicated to the Memory of
The Honored Dead
of our
Sister Grand Jurisdictions
Year 2008**

*We join with Them in Mourning the
Loss of
Their Beloved Companions in Masonry*

In Memoriam



Grand Council
Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

J. Bruce Eldred
Elected Most Illustrious Grand Master 1980
Born August 11, 1920, Maple Rapids, MI
Died July 1, 2008 Alma, MI

several Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest Harry A. Walbridge, Wayne E. Turton, Paul C. Johnston, Gordon B. Ruthruff, K. Lee Yeager, James J. Vann, George W.H. Lyons, and Duane E. Warner.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MICHIGAN: Sir Knight Glenn V. Leeper, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight William P. Herlihy, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Loren A. Winn, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Roy A. Ickes, Eminent Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Cortland C. Rule, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Richard E. Hansen, Past Very Eminent Grand Commander, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Thomas G. Joslyn, Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Vernon T. Barnhart, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Claude A. Miller, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Robert F. LeGrand, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Lynwood Q. Alverson, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Gerald L. Williams, Eminent Grand Warden, Sir Knight John E. Rollins, Eminent Grand Sentinel, several Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders, Robert C. Ickes, James E. Hawn, Emmett W. Mills Jr., and Past Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander David L. Seyferth.

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 Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Michigan, also Grand Viceroy of the Red Cross of Constantine.

HIGH TWELVE: Terry G. Baker, President, Michigan Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

MICHIGAN PRIORY NO. 22 KNIGHT YORK CROSS OF HONOUR: William E. LeVeque, Prior, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan and Worshipful Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

MICHIGAN COUNCIL THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER'S: Michael Whiting, Thrice Illustrious Master, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan and Grand Royal Arch Captain Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

YORK RITE SOVERIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA. Right Eminently Distinguish Brother Ernest Berry, Grand Governor of Michigan, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan and Past Grand Master General of Convent General – Knights of the York Rite Cross of Honour.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL: Most Illustrious Companion George C. Sellars, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan. Lawrence O. Weaver, Right Puissant North West Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MICHIGAN: Most Worshipful Brothers Charles S. Moulthrop Jr., Wayne E. Turton and William Skrepnek, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master's.

**ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS
2007 – 2008**

HENRY L. SEITZ Most Illustrious Grand Master
ANTHONY M. CHAMBERLIN Right Ill. Deputy Grand Master
BRIAN K. HIMES Right Ill. Grand Prin. Conductor of the Work
WILLIAM E. LE VEQUE, PMIGM Right Ill. Grand Treasurer
TERRY G. BAKER, PMIGM Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
GEORGE W. H. LYONS, PMIGM Illustrious Grand Chaplain
STEPHEN R. STRIGGOW Right Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard
RICHARD D. TONDA Ill. Grand Conductor of the Council
JAMES R. SPRAGUE Illustrious Grand Steward
DWIGHT A. HUMM Illustrious Grand Marshal
DUANE E. WARNER, PMIGM. Illustrious Grand Sentinel
*Absent

**ROLL CALL OF PAST GRAND MASTERS
AND YEAR ELECTED**

NAME YEAR ELECTED
* JOHN LONGO 1974
* G. GORDON GOODMAN 1982
WILLIAM SKREPNEK 1983
* GORDON J. KARSLAKE 1984
* CHARLES T. MEYER 1986
GEORGE C. SELLARS 1988
GEORGE W. H. LYONS 1990
* MICHAEL L. STELLUTE 1991
ERNEST BERRY 1992
JEFFREY K. BURK 1993
MICHAEL J. JUNGEL 1994
* KENNETH D. CHANDLER 1995
* CHARLES E. STEWART 1996
DONALD L. HIMES 1997
* RONALD B. BLAISDELL 1998
JERRY C. TOWNSEND 1999
DUANE E. WARNER 2001
WILLIAM E. LE VEQUE 2002
WILLIAM A. SIEBERT 2003
TERRY G. BAKER 2004
MICHAEL WHITING 2004
* KENNEY L. LENFESTEY 2005
WARREN A. CARUSS 2006
*Absent

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
Darius Council No. 75, Consolidated with Hiawatha Council No. 65, August 2, 2008
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

DEFUNCT COUNCILS

St. Clair No.2, Revoked, 1878
 Mt. Ararat No.5, Merged with Jackson No. 32, April 14, 2004
 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 0.44, 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
 Albion No. 57, Took back their old No. 14 and name, Hiram, August 17, 2005, at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council
 Sah-gon-ah-ka-to (Alpena) Surrendered Dec. 1, 1938
 Traverse City No. 61, Surrendered Dec. 5, 1941

**ROLL CALL OF ARCH DEPUTIES
2007 – 2008**

Robert O. Troutman 1st Arch Deputy
 David W. Dossette 2nd Arch Deputy
 Philip C. Smith 3rd Arch Deputy
 4th Arch Deputy
 Wayne E. Caruss 5th Arch Deputy
 George E. Maule 6th Arch Deputy
 James H. Miller 7th Arch Deputy
 John R. Antoncew 8th Arch Deputy
 Duane E. Warner 9th Arch Deputy
 William H. Ford 10th Arch Deputy
 Laurel J. Moffit Arch Deputy at Large
 Michael Whiting, PMIGM Grand Lecturer
 *Absent

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 Arizona Paul C. Howell
 * Arkansas Charles E. Stewart
 * California Kenney L. Lenfestey
 Canada – East Donald L. Trumbull
 Canada – Ontario William E. LeVeque
 Canada – West Henry L. Seitz
 Colorado William Skrepnek
 * Connecticut Ronald B. Blaisdell
 Delaware Anthony M. Chamberlin
 * District of Columbia K. Lee Yeager
 England – Wales Carl S. Hobday
 France William B. Fairchild
 Florida George C. Sellars
 Georgia Gordon B. Ruthruff
 Germany William H. Ford
 Greece Wayne E. Caruss
 Hawaii Jeffrey K. Burk
 * Idaho Gene C. Welsh
 * Illinois Charles T. Myer
 * Indiana Kenneth D. Chandler
 * Iowa J. Bruce Eldred
 * Israel Seymour D. Greenstone
 * Kansas John Longo
 * Kentucky Michael L. Stellute
 * Louisiana Clayton E. Swinburnson
 Maine Dwight A. Humm
 * Maryland L. James Ketchum
 * Massachusetts Salvatore Busuito
 Minnesota Richard D. Tonda

Mississippi	Michael J. Jungel
Missouri	Robert O. Troutman
Montana	Harlayne U'Ren
Nebraska	Duane E. Warner
Nevada	Warren A. Caruss
* New Hampshire	Richard E. Cooper
New Jersey	William A. Siebert
* New Mexico	Joseph Wise
New York	Donald L. Himes
* North Carolina	Stanley B. Luykx
* North Dakota	Thomas K. Tabor
Ohio	George W. H. Lyons
* Oklahoma	Gordon J. Karlake
* Oregon	Corbin P. Elloit
Pennsylvania	Michael Whiting
Philippines	Stephen R. Striggow
Portugal	Jan L. Baderstadt
Rhode Island	Richard E. Hansen
Scotland	Raymond Parker Jr.
South Carolina	Brian K. Himes
* South Dakota	Frances G. Callahan
Tennessee	William L. Leonard
Texas	Ernest Berry
Utah	Laurel J. Moffit
Vermont	James R. Sprague
* Washington	William E. Coleman
Wisconsin	Jerry C. Townsen*
Wyoming	
* Absent	

APPOINTMENTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

DIVISION AND REFERENCE:

Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM, Chairman
William A. Siebert, PMIGM
George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS:

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William H. Ford, PTIM
Lloyd A. Darling, PTIM

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Jerry C. Townsend, PMIGM
Jeffrey K. Burk, PMIGM

1991-92	*Carl H. Cull, No. 56, Burton
1992-93	Robert Vessey, No. 4, Ottawa Lake
1993-94	George C. Sellars, No. 8, Harrison Twp.
1994-95	Donald L. Himes, No. 8, Washington Twp.
1995-96	Brian K. Himes, No. 8, Eastpointe
1996-97	Paul C. Howell, No. 86, Ypsilanti
1997-98	Carl S. Hobday, No. 3, Auburn Hills
1998-99	Clay E. Swinburnson, No. 3, Lake Orion
1999-00	Jerry E. Townsend, No. 6, Marcellus
2000-01	Richard E. Cooper, No. 85, Ithaca
2001-02	James L. Ketchum, No. 59, Cheboygan
2002-03	Ronald B. Blaisdell, No. 1, Redford
2003-04	James J. Vann Sr., No. 4, Petersburg
2004-05	Carl D. Rufus, No. 11, Willis
2005-06	Kenneth D. Chandler, Mason
2006-07	Michael Whiting, No. 3, Pontiac
2007-08	Kenny Lenfestey, No. 3, Brighton
2008-09	Anthony M. Chamberlin, No. 59, Marysville

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	*Floyd E. Barnes, No. 19, Niles
1970-71	*Charles W. Rideoutt, No. 54, Spring Lake
1971-72	*Walter D. Hutchins, No. 30, Wayne
1972-73	*Kai V. Kofoed, No. 10, Grand Rapids
1973-74	*Kenneth Yager, No. 60, Roscommon
1974-75	*Benjamin A. Rossin, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1975-76	*George S. Parker, No. 59, New Hudson
1976-77	*O. Eugene Osborne, No. 1, Trenton
1977-78	*Earl C. Quakenbush, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1978-79	*Ralph W. Raiford, Jr., No. 86, Ann Arbor
1979-80	*Orville J. Henschel, No. 37, Constantine
1980-81	Charles T. Myer, No. 1, Trenton
1981-82	*Masao Kon, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1982-83	*Richard M. Crofut, No. 4, Trenton
1983-84	*Jack N. Shimonishi, No. 30, Detroit
1984-85	*Raymond A. McPhee, No. 23, Lansing
1984-85	*Kensell R. Goss, No. 63, Gobels (Honorary)
1985-86	*W. Wayne Stephenson, No. 60, Wolverine
1986-87	*Gorman Nicholson, No. 1, Gibraltar
1987-88	*David F. Hicks, No. 32, Brooklyn
1988-89	Ernest Berry, No. 4, Trenton
1989-90	*Kendall E. Welch, No. 3, Pontiac
1990-91	*John J. Dull, No. 9 & 91, Nashville

CHARTER AND DISPENSATIONS:

Stephen R. Striggow, RIGCG, Chairman
Richard D. Tonda, IGCC
Anthony M. Chamberlin, RIDGM

COMMITTEE ON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING:

Dwight A. Humm, IGM, Chairman
Brian K. Himes, RIPCW
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

William E. LeVeque, PMIGM, Chairman
Laurel J. Moffit, PTIM
Michael Whiting, PMIGM

TELLERS:

Michael Whiting, PMIGM, Chairman
Frank Callahan, PTIM
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Tommy R. Amidon, PTIM
Ivan L. Fletcher, PTIM
Bernard C. Kirchoff, PTIM
Wayne E. Caruss, PTIM

COMMITTEE REPORT 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	12
Past Grand Officers entitled to one vote each	8
Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each	20
Deputy Masters entitled to one vote each	18
Principal Conductor of the Work entitled to one vote each	12
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each	55
Arch Deputies Instructors entitled to one vote each	3
Proxy votes issued at one vote each	11
TOTAL VOTES OR BALLOTS ISSUED	139

29 Councils represented

12 Distinguished Guests registered

Councils not represented: #6, #46, #72, #86, #92

Respectfully submitted,
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM, Chairman
Bernard C. Kirchoff, PTIM, (59)
Fred R. Jex, (59)

E-MAILS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of regret were acknowledged from the following:

Most Illustrious Companion, Kenneth D. Chandler, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master,

Mrs. Marge Wilson: I am sorry but I will not be able to attend the Grand Council this year. I hope that you will have a wonderful session. Take care and God bless you all.

Mrs. Shirley Gidden: Thank you so much for your kind invitation to join you for the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. I sincerely regret to inform you that I will not be able to attend due to health problems. I miss not attending, they were such grand times. My very best to all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2007 PROCEEDINGS

Most Illustrious Grand Master Seitz announced that the Minutes of the 2007 Grand Assembly held in Pontiac, Michigan, have been printed and distributed to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Sister Grand Jurisdictions, Grand Representatives, Grand Representatives 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 2008 proceedings. There being no objection, they will stand as printed.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER ADDRESS 150TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Distinguished Guests, Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Illustrious Companions and Companions of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

Welcome to the 150th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan. I sincerely hope that you and your ladies are enjoying yourselves here at this Grand Council, and that your stay will be a pleasant one.

To the Officers, Past Grand Masters, Companions, and ladies of this Grand Council, we welcome you to this your Grand Assembly. You have gathered here to participate in and support our deliberations, and to provide the needed guidance and counseling necessary to make this Grand Council a success.

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1233 Peavy Road, Howell, MI 48843-8852, (517) 546-7078
8th Laurel J. Moffit, No. 38 (2001)
228 N. Spring St. Box 107, Vernon, MI 48476-0107, (517) 288-2879

Thrice Illustrious Master Anthony M. Chamberlin thanked the installing officers and members for their confidence and support.

The Recorder then presented a Past Thrice Illustrious Masters Jewel to Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Kenney Lenfestey.

The candidates were presented with their Dues Cards, and a Silver Trowel,

The Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was then closed in due form by the Thrice Illustrious Master Anthony M. Chamberlin, at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Brian K. Himes, PTIM
Thrice Illustrious Recorder/Treasurer

It was moved and seconded that Donald L. Trumbull be elected Sentinel. The motion carried.

Companion Michael Whiting, PTIM was appointed Chaplain by the incoming Thrice Illustrious Master Anthony M. Chamberlin. The incoming Thrice Illustrious Master appointed the Prologuizer and Heralds, and all accepted their appointments.

The officers elected and appointed were then installed by George C. Sellars, PTIM, Installing Grand Master, assisted by Donald L. Himes, PTIM, as Installing Grand Marshal.

2008-2009 OFFICERS

- Anthony M. Chamberlin, No. 59 Thrice Illustrious Master
76 Michigan Avenue, Marysville, MI 48040-1110, (810) 364-2676
- Warren A. Caruss, No. 62 Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden
11142 Bishop Hwy, Lansing MI 48911-6201, (517) 646-0504
- K. Lee Yeager, No. 4 Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden
1832 Center Drive, Temperance, MI 48182-9268 (734) 847-6660
- Brian K. Himes, PTIM, No. 8 Thrice Illustrious Recorder/Treasurer
24584 Laetham, Eastpointe, MI 48021-1046, (586) 772-5582
- James H. Miller No. 11 Thrice Illustrious Steward
12829 Millers Drive, Milan, MI 48160-9782, (734) 439-3582
- Donald Trumbull Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
P.O. Box 997, Pinckney, MI 48169-0997, (734) 878-1714
- Michael Whiting, PTIM, No. 1 Thrice Illustrious Chaplain
615 Melrose, Pontiac, MI 48340-3116, (248) 373-7081

PROLOGUIZER

Charles J. Tuttle, No. 63 (2006)
2512 Lake Street, Niles, MI 49120-1310 (269) 684-9859

HERALDS

- 1st Robert E. Cooper, No. 10 (2006)
101 20 Mile Road NE, Cedar Springs 49319-9629 (616) 696-4847
- 2nd William A. Siebert, No 20 (2006)
P.O. Box 116, Gladwin, MI 48624-0116, (989) 426-3559
- 3rd Bernard Kirchoff, No. 59 (2007)
455 6th. Street, Marysville, MI 48040-1203 (810) 364-9702
- 4th Michael Roberts, No. 4 (2008)
432 East 3rd, Monroe, MI 48161 (734) 384-0451

To the Officers of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, Scottish Rite, and all other Appendant bodies of Masonry, your kindness and hospitality shown to me during my term have been greatly appreciated.

A bit less than a year ago, you elected me your Most Illustrious Grand Master. It has been a busy year, full of joy and heartbreak, great rewards, some regrets. But throughout this year, I have been most honored and privileged to serve this Grand Council. I have always striven to represent you with the dignity and grace. Regardless of whatever obstacles and vicissitudes may have fallen into my path, the Divine Creator has, as always, been there to support and uplift me. I will hold the many warm memories of this year, not to mention kindness and generosity you have all extended to me, dear to my heart.

It is now my privilege to report on my stewardship during the preceding year.

NECROLOGY

The Divine Architect has gathered unto himself a dearly beloved Grand Master, J. Bruce Eldred, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Master in 1980. We also lost a great friend to the Grand Council when his wife, known affectionately as "Lady Jane", preceded him in death over the last year. Sadly do we mourn their loss; they will be missed, and long may we remember them. We also grieve over the loss of the many Companions in our Constituent Councils and offer condolences to the loved ones of the Eldred family and all of our lost Companions, further extending our condolences to their loved ones and families.

Illustrious Companions of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, to you we extend our sincere sympathy for the many losses you have suffered this past year.

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 of our Sister Jurisdictions.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD, SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

KANSAS Most Illustrious Companion Jim D. Beye

MICHIGAN GRAND OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Companion J. Bruce Eldred, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Emeritus of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan and Thirty Third Degree Mason Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Most Worshipful Brother Robert N. Osborne, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan and Thirty Third Degree Mason, Past Deputy of Michigan Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Illustrious Grand Marshal, conduct the Illustrious Grand Chaplain to the Altar.

PRAYER AT ALTAR

Almighty and everlasting God we come to you in this time of sorrow and ask that you watch over our departed Companions as they have completed their labors on earth and journey to their everlasting lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

To the relatives and friends of our departed Companions, let us remember their words, "Oh so happy and so bright, there is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. I am home in heaven at last. And God came Himself to meet me in the way so hard to tread. And with his arms to lean on, could I have one doubt or dread? All the pain and grief is over, every restless moment has passed; I am now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last.

You must not grieve for me, for I love you dearly still; and look beyond the shadow of death and trust our Father's will. There is work still waiting for you, so do it while you can, for soon you shall rest in peace in our Heavenly Father's hand. When that work has been completed he will gently call you Home. Oh, the joy of that meeting. Oh, the joy to see you Home." Amen.

George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM
Illustrious Grand Chaplain

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 the Grand Council in memory of these departed Companions.

5th. Herald John T. Updike
6th. Herald Richard D. Tonda
7th. Herald Frank Callahan
8th. Herald Laurel J. Moffit
Prologuizer Charles J. Tuttle

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 Kenney L. Lenfestey called to order the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters for the business of the Council.

Thrice Illustrious Master Kenney L. Lenfestey congratulated the newly made Thrice Illustrious Masters and hoped that they had enjoyed the conferral of the degree.

Thrice Illustrious Master Kenney L. Lenfestey introduced the Past Thrice Illustrious Masters in attendance.

It was moved and seconded that the Records and Financial Report of the last Assembly printed in the 2007 Proceedings be approved. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance as of August 16, 2007	\$ 1,131.23
Receipts from Fees	\$ 150.00
Expenses	\$ 200.00
Balance as of August 7, 2008	\$ 1,081.23

It was moved and seconded that we pay the Grand Council R. & S.M. for the printing of the Directory and Proceedings for 2008 the sum of \$75.00. The motion carried.

The Recorder informed the Companions that due to the current poor financial condition of Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters that he was not accepting the annual fee of \$100.00 given to the Recorder as stated in the By Laws.

The Recorder had no out of pocket expenses.

A motion was made and seconded to instruct the Sentinel to have the robes dry cleaned next spring. The motion was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008-2009

It was moved and seconded the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Steward, and Sentinel, be advanced one station and that the Recorder/Treasurer be reelected. The motion carried.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2008 ASSEMBLY
THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF
THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

The Sixty Fourth Annual Assembly of the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was opened in due form at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo, Michigan on August 7, 2008, at 4:16 PM by the Thrice Illustrious Master Kenney L. Lenfestey. A warm welcome was extended to all members and guests.

The names of the candidates for this order were read, as follows:

Ivan L. Fletcher, Jr.	Monroe Council No. 1
Thomas E. Wright	Pontiac Council No. 3
Michael Roberts	River Raisin No. 4
Arland C. Eilert	Mount Clemens Council No. 8
Michael J. Szabo	Union Council No. 11
Bruce L. Plemmons	Northville Council No. 30
Anthony M. Helferich	Muskegon Council No. 54
Richard F. Porter	Grand Ledge Council No. 62
Justin Sutton	Livingston Council No. 73
Jack Schubel	Cass City Council No. 90

It was moved, seconded, and carried that all the candidates so named will receive the "Order of the Silver Trowel".

It was moved and seconded that Honorary Memberships be granted to Most Illustrious Companion Gary G. Wyne, MIGM of Indiana, Right Illustrious Companion Max Maupin, RIGPCW of Indiana, and Most Illustrious Companion Lawrence Weaver, PMIGM of Oregon. The motion was carried.

The prologue was given by Illustrious Companion Charles J. Tuttle, from Kalamazoo Council No. 63, Kalamazoo. 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

T.I. Master	Kenney L. Lenfestey
King David	Kenney L. Lenfestey
T.I. Senior Warden	Anthony M. Chamberlin
T.I. Junior Warden	Warren A. Caruss
T.I. Steward	K. Lee Yeager
T.I. Chaplain	Michael Whiting, PTIM
T.I. Recorder/Treasurer	Brian K. Himes, PTIM
T.I. Sentinel	James Miller
1st. Herald	Robert E. Cooper
2nd. Herald	William Siebert
3rd. Herald	Bernard C. Kirchoff
4th. Herald	Donald L. Trumbull

VISITATIONS

August 25	Grand Worth Advisor Reception, Alma
Sept 18	Menominee Lodge No. 269, Menominee
Sept 21-22	MIGM Reception and Sesquicentennial Celebration, Sault Ste. Marie
	Board Meeting
Sept 28	Rosicrusians, Eaton Rapids
Sept 29	Western New York Festival, Buffalo, NY
Sept 30-Oct 2	Grand Council of Ohio, Cleveland, OH
Oct 6	DeMolay State Master Councilors Reception, Roseville, MI
Oct 8-9	Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter, Battle Creek, MI
Oct 10	Super Excellent Master Degree, Northville, MI
Oct 12-13	Valley of Marquette, AASR, Marquette, MI
Oct 13	St. Bonaventure Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Oct 16	Menominee Lodge No. 269, Menominee
Oct 27	Grand High Priest Reception, Port Huron, MI
Nov 3	St. Bonaventure Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Annual Meeting, Marquette, MI
Nov 20	Menominee Lodge No. 269, Menominee
Nov 24	Constitution of Sunrise Council No. 93, Installation of Officers, Hale, MI
Dec 11	Menominee Lodge No. 269, Menominee, Installation of Officers
Jan 9	Iron Mountain Lodge No. 388, Kingsford, Installation of Officers
Jan 12	Board of General Purposes, Alma
Jan 15	Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation Board of Directors, Lansing
Jan 19	York Rite College, Gladstone
Jan 24-27	Winter Retreat, Muskegon, Board Meeting
Feb 2	Saginaw Festival
Feb 16	George Washington Dinner, Caro
Feb 19	Menominee Lodge No. 269, Menominee
Mar 1	Kalamazoo Festival
Mar 7-8	East Central Conference, Bloomington, IL
Mar 15	Board of General Purposes
Mar 18	Menominee Lodge No. 269, Menominee
Apr 12	Monroe Council No. 1, Festival, Detroit, MI, Board Meeting
Apr 15	Menominee Lodge NO. 269, Menominee
Apr 19	York Rite College, Marquette, Installation of Officers
Apr 25	Indiana Grand Council, Indianapolis, IN
Apr 27	Strawberry Festival, Mason, Board Meeting
May 18	Valley of Marquette, AASR, Marquette
May 22-23	Grand Council of Ontario, St. Catharines, ON
May 29-31	Grand Lodge, Detroit
Jun 14	Council of Deliberation, Grand Rapids
Jun 15	York Rite Day at the Tiger Ballgame, Detroit

Jun 18-19	Grand Council of Wisconsin, Green Bay, WI
Jun 21	You-per Council, St. Ignace
Jul 9-12	Job's Daughters Grand Session, Grand Rapids
Jul 26	Erwin O'Dell Reception, Lansing

Visiting all of the Councils within this last year was an unrealistic goal, which I never set, but went to as many things as I was able, considering health, distance, schedules, and the ever increasing cost of gasoline. I have encouraged my Officers and Arch Deputies to visit the Councils in their areas as often as feasible and needed under the circumstances. I think establishing close working relationships between the Councils and the Officers and Arch Deputies will ultimately be far more effective than one ceremonial visit. I do hope, however, to be able over the next few years to visit all of the Councils I missed. DGM Anthony Chamberlin and GPCW Brian Himes represented the Grand Council and me well in those instances when I was unable to attend, and I thank them.

APPOINTMENTS

During the Cryptic Year 2007 – 2008, I appointed the following companions to these positions:

Richard D. Tonda	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
James R. Sprague	Illustrious Grand Steward
Dwight A. Humm	Illustrious Grand Marshal
George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM	Ill. Grand Chaplain and Cast Director
Duane E. Warner, PMIGM	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Michael Whiting	Illustrious Grand Lecturer
Robert O. Troutman, PTIM	1st Arch Deputy
David W. Dossette, PTIM	2nd Arch Deputy
Phillip C. Smith, PTIM	3rd Arch Deputy
Kenney L. Lenfestey, PMIGM (Resigned)	4th Arch Deputy
Wayne E. Caruss, PTIM	5th Arch Deputy
George E. Maule, PTIM	6th Arch Deputy
James H. Miller, PTIM	7th Arch Deputy
John Antoncew, PTIM	8th Arch Deputy
Duane E. Warner, PMIGM	9th Arch Deputy
William H. Ford, PTIM	10th Arch Deputy
Laurel J. Moffitt, PTIM	Arch Deputy at Large

The 2007 – 2008 Standing and Special Committees have been listed in the 2008 Directory and will be included in the proceedings of the 150th Annual Assembly.

DISPENSATIONS

September 18, 2007. Approved Straits Area Council #92, to hold a special assembly in undedicated quarters at the Kewadin Hotel, and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on September 22, 2007, for the purpose of conferring the Royal Master, Select Master and Most Excellent Master degrees as a part of the Grand Council Sesquicentennial 150th Year Anniversary Celebration.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Near Michigan		Near Sister Jurisdiction
Terry G. Baker	Alabama	Carmel D. Olive
Paul C. Howell	Arizona	Elston R. Dibble
Charles E. Stewart	Arkansas	Jimmy W. Bennett
Kenney L. Lenfestey	California	Frederick G. Kleyn, III
Donald L. Trumbull	Canada-East	Gerald B. MacLellan
William E. Le Veque	Canada-Ontario	Thomas G. Janes
Henry L. Seitz	Canada-West	Hugh E. Ferster
William Skrepnek	Colorado	Myron Darmour
Ronald B. Blaisdell	Connecticut	Gary A. Littlefield
Anthony M. Chamberlin	Delaware	Charles H. Lengel, Jr.
Kay L. Yeager	Dist. Of Columbia	Russell E. Tazelaar
Carl S. Hobday	England-Wales	D.S.M. Mortimore
George C. Sellars	Florida	Rodger L. Craig, Sr.
William Fairchild	France	
Gordon B. Ruthruff	Georgia	Amdre E. Lovas
William H. Ford	Germany	Walter Eichin
Wayne E. Caruss	Greece	Dimitrios Papakyriakow
Jeffrey K. Burk	Hawaii	Raymond Wieckowicz
Gene C. Welsh	Idaho	Duane Sartwell
Charles T. Myer	Illinois	Robert M. Hill
Kenneth D. Chandler	Indiana	Thomas D. Barton
J. Bruce Eldred	Iowa	Lyle C. Johnson
Seymour D. Greenstone	Israel	
John Longo	Kansas	John L. Henkert
Michael L. Stellute	Kentucky	Jerome "Herman" Dean
Clayton E. Swinburnson	Louisiana	Ernest E. Clower
Dwight A. Humm	Maine	Gordon E. Reynolds
L. James Ketchum	Maryland	Carl I. Cicchetti
Salvator Busuito	Massachusetts	Michael A. Brown
Richard D. Tonda	Minnesota	James Fisher
Michael J. Jungel	Mississippi	Kiely D. Walker
Robert O. Troutman	Missouri	John E. Schofield
Harlayne U'Ren	Montana	Elmer R. Cole
Duane E. Warner	Nebraska	Warren D. Lichty, Jr.
Warren A. Caruss	Nevada	Edward M. Block
Richard E. Cooper	New Hampshire	Russell H. Coleman
William A. Siebert	New Jersey	Paul D. Loveland, Jr.
Joseph Wise	New Mexico	James A. White
Donald Lee Himes	New York	Leslie A. Kerr
Stanley B. Luykx	North Carolina	Alton T. Gaskill
Thomas K. Tabor	North Dakota	Harvey G. Vreugenhill
George W. H. Lyons	Ohio	Gary Lee Smith
Gordon I. Karslake	Oklahoma	Barry Spradling
Corbin P. Elliott	Oregon	H. Parker Spalding
Michael Whiting	Pennsylvania	George E. Silvers
Stephen R. Striggow	Philippines	Danilo C. Datu
Jan. L. Baderstadt	Portugal	Joaquin Cardoso Martins
Richard E. Hansen	Rhode Island	Charles F. Lindsley
Raymond Parker, Jr.	Scotland	William Hannah Stuart
Brian K. Himes	South Carolina	Andrew J. Williams, Jr.
Francis G. Calhahan	South Dakota	James P. Heald
William L. Leonard	Tennessee	Marshall A. Stinnett
Ernest Berry	Texas	Don R. Cowley
Laurel J. Moffitt	Utah	Billy F. Baker
James R. Sprague	Vermont	Edward E. Nawotka, Jr
William E. Coleman	Washington	Norman F Campo
Jerry C. Townsend	Wisconsin	Gene Schaber
Donald E. Haslett, Sr	Wyoming	William F. Winkle

Address may be obtained from the Grand Recorder's Office

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.
 1990 GEORGE W. H. LYONS, Shelby Twp.
 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. Died November 24, 2005
 2001 DUANE E. WARNER, Watervliet.
 2002 WILLIAM E. LE VEQUE, Wetmore.
 2003 WILLIAM A. SIEBERT, Gladwin.
 2004 TERRY G. BAKER, Marysville.
 2004 MICHAEL WHITING, Pontiac.
 2005 KENNEY L. LENFESTEY, Brighton
 2006 WARREN A. CARUSS, Lansing

June 3, 2008. To establish a new Council under dispensation in Traverse City, to be known under the name and style of Traverse City Council under dispensation and to appoint the Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work.

BY-LAWS APPROVAL

April 28, 2008. Approved an amendment to the by-laws of Marine City Council #59 to set the dues annually as the amount approved by the membership sufficient to under write the budget and to define dues as not including Grand Council per capita, assessments and fees.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Darius Council No. 75, without holding a meeting, solicited by mail the intention of its members to consolidate with Hiawatha Council No. 65, which the members by responding mail approved. The Recorder of Darius Council No. 65 then submitted transfers for all of the Darius Council members to Hiawatha Council, together with a check supposedly representing the balance of funds remaining with Darius Council, that sum being just enough to pay the per capita for the members purportedly being transferred to Hiawatha Council. He also sent the Darius Charter to the Grand Recorder in an attempt to surrender that Charter.

Upon advice of the Jurisprudence Committee, I declared that the attempted transfer and surrender of charter as a sort of left-handed attempt to consolidate with Hiawatha Council was contrary to Cryptic law, null and void. I further instructed the Arch Deputy to obtain the funds sent to Hiawatha Council and place them in a cashier's check payable to the Grand Council.

I have learned from various of the members of Darius Council that the intention of all concerned has been to consolidate with Hiawatha Council, but that Darius Council was unable to hold a constitutional meeting, it being unable to have the requisite numbers of members in attendance. Hence, the abortive effort to accomplish the consolidation as stated above.

To resolve this dilemma, I called a meeting of Darius Council, intending to preside at the meeting. The Recorder of Darius Council responded with a listing of members showing that each of them could not or would not attend the meeting. I went to the meeting. No one else showed up.

The Cryptic law is silent with respect to efforts to effect a consolidation where it is impossible to constitute a meeting to approve that action. I find, nevertheless, that it is the intention of the membership to consolidate with Hiawatha Council, as expressed in the response mail, and as I have found from conversations with various members. Further, at my request, Hiawatha Council has approved a consolidation with Darius Council.

Now, therefore, by virtue of my authority as implied in the Cryptic Law, I do hereby approve the consolidation of Darius Council No. 75 into Hiawatha Council No. 65.

It is so ordered this 2nd day of August, 2008

GRAND MASTER' SERVICE AWARD

The Grand Master' Service Award is given to those Companions who have signed at least three petitions. These petitions can be accumulated over several years. I do urge Recorder to submit the names of the deserving companions for this award. This year it is my pleasure to present this award to the following:

Bruce Blondo	Mt. Clemens Council No. 8
Thomas J. Myers	Durand Council No. 38
Stephen R. Striggow	Durand Council No. 38
Calvin L. Kinslow	Durand Council No. 38
Leonard W. Campbell	Durand Council No. 38
Gerald D. Kentfield	Durand Council No. 38
Robert E. Cooper	Tyre Council No. 10
James M. Kiefer	Tyre Council No. 10

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S MERITORIOUS AWARD

Several Companions have contributed service of the most notable quality, and have thus distinguished themselves, should be recognized by me for their contributions. I therefore, present the Most Illustrious Grand Master Meritorious Award to the following:

Right Ill. Co. Anthony M. Chamberlin, RIDGM	Marine City #59
Right Ill. Companion Brian K. Himes, RIGPCW	Mt. Clemens #8
Right Ill. Companion Stephen R. Striggow, RIGCG	Durand #38
Illustrious Companion Richard D. Tonda, IGCC	Flint #56
Illustrious Companion James R. Sprague, IGS	Pontiac #3
Illustrious Companion William H. Ford	Straits Area #92
Illustrious Companion Robert O. Troutman	Mt. Clemens #8
Illustrious Companion George E. Maule	Hiawatha #65
Companion David G. Boring	Mt. Clemens #8

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

The Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year will be announced this evening at the Grand Banquet. The Grand Council is rich in fine, capable Thrice Illustrious Masters. It behooves us to make sure that deserving candidates for this award are nominated each year.

RECORDER OF THE YEAR

The announcement of the Recorder of the Year will also be made at the Grand Banquet.

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.F.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, Florida, 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. BOUDEMANN, Kalamazoo. Died December 24, 1979.
 1954 CLYDE G TOWNSEND, Pontiac. Died March 15, 1964.
 1955 RUSSELL H. KIKSTADT, Clearwater, Florida, 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, Florida, 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 Ste. Marie. Died June 1, 1997.
 1966 EARL E. PETTIT, Williamston. Died November 30, 1979.
 1967 KENNETH I. 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. Died April 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, Florida
 1975 ERNEST L. WELSH, Gobles. Died April 29, 2004.
 1976 HAROLD E. 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, Mt. Pleasant. Died July 1, 2008
 1981 KAI VILMER KOFOED, Grand Rapids, Died August 30, 1997.
 1982 GLENCOE GORDON GOODMAN, Palm Harbor, FL

- 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 HUDSO , 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 September 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 October 10, 1917.
- 1907 FRANK OSCAR GILBERT, Bay 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.

AWARDS

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

The Cryptic Mason of the year award was presented by Right Puissant George C. Sellars, Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International to Illustrious Companion Wayne E. Caruss, Grand Ledge Council No. 62. He also presented the Youth Leadership Award Medal to Hazel Chapman.

Thrice Illustrious Masters Award was presented by Most Illustrious Companion, Henry L. Seitz, Most Illustrious Grand Master to Illustrious Companion Ivan L. Fletcher from Monroe Council No. 1.

The Recorder of the Year Award was presented by Most Illustrious Companion, Terry G. Baker, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder to Illustrious Companion, Duane E. Warner, of Kalamazoo Council No. 63.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers were duly elected for the year 2008-2009:

- Anthony M. Chamberlin Most Illustrious Grand Master
- Brian K. Himes Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
- Stephen R. Striggow Right Ill. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
- William E. LeVeque, PMIGM Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
- Terry G. Baker, PMIGM Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
- Richard D. Tonda Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect Chamberlin appointed the following Officers:

- James R. Sprague, PMEGHP Ill. Grand Conductor of the Council
- Dwight A. Humm Illustrious Grand Steward
- William L. Mercier Illustrious Grand Marshal
- George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM, PMEGHP Illustrious Grand Chaplain
- Duane E. Warner, PMIGM, PMEGHP Illustrious Grand Sentinel
- Michael Whiting, PMIGM Grand Lecturer

ARCH DEPUTIES:

- Robert O. Troutman 1st Arch
- David W. Dossette. 2nd Arch
- Phillip C. Smith 3rd Arch
- Wayne E. Caruss 4th Arch
- George E. Maulle 5th Arch
- James H. Miller 6th Arch
- Darwin J. Snider 7th Arch
- Duane E. Warner 8th Arch

William H. Ford 9th Arch
 Laurel J. Moffit Arch Deputy at Large
 William A. Siebert Arch Deputy at Large

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

The formal announcement of the Cryptic Mason of the Year will also be made this evening at the Grand Banquet. While we have moved away from tradition and have informed the recipient that he would receive the award in order to insure his attendance, I have chosen to revert back to tradition and will not now announce this year's designee. He will be with us this evening, and I particularly want this award to be a pleasant surprise to him.

ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

We have since 1984 recognized an adult who has provided outstanding service to our Masonic youth organizations by presenting the General Grand Council Adult Youth Leadership Award.

I am most pleased to inform you that this year's award goes to Hazel Chapman. She has tirelessly served and supported all three of our youth organizations, directly, and as member of the youth committees of the Grand and General Grand Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star. She has also served on the Michigan Masonic Youth Foundation since its inception, continually working tirelessly to assure our youth organizations; have sufficient financing to provide strong, meaningful programs to help our children grow and become outstanding adults. She quietly provides leadership and inspiration to our youth organizations. You may not always notice her, but you can just about bet on her being at every Job's Exemplification, Rainbow, or DeMolay function. She is just about always working hard for our kids. Congratulations Hazel.

SUNRISE COUNCIL NO. 93 TRAVERSE CITY COUNCIL UD

Sunrise Council No. 93 met the constitutional requirements last year and was finally chartered. I had the privilege and pleasure to constitute this Council and install its initial officers last November in Hale. My best wishes to this Council as it continues to grow and develop.

I was also honored to grant dispensation to Traverse City Council UD, as it starts its journey to becoming a new Council. The Traverse City Companions might argue with me that this is not a new Council, but a resurrection or Phoenix re-arising of the old Traverse City Council that dissolved back in 1944. In either case, it is exciting and encouraging to see this development. We have long wanted to have more Cryptic presence in the Traverse City area and are very pleased with this development. I understand that there are enough potential candidates to be Greeted that this Council may very well be chartered at our next Grand Assembly.

LIVING PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS

JOHN LONGO, (1974), 528 Winter Terrace, Winter Haven, FL 33881-5813 (941) 299-0032.
 G. GORDON GOODMAN, (1982), 30700 US-19 N., Lot 70, Palm Harbor FL 34684-4430,
 (813) 785-5553.
 WILLIAM SKREPNEK, (1983), 11601 Corunna, Lennon MI 48449-9654 (810) 621-4986 .
 GORDON J. KARSLAKE, (1984), Box 125, Mason, MI 48854-0125 (517) 676-9445
 CHARLES T. MYER, (1986), 2645 Riverside Dr., #310, Trenton MI48183-2834, (313) 692-7967.
 GEORGE C. SELLARS, (1988), 25159 S. Magdalena, Harrison Twp. MI 48045-3709,
 (586) 791-3009.
 GEORGE W.H. LYONS, (1990), 49587 Iris, Shelby Twp., MI48317-1626 (586)731-1782.
 MICHAEL L. STELLUTE, (1991), 437 Hanover St., Concord, MI 49237-9779 (517) 524-6927.
 ERNEST BERRY, (1992), 22416 Van Horn, Woodhaven, MI 48183-3763 (313) 692-2738.
 JEFFREY K. BURK, (1993), 7529 Leelanau Tr., Gaylord, MI49735-8851 (231) 585-7409.
 MICHAEL J. JUNGEL, (1994), 426 Division St., Vicksburn, MI 49097-1104 (616) 649-2791.
 KENNETH D. CHANDLER, (1995), 2288 Coy Rd., Mason, MI 48854-9205 (517) 676-2172.
 CHARLES E. STEWART, (1996), P.O. Box 125, Newport, MI48166-0125 (734) 586-3092.
 DONALD L. HIMES, (1997), 57347 Copper Creek Drive, Washington MI 48094-2826,
 (586) 786-9866.
 RONALD B. BLAISDELL, (1998), 140 Spoonhour Drive, Casselberry, FL 32707-5735,
 (321) 443-5169
 JERRY C. TOWNSEND, (1999), 92675 Cedar Lake Drive, Marcellus MI49067-9784,
 (616) 646-3243.
 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
 TERRY G. BAKER, (2004), 1936 Michigan Avenue, Marysville, MI 48040-2026
 MICHAEL WHITING, (2004), 615 Melrose, Pontiac, MI 48340-3116
 KENNEY L. LENFESTEY, (2005), 7745 Darlene Drive, Brighton, MI, 48116-8916
 WARREN A. CARUSS, (2006), 495 Sheffield, Diamondale, MI 48821

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

1858 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867.
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 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.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS, 2007

COUNCIL NAME NUMBER	2006 Membership	SEM Created	Restoration	Deceased	Transferred Out	Transferred In	Suspensions	Withdrawals	2007 Membership	Gain	Loss	Dues Remitted	Life Members	Per Capita	SEM Fees	Life Members	Withdrawals	Youth	TOTAL PAID
Monroe 1	166	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	163	5	8	2	54	787.50	8.00	52.50	15.00	24.45	887.45
Pontiac 3	69	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	68	2	3	4	10	390.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	10.20	408.20
River Raisin 4	73	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	81	9	1	8	7	435.00	32.00	0.00	0.00	12.15	479.15
Nebuzaradan 6	58	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	49	0	9	1	7	307.50	0.00	0.00	37.50	7.35	352.35
Mt. Clemens 8	111	2	1	3	0	0	2	2	107	3	7	7	47	382.50	8.00	15.00	15.00	16.05	436.55
Zabud 9	38	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	34	0	4	1	13	150.00	0.00	0.00	7.50	5.10	162.60
Tyre 10	57	10	1	6	0	0	3	0	59	11	9	3	4	315.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	8.85	363.85
Union 11	46	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	49	5	2	4	5	270.00	16.00	0.00	0.00	7.35	293.35
Hiram 14	25	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	24	1	2	1	10	90.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	3.60	97.60
Adrain 18	36	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	37	1	0	1	8	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.55	215.55
Niles 19	77	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	79	4	2	9	23	322.50	16.00	22.50	0.00	11.85	372.85
Saginaw 20	62	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	62	1	2	1	5	412.50	4.00	0.00	7.50	9.30	433.30
Lansing 29	19	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	17	0	2	1	8	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.55	62.55
Northville 30	108	4	0	10	0	0	2	1	99	4	13	2	35	435.00	16.00	37.50	7.50	14.85	510.85
Jackson 32	37	0	0	8	0	1	3	2	25	1	13	3	10	90.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	3.75	108.75
Durand 38	54	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	54	3	3	3	10	285.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	8.10	305.10
Manistee 46	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.20	46.20
Leslie 50	85	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	80	0	5	3	29	360.00	0.00	7.50	0.00	12.00	379.50
Muskegon 54	48	6	0	4	0	0	2	0	48	6	6	2	16	180.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	7.20	211.20
Flint 56	96	1	0	4	0	0	3	1	89	1	8	3	34	382.50	4.00	37.50	7.50	13.35	444.85
Marine City 59	51	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	50	2	3	2	6	300.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	7.50	315.50
Inverness 60	44	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	42	1	3	2	10	217.50	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.35	225.85
Grand Ledge 62	35	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	30	0	5	2	3	187.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.50	192.00
Kalamazoo 63	54	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	52	2	4	4	9	277.50	8.00	0.00	0.00	7.80	293.30
Hiawatha 65	26	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	25	2	3	1	6	120.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	3.75	131.75
Cadillac 70	36	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	35	1	2	2	7	187.50	4.00	0.00	7.50	5.25	204.25
Marquette 72	35	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	2	2	1	3	217.50	8.00	0.00	15.00	5.25	245.75
Livingston 73	60	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	62	4	2	1	6	382.50	16.00	0.00	0.00	9.30	407.80
Darius 75	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	2	135.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	138.00
George Hill 85	36	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	30	0	6	4	6	150.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	4.50	169.50
Ann Arbor 86	59	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	59	3	3	4	15	277.50	12.00	0.00	0.00	8.85	298.35
Cass City 90	52	4	0	1	0	0	3	2	50	4	6	3	5	285.00	16.00	15.00	22.50	7.50	346.00
Bedford 91	36	3	0	1	0	0	4	0	34	3	5	3	4	187.50	12.00	0.00	0.00	5.25	204.75
Straits Area 92	36	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	41	6	1	2	0	247.50	24.00	0.00	0.00	6.15	277.65
Sunrise 93	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	25	0	3	1	0	180.00	0.00	0.00	22.50	3.75	206.25
TOTAL	1882	78	4	81	3	5	38	25	1822	87	147	91	419	9262.50	312.00	187.50	195.00	271.50	10228.50

SESQUICENTENNIAL

This is not only the 150th Grand Assembly of this Grand Council, it is the 150th anniversary of the birth of this Grand Council on January 13, 1858. We celebrated our 150th birthday with an over the top party in Sault Ste. Marie last September. As George Sellars would say, it was a WOW happening.

We must not, however, forget the rich heritage given to us by those who have preceded us. While remaining true to those precepts which brought us to this place, we must also continue to innovate and grow to meet the challenges coming at us in the years to come. It will not be easy, as those challenges continue to mount. On the other hand, we must never forget that this organization got its start on the eve of a great Civil War, and despite huge challenges in travel and communication, managed to grow and prosper. Can we do less?

STEWARDSHIP

Four years ago you supported your Grand Council by approving a special assessment to do some specific things to improve this Grand Council's ability to serve you. You need to know that those funds have been and are being used for those purposes, as you required. We have replenished all of our promotional literature. The Grand Recorder's office has been brought up to date, replacing the computer and related equipment that was nigh unto ten years old. New manuals for Thrice Illustrious Master, Recorders, and Treasurers have been produced. Our forms are now available on line in a format that is much more user friendly. A portion of the funds was used to finance the Sesquicentennial celebration. Another portion is being reserved for the publication of an updated history of the Grand Council. All in all, your Grand Officers have been good stewards of your funds.

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 of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan and the Fidelity Bonds covering the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. These will be turned over to my successor in accordance with Cryptic Law. I also have in my possession a copy of the Master Key which was issued to me in accordance with Grand Council Law.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would like to make the following recommendations to the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council:

Continue to seek to establish new Councils, particularly in areas where Cryptic Masonry has not been present for a while, always working closely with the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons in those efforts.

Seek more and better ways to make use of advancing technologies to improve our work and reduce our expenses, including making forms, the law book, manuals and perhaps even

the ritual available in digital format, making it easier to update and avoiding the high cost of printing.

Complete an updated history of the “150 years of Cryptic Masonry in Michigan.”

While festivals will be a necessary part of our near future, strive for the time when each Council can do its own ritual, including not only opening and closing, but doing each of the three degrees.

Work toward steady and assured growth of the Endowment Fund, recognizing that adverse economic conditions, such as those we are now experiencing, will frustrate those efforts from time to time.

THANK YOU

First, I must thank the Cryptic Masons I have met wherever I have gone for their kindness and consideration. I have felt for a long time that Masonry is practice no better than in the Councils.

The members of Straits Area Council have constantly provided support, always asking if there was something they could do. Their support was felt at the Sesquicentennial, at the You-per Council, with a helping hand generously extended, with a few dollars that meant much more to me than they probably know.

I have had the privilege of have the very best Grand Officers anyone could hope for. Thank God that they have been there when they have been needed. I have every confidence that the future of this Grand Council is in very good hands.

I also have appreciated very much the way in which the ladies of the Grand Council, Cindy, Jody, Vicki, Mae, Merry Lou, Lorraine, Norine have helped not only me, but have made things so much easier for Barb. You Ladies are a very important part of what we do. We often do not appreciate you enough.

The Past Grand's are the Brain of my existence and my greatest support. Thank you for working so hard to keep me on the straight and narrow.

Don Himes has gone way above and beyond the call of duty to assist in the transition to a new Grand Recorder. It wouldn't have happened without you.

Terry Baker has given his all to learn the ropes as Grand Recorder. It was a bit more than any of us might have contemplated. Thank you for sticking it out.

Warren Caruss has been my mentor and special advisor. No matter what was happening, he was always there, quietly giving good advice and being a very good friend.

Bill LeVeque. I don't know whether to thank you. You got me into this mess, but what a splendid mess it has been. We have been good friends for my entire Masonic life, often trading “gotchas.” I have appreciated and enjoyed your presence in about everything I have done. You are more of a Brother than you probably realize.

Finally, I have to recognize the one who doesn't want any recognition. I am not entirely sure she ever wanted to be here in the first place. But she has been here. Granted, some

APPENDIX

and approved as amended.

Trea. LeVeque was granted an excused absence, but he did provide a two page treasurers report, (see attached copies). It was moved by Anthony Chamberlin to accept the report, 2nd. by Brian Himes, no other discussion, carried.

Bills presented in the amount of \$1,753.95 by Rec. Baker. Motion by Brian Himes to pay the bills, 2nd. by Anthony Chamberlin, no other discussion, carried.

Rec. Emer. Donald Himes reported that the Secretary's, and the Finance Committees books were audited on March 29, 2008, at the Auburn Hills Temple, and found to be in proper order.

Some discussion of our Grand Council participating in the annual Columbia Award, tabled for the present time.

Some discussion concerning the status of the ritual committee as to changes and corrections. Suggested by Don Himes that Harwood Printing in Grand Rapids be contacted for the reprinting.

Some discussion on the current status of Darius Council. Pres. Seitz working with the companions, nothing confirmed as yet.

Ongoing discussions concerning the ritual. Pres. Seitz states the issue will be readdressed in the near future, and set the date of April 26th., 2008, 11:00 AM, for another Special Board of Directors Meeting, proceeding the Leslie Council three degree festival starting approx. 1:00 PM. Nothing further to come before the Board, it was moved by Anthony Chamberlin to adjourn, 2nd. by Brian Himes, declared closed by Pres. Seitz at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Terry G. Baker, Sec'y

of the times have been limited because she has had to stay home, teach, and take care of things in Stephenson. I more ways than I care to admit, she has enabled my Masonic journey, often sacrificing her opportunities to make mine possible. As with many women today, she has her own abilities, talents and aspirations. Yet she has supported me in all of my Masonic efforts. I simply cannot thank her enough. Barb, I love you and am looking forward to our celebrating our fortieth anniversary with you on Sunday.

CONCLUSION AND REFLECTIONS

It has not always been the journey I had thought at the beginning. The road has been rough and rugged, beset with many pitfalls, if not ruffians and murderers. Twice, health got in the way. First, with a quintuple heart by-pass surgery. Later this year, with a emergency appendectomy and a lot longer recovery time than I had contemplated. Loss of employment at a time when gas prices were reaching record highs strained finances almost to the breaking point. The road out of the Upper Peninsula got longer every day, and the accumulation of orange barrels denoting roadwork never seemed to get smaller.

Despite all of that, I wouldn't have missed it for the world. You have made the difference. Seeing men all over Michigan excited about Cryptic Masonry led me to appreciate more and more what a great organization this is. When I saw our newly greeted members at the end of a festival, who were impressed with the ritual and excited about becoming Cryptic Masons, I realized how important it is that we continue to work hard for the growth of our Order.

Remember, we are not only builders; we are trustees. As our rituals teach us, we are entrusted to preserve the sacred treasure of Masonry. That is worth task. I have been honored to participate in it.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
Henry L. Seitz
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, I move this report be received and referred to the Committee on Division and reference.

REPORT OF THE DIVISION AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE

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

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

1. That portion of the address pertaining to necrology be referred to the Obituary Committee.

2. The Appointments, Commissions, Consolidations, Dispensations and By-Laws Approved be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.
3. That portion pertaining to the Condition of the Rite be referred to the Condition of the Rite Committee.
4. That portion pertaining to the Bond and Seal be referred to the Committee on Finance.
5. That portion pertaining to the Public Relations be referred to the Public Relations Committee.
6. 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 submitted,
 Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM, Chairman
 William A. Siebert, PMIGM
 George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM

Most Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second by Illustrious Companion James R. Sprague. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report as follows:

Those parts of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address dealing with Appointments, Commissions, Dispensations, and By-Laws amendments were all within the power and authority of the Grand Master, and we move that they be approved as such. Second by Illustrious Companion George E. Maule, carried.

Those parts of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address dealing with the Consolidation of Darius Council No. 75 into Hiawatha Council No. 65. While that being done in an unorthodox manor, with Darius Council not being able to have a quorum to meet. We find that the Grand Master was within his powers to Consolidate Darius Council into Hiawatha Council, and we move the approval as such. Second by Illustrious Companion Laurel J. Moffitt, carried.

The Amendments proposed at this Grand Assembly is in proper form and is ready for approval by the Grand Council.

turned it over to Secy. Baker. Pres. Seitz then dismissed the Committee.

On November 24Th., 2007, Officers of the Grand Council did Constitute and Charter Sunrise Council No. 93, and Installed their officers, who now legally meet at the Hale Masonic Temple, in Hale, MI.

There are approximately 300 of the 150Th. Celebration pins left for sale, \$5.00 ea.

RIC B. Himes then presented an up to date summary concerning the ongoing sales of the 150Th. Medallion program (see attached copy).

After discussion, it was Moved by A. Chamberlin to reserve at least ten (10) of the Medallions as token gifts, to be presented to our outstate guests at our upcoming Grand Council Session in August. 2nd. by W. LeVeque, Carried.

It was also Moved by Chamberlin to "destroy the mold", 2nd. by LeVeque, Carried.

RIC B. Himes, Chrm. of the Annual Tigers Ballgame Committee, set for June 15, 2008, requests a \$500.00 deposit to reserve the date, 2nd. by LeVeque, Carried.

After discussion, it was Moved by A. Chamberlin to withdraw from, and cancel the scheduled "Raffle" as presented by Livingston Council. The economic times, and hardships being endured by everyone is resulting in unfavorable ticket sales. 2nd. by B. Himes, Carried.

Next scheduled Board of Directors Meeting is set for April 12Th., 2008, at the Detroit Masonic Temple, following the three degree ceremonial being hosted by Monroe Council #1.

Nothing further to come before the Board, it was declared closed by Pres. Seitz at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
 Terry G. Baker, Sec'y

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The following are the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, as called by Pres. Henry Seitz, on Saturday afternoon, April 12th., 2008, at the Detroit Masonic Temple, following Monroe Council's three degree festival.

Meeting was called to Order at 3:45 PM., by Pres. Seitz.

Present: Henry Seitz, Anthony Chamberlin, Brian Himes, Terry Baker. Officer excused: Trea. Bill LeVeque.

Visitor Companions: George Lyons, Donald Himes Rec Emer., and Steve Striggow.

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting of January 26th, 2008, were read

Discussion concerning future Council activity in the Traverse City area.

Chamberlin gave a final report on the 150th. program booklet. There were 20 full pages of ads and well wishes. 250 copies were produced, creating a gross income of \$2,485.00, less expenses of \$897.84, giving a balance profit of \$1,587.16, which the check was turned over to Trea. LeVeque.

Discussion concerning the Strollers attire. Possibly an outlet in Canada, Don Himes to check. Lyons to check with Fromman Enter., and Sprague to check a place in Drayton Plains.

Rick Tonda, Endowment Foundation Trustee, reported that our investments are secure and solvent, and suggests making no changes at the present time.

Discussion of increasing the Gr. Trea. & Gr. Rec. Corp. Bond from the current \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Motion by Chamberlin to do the same, 2nd. by Brian Himes, Carried.

350 pins left for sale at \$5.00 each. Sunrise Council Chartering date changed from Nov. 3rd.,07, to Nov. 24th., 2007. Master Key Rituals being looked over by Whiting, possible corrections. Next scheduled Board of Directors meeting, at the Gr. Officers Winter Retreat, Muskegon, MI., on Jan. 25th., & 26th., 2008. Nothing further to come before the Board, Pres. Seitz declared it closed at 9:50 AM

Respectfully submitted:
Terry G. Baker, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The following are the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, as called for by MIGM Henry Seitz, on the morning of Saturday, January 26th., 2008, at the Holiday Inn, in Muskegon, MI.

The meeting was called to Order at 9:35 AM, by Pres. Henry Seitz.

Present: Henry Seitz, Anthony Chamberlin, Brian Himes, Bill LeVeque & Terry Baker.

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting, date of Sept. 23rd., 2007, were read and approved as read.

Treasurers Report: See attached copies (pages 1 & 2), as presented by Trea. LeVeque representing dates of August 10, 2007 thru December 16, 2007, and the Account Balances Sheet, as of 12/31/07. There were no objections, it was received as printed.

Motion by B. Himes to pay any remaining or outstanding bills relating to the 150Th. Grand Council Celebration Committee, 2nd. by Chamberlin, no other discussion, Carried.

MIC Sellars then presented the entire 150Th. Celebration folder to Pres. Seitz, who

Respectfully submitted,
William Skrepnek, PMIGM, Chairman
Jerry C. Townsend, PMIGM
Jeffrey K. Burk, PMIGM

Most Illustrious Companion William Skrepnek, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master moved for the adoption of this report. Second by Most Illustrious Companion Jerry C. Townsend, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master. Motion carried.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT JANUARY - DECEMBER 2007

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

FIFTH THIRD BANK - CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 2007.	\$	4,126.61
Deposits	\$	45,189.72
Disbursements - Checks 1520-1579 & EFT.	\$	(45,489.27)
Balance December 31, 2007.	\$	3,827.06

FIFTH THIRD BANK - GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 2007.	\$	5,268.47
Deposits -	\$	-0-
Interest	\$	39.29
Withdrawals		-0-
Balance December 31, 2007.	\$	5,307.76

LORD ABBETT FUND - (GENERAL FUND)

Dividends to General Savings Account		
January 1, 2007 Market Value	\$	5,241.65
Deposits	\$	-0-
Increases in Market Value		184.27
Decreases in Market Value	\$	(102.37)
December 31, 2007 Market Value	\$	5,323.55

OPERATING FUNDS

Fifth Third - Checking Account	\$	3,827.06
Fifth Third - General Savings Account	\$	5,307.76
Lord Abbett Fund #774890-1 (General Fund)	\$	5,323.55
Total Operating Funds December 31, 2007	\$	14,458.37

SPECIAL FUNDS

Fifth Third Bank - Ritual Savings Account

Balance January 1, 2007.	\$	6,976.43
Deposits	\$	360.00
Interest	\$	52.82
Balance December- 31, 2007	\$	7,389.25

Fifth Third Bank - 2008 Sesquicentennial

Savings Balance January 1, 2007	\$	6,589.97
Deposits (Transferred from 5/3 Checking)	\$	5,223.00

Interest	\$	62.79
Withdrawal (Transferred to 5/3 Checking)	\$	7,999.95
December 31, 2007 Balance	\$	3,875.81
Lord Abbett - Triennial Account		
January 1, 2007 Market Value	\$	877.15
Deposits	\$	300.00
Increases in Market Value	\$	77.97
Decreases in Market Value	\$	(26.66)
December 31, 2007 Market Value	\$	1,228.46

ENDOWMENT FUNDS**Franklin Income Fund**

Interest goes into General Savings Account		
January 1, 2007 Market Value	\$	17,837.33
Deposit from Lord Abbett Endowment		
Fund 2/2/2007	\$	22,000.00
Increases in Market Value	\$	3,976.65
Decreases in Market Value	\$	3,376.68
December 31, 2007 Market Value	\$	40,437.30

Lord Abbett - Endowment Fund

Dividends into General Savings Account		
January 1, 2007 Market Value	\$	44,585.88
Transfer 50% to Franklin Fund 2/2/2007	\$	22,000.00
Transfer 50% to Raymond James Bank		
Program 2/2/2007	\$	22,269.39
Decreases in Market Value	\$	(316.49)
December 31, 2007 Market Value	\$	-0-

Raymond James Bank Program - Endowment Fund

Dividends re-invested		
February 2, 2007 Opening Balance	\$	22,269.39
Deposits February-December	\$	500.00
Interest March-December	\$	943.16
December 31, 2007 Balance	\$	23,712.55
Total Endowment funds – December 31, 2007	\$	64,149.85

TOTAL ASSETS

Total Operating Funds December 31, 2007	\$	14,458.37
Total Special Funds December 31, 2007	\$	12,493.52
Total Endowment Funds December 31, 2007	\$	64,149.85
Total Assets December 31, 2007	\$	91,101.74

Respectfully submitted,
William E. LeVeque, PMIGM, Grand Treasurer

Moved by Most Illustrious Companion Henry Seitz that the report be Referred to the Finance Committee. Second by Most Illustrious Companion William A. Seibert. Motion carried.

Treasurer LeVeque 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 Himes. Motion carried.

Treasurer LeVeque moved that the Fifth Third Bank of Washington Twp., Michigan be designated as the place of Deposit of our savings, checking and special accounts be signed and filed with the above bank. Seconded by Secretary Baker. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Annual Board of Directors will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 100 West Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on August 7, 2008, following the Installation of Grand Officers and the Arch Deputies.

Then, President Seitz called for a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held at the Kewadin Hotel, 2186 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, September 21, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

No further business to come before this Meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Chamberlin, seconded by Director Himes. Motion carried, Closed at 3:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM, Secretary
August 16, 2007

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The following are the minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting, as called for by MIGM Henry Seitz, on the morning of Sept. 23rd., 2007 at 8:00 AM, at the Kewadin Casino Resort Center, in Soo Ste. Marie, MI.

The meeting was called to Order at 8:05 AM, by President Henry Seitz.

Present: Seitz, Chamberlin, B. Himes, LeVeque, & Baker.

No minutes were available or presented from the last quarterly meeting.

This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing current issues concerning updated information on future office computer and related accessories.

The Technology Head-up Committee (Chairman LeVeque) presented the equipment best suited for Grand Council use, along with the facts and purchase figures. After discussion, it was moved by Chamberlin to purchase the equipment. Seconded by B. Himes, carried.

Chamberlin then presented the figures and prices of the 3 part petition being worked on. 1000 copies - \$192.78, 2500 copies \$456.73, and 5000 copies \$896.62. However, prior to any further action, a Committee consisting of George Lyons, Brian Himes, & Donald Himes be assembled to look into additions and minor corrections. (tabled).

Revisions & Publication of Cryptic Law

William A. Siebert (Chairman) Jerry C. Townsend
 Duane E. Warner

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

Richard D. Tonda (Chairman) Dwight A. Humm
 James R. Sprague

Grand Council Endowment Fund

Kenney L. Lenfestey (Chairman) Michael Whiting
 Richard D. Tonda

Public Relations

Jack Woodyard (Chairman) Duane V. Todd
 Wayne E. Caruss

Public Address System

Jeffrey K. Burk

Historical

William E. LeVeque (Chairman) Henry L. Seitz

Grand Lecturer

Michael Whiting

Cast Director

George W. H. Lyons

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD IN THE MARRIOTT CENTERPOINT HOTEL, PONTIAC MI. AUGUST 16, 2007

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 Marriott Centerpoint Hotel, Pontiac, Michigan, August 16, 2007 at 3:35 PM.

Present were: President Henry L. Seitz, Vice President Anthony M. Chamberlin, Treasurer William E. LeVeque, Secretary Terry G. Baker, and Director Brian K. Himes. Absent, none.

Certification: The Secretary reported and certified that the above names were duly elected and installed at the One Hundred Forty-Ninth 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:

Henry L. Seitz	President
Anthony M. Chamberlin	Vice President
William E. LeVeque	Treasurer
Terry G. Baker	Secretary
Brian K. Himes	Director

Vice President Chamberlin moved that the Minutes of the One Hundred and Forty Ninth Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held in Pontiac, Michigan, August 23, 2006, be approved as printed in the 2006 Annual Proceedings. Seconded by Treasurer LeVeque. 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, 2007, through December 31, 2007 for your consideration and approval.

The Annual Report have been received from 32 Councils.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Councils enrolled in the Grand Council	35	
Number of Annual Returns received	 32
Total membership as of December 31, 2006	 1,881
Greeted during 2007	77	
Affiliated by Dimit	0	
Affiliated by Transfer	5	
Affiliated by Restoration	4	
Affiliated by Dual Membership	0	
Correction of 2006 Returns	0	
	86 86
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	 1,967
Died	75	
Transferred out	3	
Dimitted	0	
Withdrew	20	
Suspended	37	
Corrections of the 2006 Returns	0	
	135 135
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007	 1,832
NET LOSS FOR 2007	 49

Number of Councils showing a gain in membership	7
Number of Councils showing a loss in membership	20
Number of Councils showing neither a gain or loss	8
Number of Councils Greeting new members 23
Number of Councils not Greeting any new members	12

It is fitting and proper that the Grand Council compliment the Officers and Companions of the Constituent Councils showing a gain in membership.

Straits Area Council No. 92 led the way with a gain of 12%, followed by River Raisin Council No. 4 with 10%.

Following the close of this Annual Grand Assembly, the Donald D. Boudeman Memorial Bible will be presented to Straits Area Council No. 92 to grace their Altar for the year 2008 -2009.

FINANCIAL REPORT

During the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, deposit slips numbers 785 through 820 were forwarded to the Grand Treasurer for a Total of \$45,189.72 deposited.

RECEIPTS JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007

Per-Capita	\$ 9,525.00
Assessments	5,076.00
Super Excellent Master Fees	336.00
Youth Foundation Assessments	275.00
Withdrawals	217.50
Dimits	45.00
Life Membership Granted	275.00
Life Membership Certificates	10.00
Honorary Membership Certificates	10.00
Sale of Dues Cards	501.07
Postage	5.22
Handling Charge	4.00
Michigan Council Thrice Illustrious Master's	300.00
Ritual Books	50.00
Transferred from 150th account	19,221.19
C.M.M.R.F.	174.52
Endowment Fund	1,556.59
Baseball Tickets	5,006.00
Medallions	100.00
Interest from Investments	2,344.08
Miscellaneous	185.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$45,189.72

DISBURSEMENTS

JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007

Grand Master's Allowance (Caruss)	\$ 881.25
Grand Master's Allowance (Seitz)	293.75
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance (Caruss)	660.00
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance (Seitz)	220.00
Grand Master's Apron (Seitz)	338.90
Grand Master's Stationary (Seitz)	99.00
Grand Master's Jewel (Caruss)	495.68
Grand Treasurer's Allowance + Postage & Phone Expenses	318.00
Grand Sentinel's Allowance	55.00

1994 - Ernest R. Gartz*	Northville 30
1995 - Charles W. Ridoutt*	Muskegon 54
1996 - William E. Le Veque	Marquette 72
1997 - Dwight A. Humm	Saginaw 20
1998 - James P. Henry*	Albion 57
1999 - James T. McKnight*	Muskegon 54
2000 - Raymond Parker, Jr.	Nile 19
2001 - Donald B. Whitener	Flint 56
2002 - Raymond E. King	Monroe 1
2003 - Kay L. Yeager	River Raisin 4
2004 - George W.H. Lyons	Pontiac 3
2005 - Timothy C. Forche	Leslie 50
2006 - William N. Stocker	Cass City 90
2007 - William H. Ford	Straits Area 92
2008 - Duane E. Warner	Kalamazoo 63

*Deceased

**GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2007-2008
STANDING COMMITTEES**

Jurisprudence

William Skrepnek (Chairman)	Jeffrey K. Burk
Jerry C. Townsend	

Finance

Richard D. Tonda (Chairman)	James R. Sprague
Anthony M. Chamberlin	

Credentials

Terry G. Baker (Chairman)	Bernard C. Kirchoff (59)
Donald L. Himes	Fred R. Jex (59)

Obituary

George W.H. Lyons (Chairman)	Wayne E. Caruss
Gordon J. Karlake	

Condition of the Rite

Anthony M. Chamberlin (Chairman)	Stephen R. Striggow
Brian K. Himes	

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

General Grand Council

Brian K. Himes (Chairman)	James R. Sprague
Kenneth D. Chandler	

York Rite Cooperation

Brian K. Himes (Chairman)	George W. H. Lyons
Stephen R. Striggow	

Youth Foundation

Henry L. Seitz (Chairman)	Duane E. Warner
William E. LeVeque	

1993 - Lenzy R. Lewis	Flint 56
1994 - Roland B. Birch*	Saginaw 20
1995 - Kenneth E. Smiley	Lansing 29
1996 - Vernon T. Barnhart	Grand Ledge 62
1997 - John A. Jackson	Monroe 1
1998 - Armand Cote	Marine City 59
1999 - Ms. Jo Neil Shaw	G.G.
2000 - Peter Scholtz	A.G.G.
2001 - Benjamin R. Johnson*	Livingston 73
2002 - Deborah Lawrence	Supreme Deputy Rainbow
2003 - Bill Wilder	Grand Secretary Job's Daughters
2004 - Michael D. Zirkle	Saginaw 20
2005 - Larry M. Dillon	Exe, Officer, DeMolay
2006 - Lisa & Chris Standhart	Job's Daughters
2007 - Patricia Collier	All Youth Groups
2008 - Hazel Chapman	All Youth Groups

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

1989 - Roy E. McConnell	Cadillac 70
1990 - George I. Rutherford*	Durand 38
1991 - Henry F. Schroeder, III	Marine City 59
1992 - Herbert Glassmeyer*	Northville 30
1993 - Shirley W. Curtis	Marine City 59
1994 - James J. Vann, Sr.	River Raisin 4
1995 - Aubrey W. Carless	Hiawatha 65
1996 - Lanier M. DeLind*	Williamston 64
1997 - Frank A MacWhirter	Mt. Clemens 8
1998 - Thomas F. Schultz	Muskegon 54
1999 - Corbin P. Elliott	Monroe 1
2000 - Mark Schnesk*	Hiawatha 65
2001 - Jeffrey W. Sloboda	Tyre 10
2002 - Anthony M. Chamberlin	Marine City 59
2003 - Howard Carpenter	Straits Area 92
2004 - John T. Updike	River Raisin 4
2005 - Robert W. Trussell	Mt. Clemens 8
2006 - Louis R. Cole	Pontiac 3
2007 - Jerry Ritzert	Straits Area 92
2008 - Ivan L. Fletcher	Monroe 1

RECORDER OF THE YEAR

1989 - Robert E. Kerr*	Cass City 90
1990 - Glen M. Smith*	Grand Ledge 62
1991 - Brian K. Himes	Mt. Clemens 8
1992 - Laurel J. Moffit	Durand 38
1993 - Hugh A. Homer	Sault Ste. Marie 69

Grand Recorder's Allowance (Himes)	450.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance (Baker)	150.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance (Himes)	645.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance (Baker)	215.00
Grand Recorder's Rent Allowance (Himes)	401.25
Grand Recorder's Rent Allowance (Baker)	133.75
Grand Recorder's Office Expenses	1,579.42
Grand Recorder's Telephone Reimbursement	204.15
Grand Recorder Postage Reimbursement	593.52
Social Security Tax	91.80
Insurance & Bonds	554.89
Entertainment of Guest at Lansing	1,138.63
Proceedings and Directories	2,628.50
Annual Call and Schedules	101.00
Youth Promotions	300.00
General Grand Council Per-Capita	471.10
Dues Cards	124.00
Per-Capita Refunds	83.50
Revision of By-Laws	151.00
Grand Captain of the Guard Apron Case	116.18
Flowers	0.00
Contributions to Endowment Fund	500.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
AOL & Comcast	485.83
Triennial	300.00
Detroit Tigers	5,012.00
150th	20,499.17
Endowment Fund Transfer	5,048.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$45,489.27
Bank Balance January 1, 2007	\$ 4,126.61
Receipts January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006	\$45,189.72
	\$49,316.33
Disbursements January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007	(\$45,489.27)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE December 31, 2007	\$ 3,827.06

RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENT

Bank Statement Balance, December 31, 2006	\$ 4,126.61
Fifth Third Bank, Washington, Michigan	

CASH ASSETS OF GRAND COUNCIL

December 31, 2007

Fifth Third Bank, Washington, Checking Account	\$ 3,827.06
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General Savings Account – Fifth Third Bank

Balance January 1, 2007	\$ 5,268.47	
Deposits	\$ 0.00	
Interest	\$ 39.29	
Withdrawals	\$ 0.00	
Balance December 31, 2007	\$ 5,307.76	\$ 5,307.76

Lord Abbett Fund - General Fund

Dividends to General Savings Account		
January 1, 2007 Market Value	\$ 5,241.65	
Increase in Market Value	\$ 184.27	
Decrease in Market Value	\$ (102.37)	
Deposits	\$ 0.00	
Balance December 31, 2007 Market Value	\$ 5,323.25	\$ 5,323.25

Ritual Savings Account, Fifth Third Bank

Balance January 1, 2007	\$ 6,976.43	
Deposits	\$ 360.00	
Interest	\$ 52.82	
Balance December 31, 2007	\$ 7,389.25	\$ 7,389.25

2008 Sesquicentennial Savings, 150th, Fifth Third Bank

Balance January 1, 2007	\$ 6,589.97	
Deposits (Transferred from checking)	\$ 5,223.00	
Interest	\$ 62.79	
Withdrawal (Transferred to checking)	\$ (7,999.95)	
Balance December 31, 2007	\$ 3,875.81	\$ 3,875.81

Lord Abbett Triennial Fund

Dividends & Capital Gains Reinvested		
Balance January 1, 2007 Market Value	\$ 877.15	
Deposits	\$ 300.00	
Increase in Market Value	\$ 77.97	
Decrease in Market Value	\$ (26.66)	
Balance December 31, 2007 Market Value	\$ 1,228.46	\$ 1,228.46

Franklin Income Fund

Interest to General Savings		
January 1, 2007 Market Value	\$17,837.33	
Deposit from Lord Abbett		
Endowment Fund	\$22,000.00	
Increase in Market Value	\$ 3,976.65	
Decrease in Market Value	\$ 3,376.68	
Market Value December 31, 2006	\$40,437.30	\$40,437.30

Lord Abbett Endowment Fund

Balance January 1, 2007		
Market Value	\$44,585.88	
Transferred to Franklin Fund	\$22,000.00	
Transferred to Raymond James	\$22,269.39	

AWARDS**CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR**

1977 - Robert S. Grieves*	Monroe 1
1978 - Lucian F. Hunt*	Marquette 72
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*	George Hill 85
1984 - Howard C. Bedell*	Inverness 60
1985 - John I. Dull*	Bedford 91
1986 - Earl C. Quackenbush*	Ann Arbor 86
1987 - Carl H. Cull*	Flint 56
1988 - Albert F. Cronheim*	Tyre 10
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 I. 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.	Tyre 10
2003 - Donald L. Crist	Darius 75
2004 - Laurel J. Moffit	Durand 38
2005 - Howard Carpenter.	Straits Area 92
2006 - Philip C. Smith	Durand 38
2007 - Thomas J. Myers	Durand 38
2008 - Wayne E. Caruss	Grand Ledge 62

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL YOUTH AWARD

1984 - Russell Helmer, Jr.	Flint 56
1985 - John K. Gale*	Union 11
1986 - Milton D. Olson*	Zabud 9
1987 - Robert B. Wardell*	River Raisin 4
1988 - Eric Nyman	Hiawatha 65
1989 - Nils Jay Larson*	Inverness 60
1990 - Frank E. Russell*	Ann Arbor 86
1991 - Albert Pontious*	Pontiac 3
1992 - Earle W. Mott*	Monroe 1

to make this fund raising event a success. I especially want to thank those Companions that purchased more than one.

Last but not least, to Most Illustrious Companion Kenney Lenfestey our heartfelt thanks, for lending the Grand Council the funds to get this project off the ground. Thank you.

Total Sales 200 Medallions@\$25.00	\$ 5000.00
Total Donations	\$ 85.00
Total funds	\$ 5085.00
Total funds generated	\$ 5085.00
Cost of Medallions	(\$ 2650.00)
Total Profit	\$ 2435.00

Respectfully submitted,
Brian K. Himes, RIGPCW

CALL OFF FOR LUNCH

Most Illustrious Companion Seitz, Most Illustrious Grand Master called the Council from Labor to Refreshment and to Labor again at 2:30 P. M. for the Installation of Officers.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

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

George C. Sellars.....	Installing Grand Master
Kenney L. Lenfestey	Installing Grand Marshal
Michael Whiting	Installing Grand Chaplain
Donald L. Himes	Installing Grand Recorder

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

After the remaining Grand Officers were installed, Most Illustrious Companion George C. Sellars, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International installed the Grand Lecturer, Michael Whiting, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Arch Deputies.

Deposits	\$ 6,272.00	
Increase in Market Value	\$ 0.00	
Decrease in Market Value	\$ (316.49)	
Balance December 31, 2007 Market Value	\$0.00	\$0.00

Raymond James Bank Program - Endowment Fund

Dividends reinvested		
Balance February 2, 2007	\$22,269.39	
Deposits	\$ 500.00	
Interest	\$ 943.16	
Balance December 31, 2007	\$23,712.55	\$23,712.55

Total Assets:

Total Operating Funds	\$14,458.37
Total Special Funds	\$12,493.52
Total Endowment Funds	\$64,149.85

Total Net Worth, Grand Council December 31, 2007 \$91,101.74

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 for the pass year as your Grand Recorder. A special thanks goes to the present Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's and the Record's of this Grand Council for patient and understanding 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,
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM,
Grand Recorder

Second by Illustrious Companion George E. Maule. Motion carried.

**150th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWAL	BALANCE
8/4/2006	Balance Forward	\$11,152.00		\$11,152.00
	Officers Collars		\$1,837.14	9,314.86
	Committee Expenses		324.83	8,990.03
	Brochure-Cryptic Masonry		768.50	8,221.53
8/31/2006	Interest	8.46		8,229.99
9/15/2006	Buckingham Enterprises		1,000.00	7,229.99
9/29/2006	Interest	8.49		7,238.48
	Interest	8.25		7,246.73
	Buckingham Enterprises		672.00	,574.73
	Interest	7.74		6,582.47
	Interest	7.50		6,589.97
1/31/2007	Interest	7.51		6,597.48
2/28/2007	Interest	6.79		6,604.27
3/27/2007	Donald Himes		31.30	6,572.97
3/27/2007	George Sellars		84.00	6,488.97
3/27/2007	Harlayne U.ren		819.25	5,669.72
3/27/2007	Mary Rademaker		100.00	5,569.72
3/27/2007	Timeless Entertainment		300.00	5,269.72
3/27/2007	Alicia Athinson		325.00	4,944.72
3/28/2007	2006 Assessment	5,048.00		9,992.72
3/30/2007	Interest	7.94		10,000.66
4/30/2007	Interest	13.68		10,014.34
5/21/2007	Lesnau Printing		3,540.40	6,473.94
5/31/2007	Interest	10.71		6,484.65
6/29/2007	Interest	3.98		6,488.63
7/31/2007	Interest	4.12		6,492.75
8/31/2007	Interest	4.12		6,496.87
9/11/2007	Collar	175.00		6,671.87
9/28/2007	Interest	2.88		6,674.75
10/2/2007	Transferred to Checking		2,800.00	3,874.75
	Interest	0.52		3,875.27
	Interest	0.32		3,875.59
	Interest	0.22		3,875.81
	Interest	1.91		3,877.72
Deposited in checking		4,940.00		8,817.72
2004	1429 Dues Paying Members		\$ 5,716.00	
2005	1359 Dues Paying Members		5,436.00	
2006	1262 Dues Paying Members		5,048.00	
2007	1235 Dues Paying Members		4,940.00	
	Total Assessments		21,140.00	
	Deposits		175.00	
	Interest		105.14	
	Total		21,420.14	
	Disbursements		12,602.42	
	Balance		8,817.72	

Terry G. Baker, P.M.I.G.M.
Grand Recorder

All withdrawals are deposited in the Grand Council checking account.

Fraternally,
Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM, Chairman
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM
Stephen R. Striggow, RIGCG

**REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON YORK RITE DAY AT THE TIGER
BASEBALL GAME**

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

The York Rite Day at the Tiger Baseball Game Committee is pleased to report that this year's fund raiser was a success. This year we sold 140 tickets and generated a profit of \$974.00.

Despite receiving the Tiger's contact information after the pre-sale deadline, we were able to secure tickets for a weekend game. Because of the late start we were unable to secure our usual weekend in July on Party Deck 2 which has a minimum of 75 persons and a maximum of 125. Instead there were only had three dates available, two in April and one in June. All of these dates only had Party Deck 1 available which has a minimum of 140 persons and a maximum of 200.

After choosing Father's Day Sunday, June 15, 2008, we sent out a total of 222 letters announcing this event. We mailed letters to all of the Grand Officers in the three York Rite Bodies, to all the Councils in Michigan, along with 93 Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies within an hour and a half of the ball park.

A Special thanks to the Lodge that has been there for us every year, our biggest supporter Composite Lodge No. 499 F. & A.M., who once again stepped up and this year purchased 68 tickets. Without there support this event would have been a losing proposition.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian K. Himes, RIGPCW, Chairman

**REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON SESQUICENTENNIAL
MEDALLIONS**

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

Medallion Sales Summary

I make the following report with a great deal of pleasure. The Sesquicentennial Medallion Sale is finished.

I would like to thank everyone that purchased a Sesquicentennial Medallion and helped

Respectfully submitted,
 William E. LeVeque, PMIGM, Chairman
 Laurel J. Moffitt, PTIM
 Michael Whiting, PMIGM

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

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting requests your presence at the Michigan Grand York Rite Sessions, which will be held jointly with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan.

The Michigan Grand York rite Session Committee cordially extends an invitation to hold the 151st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, 5533 Gateway Centre, Flint, Michigan 48507 on August 5th through the 8th, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dwight A. Humm, IGM, Chairman
 Terry G. Baker, PMIGM
 Brian K. Himes, RIGPCW
 Claude A. Miller, PGC

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

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

Your committee on New Council Development has worked for the greater part of the year to bring to fruition a dispensation for the forming of a new Council in Traverse City. After much correspondence, and work with Ill. Companion Peter Hunt of Traverse City, a dispensation was issued to form Traverse City Council UD.

There are several area's of the State that lay in a blank space as far as Councils are concerned. It is our hope to add Council in those area's.

Thanks to the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the opportunity to help the Grand Council grow.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

REPORT #1

The Finance Committee members examined the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary (reflective of the fiscal year running from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007) on March 29, 2008 at Auburn Hills, Michigan. We found those books and records to be correct, in agreement, and in accord with their reports as submitted to the Grand Assembly. We recommend that these reports be approved as presented, and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be commended on their excellent performance, and on the neatness and accuracy of their records.

REPORT #2

In a separate section of the Advance Proceedings, we have presented a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Note that this proposed budget is for the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 as has been the custom of the Grand Council.

Also, in another section of these Advance Proceedings, we have proposed a resolution to change the fiscal year of the Grand Council to more closely conform with the *operational* year of the Grand Council. If this separate resolution is approved by this Grand Assembly, we will have an alternate budget to propose which will account for the change.

Finally, we have examined carefully the operations of the Grand Council for the last several years. In spite of the best efforts of your Grand Officers and the involved and active members of this Grand Council, we continue to fall short of expectations and performance. Your Grand Officers frequently subsidize their activities to support your Grand Council's operation from their own pockets at a substantial level—at a level that is excessive and not justified. This is OUR Grand Council—the supreme body of Cryptic Masons in the State of Michigan—and we ALL owe it our best, not our dregs. As a consequence of this analysis, we have separately proposed a resolution to increase the per capita charges for each active Companion in our chartered Councils.

Your committee recommends adoption of the proposed budget and passage of both proposals to help ensure the efficient operation of the Grand Council and to help secure its financial future.

Fraternally submitted,
 Richard D. Tonda, I.G.C.C., Chairman
 Anthony Chamberlin, R.I.D.G.M.
 Stephen R. Striggow, R.I.G.C.G.
 James R. Sprague, I.G.S.

Moved by Illustrious Companion Richard D. Tonda, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council, to adopt this report. Second by Right Illustrious Companion Stephen R. Striggow, Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard. Motion carried.

**GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS
OF MICHIGAN
PROPOSED BUDGET
2008 -2009**

	ACTUAL 2006	ACTUAL 2007	PROPOSED 2008
RECEIPTS			
Per Capita @\$7.50/Supporting Members	\$10,515.00	\$10,425.00	\$14,375.00
S.E.M. Fees @\$4.00/Member Greeted	188.00	200.00	160.00
Demits @\$7.50/Demit Granted	30.00	30.00	30.00
Withdrawals @\$7.50/Withdrawals Granted	195.00	225.00	225.00
Life Memberships @\$7.50/L.M. Granted	225.00	225.00	225.00
Youth Assessment @\$0.15/Active Member	289.50	285.00	276.75
Transfer from Investments	2,580.15	2,430.00	0.00
INCOME TOTAL	\$14,022.65	\$13,820.00	\$15,291.75
DISBURSEMENTS			
Grand Master's Apron	330.00	330.00	340.00
Past Grand Master's Jewel	400.00	400.00	500.00
Grand Cap. Guard's Apron Case	120.00	120.00	125.00
Arch Deputy Expenses	10.00	0.00	0.00
Social Security Tax	100.00	100.00	100.00
Insurance and Bond	400.00	400.00	560.00
GENERAL TOTAL	\$1,360.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,625.00
GRAND OFFICERS			
Grand Master's Allowance	1,175.00	1,175.00	1,250.00
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance	880.00	880.00	900.00
Grand Master's Stationary	100.00	100.00	100.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	210.00	210.00	210.00
Grand Treasurer's Office/Phone/Postage	108.00	108.00	108.00
Grand Sentinel's Allowance	55.00	55.00	55.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance	600.00	600.00	600.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance	860.00	860.00	860.00
Grand Recorder's Office Expense	1,430.00	1,430.00	1,430.00
Grand Recorder's Internet Service	290.00	315.00	552.00
Grand Recorder's Rent Allowance	535.00	535.00	550.00
Grand Recorder's Equipment Fund	50.00	50.00	50.00
Grand Recorder's Phone Reimbursement	400.00	400.00	400.00
Grand Recorder's Postage Expense	1,200.00	680.00	1,200.00
GRAND OFFICERS TOTAL	\$7,893.00	\$7,398.00	\$8,265.00
PRINTING			
Proceedings and Directories	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Annual Call and Programs	50.00	50.00	50.00
Reprint of By-Laws	250.00	0.00	250.00
Publication of Grand Council Forms and			

REPORT OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

Not even a little moisture in the air could dampen the spirits as the beautiful fall colors of the Upper Peninsula set the stage for the celebration of the 150th birthday of the Grand Council of Michigan on the weekend of September 21-23, 2007. Those who came together for this event enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Kewadin Hotel, Resort & Casino and its excellent facilities.

The reception for the Most Illustrious Grand Master kicked things off with a wonderful buffet, followed by Native American singing and dancing presented by the local Drum.

Early the next morning, the Grand Council paid homage to the Craft by presenting 'the three Cryptic Degrees, greeting some 12 new companions.

The afternoon found the celebrants enjoying a cruise through the Soo Locks and a tour of the Museum Ship.

The birthday party came to a head with the banquet that evening, followed by a Broadway review and ending with cake and ice cream. Before the entertainment, all Past Grand Most Illustrious Masters present were introduced and recognized. The whole event was a great opportunity to embrace our heritage and to look forward to building on it for a successful future.

Few, if any, Grand Councils have had a more impressive sesquicentennial celebration, and we are happy to report that it was affordable to the participants and within budget.

Fraternally submitted,
Henry L. Seitz, M.I.G.M.
George C. Sellars, P.M.I.G.M., R.P.G.G.P.C.W.
Stephen R. Striggow, R.I.G.C.G.
James R. Sprague, R.I.G.S.
Warren A. Caruss, P.M.I.G.M.
Anthony M. Chamberlin, R.I.D.G.M.
Terry G. Baker, P.M.I.G.M., R.I.G.R.

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.

Illustrious Grand Marshall	1975
Grand Representative	1976
Recorder, George Hill Council No. 85	1979
Most Illustrious Grand Master	1980-1981
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder	1985-1998
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder Emeritus	1998

COMMANDERY:

Ithaca Commandery No.40, K T.	1972
Eminent Commander	1975-1976
Grand Commanders Service Award	1979
Northern Michigan York Rite College No. 16	1974
Order of the Eastern Stars, Okemos	1965
Treasurer, Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 55 OES	1980
Knight York Cross of Honor, Michigan Priory No. 22	1978
Knight York Grand Cross of Honor	1980
Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, LV	1980
Valley of Bay City Ancient Accepted Scottish rite	1979
Elf Khurafeh Temple Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S.	1978
DeMolay Advisory Council, Mt. Pleasant	1977
Essex Council No. 12 R&SM, Windsor, Ontario	
Royal Arc Mariner, International Lodge No.4, Windsor	
33 Degree	1991

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Iowa Order of High Priesthood, St. Louis Chapter No. 78, R.A.M., Grand Council of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio, Ontario and Wisconsin. Councils of Thrice Illustrious Masters of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Ohio and Wisconsin. Monroe Council No.1, Saginaw Council No. 20, Logansport Council No. 11, Indiana, Wisconsin Council of Ish Sodi.

Once again we ask our Heavenly Father to comfort those who mourn the loss of their Friends and Companions. Give them the assurance that they have but stepped from the pain, sorrow and labors of this world into the everlasting paradise, where they wait with patience until we shall have joined with them.

We ask that you support each of us that we may accomplish the task which Thou hast assigned for us, in completing the designs upon the trestle board of Life. Let us help by precept and example, to carry out those virtues which Thou hast commanded us to do.

This is not the time for us to forget the Families of our Departed Companions. We sincerely sympathize with them in their hour of sorrow. We ask our Heavenly Father to watch over them, until they may see more clearly the Sorrows of Death.

Fraternally Yours;
George W. H. Lyons, P.M.I.G.M.
Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Chairman
Gordon J. Karslake, P.M.I.G.M.
Jeffrey K. Burk, P.M.I.G.M.

Proceedings on CD	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRINTING TOTAL	\$1,800.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,800.00
ENTERTAINMENT			
Guests	700.00	809.00	850.00
Other	0.00	330.00	350.00
ENTERTAINMENT TOTAL	\$700.00	\$1,139.00	\$1,200.00
ANNUAL MEETING EXPENSE			
Flowers for Triangle	75.00	75.00	75.00
ANNUAL MEETING TOTAL	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
OTHER PAYMENTS			
Youth Groups Contributions	300.00	300.00	300.00
General Grand Council Per Capita	579.00	570.00	645.75
Triennial Fund	300.00	450.00	450.00
2014 Triennial Fund	--	--	500.00
OTHER PAYMENTS TOTAL	\$1,179.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,895.75
CONTINGENCIES			
Planned Contingency Fund	173.00	100.00	100.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONTINGENCIES TOTAL	\$173.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,180.00	\$12,932.00	\$14,960.75
SURPLUS (ACTUAL/BUDGETED)	\$842.65	\$888.00	\$331.00

It was moved that this proposed budget be adopted for the year 2008-2009. Second by Ill. Companion Wayne E. Caruss, PTIM, carried.

FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES

5 Years	Wayne E. Caruss	222 W. Quincy Street, Dimondale, MI. 48821-9555 (517) 646-0069 E-mail: waynec@acd.net
4 Years	David G. Boring	1371 Audubon, Grosse Pointe Park, MI. 48230-1153 (313) 881-2797 E-mail: dboring@comcast.net
3 Years	Jerry Ritzert	222 Fourth Street, St. Ignace, MI. 49781-1314 (906) 643-8792 E-mail: None
2 Year	Richard A. Dettloff	49535 Hamilton Court, Shelby, MI. 48315-3934 (586) 566-3056 E-mail: mnyb65@sbcglobal.net

1 Years	David W. Dossette	13669 Hannan Road, Romulus, MI. 48174-1034 (734) 941-3056 E-mail: dbldfotog1@aol.com
	Anthony M. Chamberlin Rt. Ill. Deputy Grand Master	76 Michigan Avenue, Marysville, MI. 48040-1110 (810) 364-2676 E-mail: anthonychamberlin@sbcglobal.net
	Richard D. Tonda Finance Chairman	3166 MacKenzie Drive, Howell, MI. 48843-8050 (517) 546-4934 E-mail: rtonda@hotmail.com
	William E. LeVeque, PMLGM Rt. Ill. Grand Treasurer	E9586 Cedar Street, Wetmore, MI. 49895-9721 (906) 387-3068 E-mail: bleveque@up.net

ELECTION OF FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT TRUSTEE

Right Illustrious Companion Richard D. Tonda, Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard, Finance Chairman, placed in nomination Companion Fred R. Jex to fill the 5 Year term on the Foundation Endowment Trustees. 2nd by Illustrious Companion Wayne E. Caruss. Most Illustrious Companion Seitz then asked two more times if there were any other nominations. No further nominations were made, Most Illustrious Companion Seitz declared Companion Fred R. Jex elected as a member of the Foundation Endowment Trustees for a five (5) year term.

READING OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Right Illustrious Grand Recorder reported that in as much as the proposed amendments were printed in the Annual Call, and were sent to each Grand Officer, Past Grand Officers, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principle Conductor of the Works, Records, Committeemen, Grand Representatives, and Arch Deputy Instructors, and that all present have a copy of the amendments, and if there is no objection be considered as the reading.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I Move that this be accepted as it is printed and distributed, Second by Illustrious Companion James R. Sprague, carried.

The following amendments to Michigan Cryptic Law is respectfully submitted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Change Article XII Chartered Councils
Delete: Section 10 Members of Defunct Council

It shall be the duty of the Grand Master and his assistants to help and to encourage the members of a Council whose charter is revoked or surrendered to become affiliated

University and retired in 1982.

Bruce was elected and installed into the station of Illustrious Grand Marshall of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan in the City of Dearborn, on May 17th• 1975. upon his advancement on May 17th• 1980 at the 122nd Annual Assembly Bruce was elected and installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master in the city of Gaylord . Our Most Illustrious Grand Master Bruce presided at the 123rd• Annual Assembly of the Grand Council which was held in the City of Mt. Pleasant on May 15, 16, 1981. Highlights of the Annual Assemblies

The Boudeman Bible was presented to Cass City Council No. 90 for a 30.1 percent increase in Membership. Having won the Bible three years in a row the presentation was made permanently. David S. Wilson was named Cryptic Mason of the Year.

At the Triennial Assembly of General Grand Council International at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Royce E. Curtis, PMIGM was elected Right Puissant General Grand Treasurer.

Legislation: Amended the by-laws setting the age limit at 75 that any person could hold a line office in Grand Council.

Election of Grand Master: Kai V. Kofoed.

Elected to Start the Line: Stanley P. Stowe.

MASONIC CHRONOLOGY

LODGE:

Wabon Lodge No. 305, F&AM	1947
Worshipful Master, Williamston No. 153 F&AM	1966
President, Williamston Temple Association	1967-1970
President, Mt. Pleasant Temple Association	1979
Marshal, Wabon Lodge No. 305 F&AM	1978
Mason of the Year	2004

CHAPTER:

Williamston Chapter No. 117 R.A.M.	1964
Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. III R.A.M	1964
High Priest, Mt. Pleasant Chapter	1969-1970
Order of High Priesthood	1970
President, Order of High Priesthood	1978
DDI, Grand Chapter, R.A.M.	1974-1979
Scribe, Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. III, R.A.M.	1980-1981

COUNCIL:

Williamston Council No. 64 R&SM	1965
Thrice Illustrious Master, George Hill Council No. 85	1973
Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters	1974

Fraternally Submitted,
 William E. LeVeque, P.M.I.G.M., Chairman
 Henry L. Seitz, M.I.G.M.

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

At this One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, we must give thanks to our Heavenly Father for protecting our Grand Officers this year from all harm. But it is our sad duty to report the loss of (76) of our Companions who have departed this world to meet with their Father who art in Heaven. We must also remember our Friends and Companions from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions who's Companions have lost their battle with Life. We are sad to report the passing of one of our Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters and Grand Recorder Emeritus, J. Bruce Eldred.

J. Bruce Eldred, 87, of Alma and formally of Mt. Pleasant and Williamston, passed away Tuesday, July 1st. 2008 at Masonic Pathway. A Masonic Memorial Service for Bruce will be held on Saturday, August, 9th• 2008 at 3:00pm from the Masonic Pathway Doig Chapel 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI. with Dr. Stephen Shurgert officiating and Peter Russell co-officiating .

Bruce was born on August 11th• 1920, in Maple Rapids, MI, the eldest of five sons of Orville and Vera (Parr) Eldred. The Family lived on a farm in Gratiot County. Bruce married Dorothy Jane Buzzard in 1945 and to this marriage was born a Son, Keith and a Daughter Janice. (Calamity) Jane as many of us knew her preceded Bruce in death in 2007.

Bruce is survived by his children, Keith (Corlie) Eldred of Williamston and Janice (Sam) Hanselman of Arcadia, IN; grandchildren, Tom Hanselman of Plano, TX, Brian Hanselman of Mt. Pleasant, Geoff (Stacey) Eldred of Lowell, Matt (Megan) Eldred of Dewitt and Tim (Shanna) Eldred of Charlotte, NC: Great-grandchildren, Reid Eldred and Rowan Eldred and brothers, Duane (Liz) Eldred of Las Vegas, NY and Loren (Jane Eldred of Mt. Pleasant. Bruce and Jane were members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Bruce graduated from Arthur Hill Trade School in Saginaw in 1938, after majoring in the printing trade; He graduated in 1939 from Mt, Pleasant High School, then enrolled at Central Michigan University in September the same year, and graduated in the spring of 1943 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He has taken graduate work at Central Michigan, Michigan State, University of Michigan and Rochester Institute of Technology, New York. After graduating from Central Michigan in 1943, He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in the Far East. He was discharged in February 1946. Upon Honorary Discharge from the Air Force, He began teaching school in the Lansing Public School System, He taught at Lansing Eastern High School until 1954 when he went into the commercial printing industry with Williamston Enterprises and Wellman Press in Lansing. In January 1969 he became Director of the University Press at Central Michigan

with other active Councils. A member of a defunct Council is not liable for dues after said Council becomes extinct, but the Grand Council shall have the right to collect unpaid dues or fees of the former members as of the date the charter was revoked or surrendered.

The Grand Recorder is empowered to complete the unfinished records of the membership accounts for dues and fees by collecting the amount owing. All members whose dues are paid in full for the year in which their Council became extinct, and who are not otherwise indebted to said Council, shall be entitled to certificates of good standing from the Grand Recorder, conditioned that they will affiliate with another Council within one year of the date of their former Council became extinct. Discretionary powers for the remission of dues or fees owed by members of the defunct Council shall rest with the Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE XII CHARTERED COUNCILS

Section 10 Establishing a Special Council

1. Notwithstanding the preceding laws of Cryptic Masonry, a special Council is hereby established in the Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan, to be called Gediliah Council No. 1858. The purpose of Gediliah Council No. 1858 is to act as a transition Council for Companions whose Council has forfeited or surrendered its Charter and who have not yet moved their membership to another Chartered Council.

2. Member of Gediliah Council.

A member of a Council that has surrendered or forfeited its Charter shall become a member of Gediliah Council No. 1858 unless they receive from the Grand Recorder a Certificate of Good Standing and affiliate with another Chartered Council. A member receiving a Certificate of Good Standing has one year from its issue to affiliate with another Council, or be suspended.

3. Officers-

- a. The officers of Gediliah Council No. 1858 shall be the Grand Officers of the Grand Council, R&SM of Michigan in their proper stations.
- b. The Most Illustrious Grand Master shall act as the Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council.
- c. The Right Illustrious Grand Recorder shall maintain the membership records of the Companions, issue Certificates of Good Standing, when requested; and collect any dues, fees and Assessments as required.
- d. Other Grand Officers shall perform the duties of their respective offices as needed.

4. Assemblies - Gediliah Council No. 1858 shall hold no Regular Assemblies, but shall be convened, if necessary, at the pleasure of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

5. Powers and Duties of the Council - Gediliah Council No. 1858 shall have no power to accept petitions or greet new Companions and shall have no representation at the Grand Assembly. Companions who are in good standing and are Past Thrice Illustrious Masters shall continue to enjoy a seat and vote at the Grand Assembly per Cryptic Law.

6. Dues, Fees, Life Membership-
- The Right Illustrious Grand Recorder shall annually collect the Per capita and Assessments due the Grand Council of Michigan, and an administrative fee of five (5) dollars from all Companions enrolled in Gediliah Council except the officers, who are members only by the virtue of their office.
 - Those Companions who are already Life Members shall continue in that dignity. No new Life Memberships may be granted by this Council, as this is the prerogative of a regularly Chartered Council.
 - Failure of any Companion to remit any dues, assessments or fees to Gediliah Council No. 1858 as ordered, shall be suspended by the Most Illustrious Grand Master after being given due notice.
 - Any Companion so suspended for Non-payment of dues, may be reinstated after paying the dues, assessments and fees delinquent. He shall then be issued a Certificate of Good Standing.
7. Continuing Membership
The Most Illustrious Grand Master may assign a Companion to another Council after one year of membership in Gediliah Council. This Companion would be enrolled in the designated Councils membership and may request a Certificate of Good Standing from that Council if he is current with the designated Council dues and fees.

Reason: Many Companions are lost when a Council forfeits or surrenders its Charter. They are issued a Certificate of Good Standing, but fail to affiliate with another Council within the prescribed one year. Rather than lose these Companions, they can be enrolled in a "general" Council and continue their membership until such time when they do affiliate with another Council.

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren A. Caruss, P.M.I.G.M.

Amendment No. 1 vote was cast and was unanimous.

AMMENDMENT NO. 2

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

Whereas, The Grand Council, Royal and Select Masons of Michigan has for many years operated under a fiscal year from January 1 through December 31, and

Whereas, in recent years our operations are now centered around the Annual Grand Assembly which is held in concert with the other Grand York Rite bodies of Michigan which are regularly held in the month of August of each year, and

Whereas, the fiscal year and operational year are thus out of sequence, one with the other,

of this year "Seven Degree Days" were held in Saginaw and Kalamazoo. These were followed up with "All Order Days". These activities along with our Joint Grand Session format demonstrated the willingness of the York Rite Bodies to work together to strengthen our Fraternity.

Due to the increased activity in the York Rite there have been scheduling conflicts; they have been kept to a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian K. Himes, RIGPCW, Chairman
Stephen R. Striggow, RIGCG
George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM, IGC

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 one amendment to the Cryptic Law Book, and one resolution requiring changes in the Ritual for Installation, passed by the Grand Council Session in August 2007. The amendments were edited by the Committee into the established form and style and written copies thereof were submitted to the Grand Recorder, along with a change in the Regulations for Constituting required by the new amendment. These changes 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, P.M.I.G.M., Chairman
Duane E Warner, P.M.I.G.M.
Jerry C. Townsend, P.M.I.G.M

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

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

The Historical Committee continues to evaluate the Publications that will be of Historical Value to this Grand Council. It is anticipated that with the Sesquicentennial Celebration over, the committee in conjunction with the Publications Committee will print under one cover, the entire year history of Michigan Grand Council, R. S. M. The 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration was Held in Sault Ste Marie on September 22nd. The Weekend included the MIGM reception. Tours of the Soo Locks and Valley Camp Museum were conducted, and the Grand Council was Reconstituted in the Dream Makers Theatre at Kewadin Hotel.

We are grateful to our Most Illustrious Grand Master for allowing us to serve.

suspensions that totaled 37 and withdrawals were 20. We must all work to find ways of reducing these causes for losses. It should be noted that many of our Councils greeted new Companions, but were not able to show a gain in membership due to deaths and suspensions.

This Committee would like to recommend that All of Michigan Councils need to do a better job to retain their members. The number of New Candidates being greeted at festivals has made it look like a renewal of interest in the York Rite. We encourage each Companion to continue their involvement in the Symbolic Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter. The invitation to become a Cryptic Mason is up to you. Invite your Royal Arch Companions to join the Cryptic Rite. The Cryptic Rite is the finishing school.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, RIDGM, Chairman
Brian K. Himes, RIGPCW
Stephen R. Striggow, RIGCG

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH FOUNDATION

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

In continuation of its ongoing practice, the Grand Council has supported the Grand Bethel Honored Queen, State Master Councilor, and Grand Worthy Advisor of our state Masonic youth organizations. The Most illustrious Grand Master presented checks representing the Grand Council's financial support to the Grand Worthy Advisor and the State Master Councilor at their receptions. The Grand Bethel Honored Queen received her check at the Most Illustrious Grand Master's reception (to allow her use of the funds earlier in her term, rather than waiting for her reception in May).

The Grand Council was also represented at the Rainbow Assembly in Alma and the Job's Daughters Grand Session in Grand Rapids. Because of the early date for this year's Grand Assembly, no DeMolay Conclave took place during the current Grand Council term.

The Michigan Masonic youth are vigorous, active, and doing well.

Henry L. Seitz, M.I.G.M., Chairman
William E. LeVeque, P.M.I.G.M.
Duane E. Warner, P.M.I.G.M.

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 York Rite Cooperation committee is pleased to report that during the course

Therefore be it resolved, by this Grand Council in Annual Assembly convened, that the Grand Officers, Trustees, and Finance Committee be instructed to conduct the financial affairs of the Grand Council under a fiscal year beginning on June 1 and ending on May 31, commencing with the fiscal year that starts on June 1, 2009.

Fraternally submitted,
Richard D. Tonda, LG.C.G., Chinn.
Anthony M. Chamberlin, R.I.D.G.M.
Stephen R. Striggow, R.I.G.C.G.
James R. Sprague, I.G.S.

Amendment No. 2 vote was cast and was unanimous.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

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

Whereas, The Grand Council, Royal and Select Masons of Michigan is a premier body of Masons, the sole authority over regular Cryptic Masonry in our State, and

Whereas, in recent years our final operation has always been based upon a reasonable and balanced budget, not mortgaging our meager investments, but carefully husbanding the funds entrusted to its care by the Companions of this State, and

Whereas, in spite of these efforts it has proven impossible to make substantial progress toward developing an investment corpus of sufficient size and stability to preserve and assure our financial future,

Therefore be it resolved, by this Grand Council in Annual Assembly convened, that Article X, Section 2(a) of the Bylaws of this Grand Council be amended to read (in total) as follows:

Each chartered Council and each Council U.D. shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of four dollars for each Super Excellent Master greeted during the yearly period ending with 31st of December.

Each chartered Council shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) for each Super Excellent Master on its rolls as of the 31st of December of each year, excluding the Recorder, life members, honorary members, members whose dues have been remitted, and those greeted during the year.

Fraternally submitted,
Richard D. Tonda, I.G.C.C., Chairman.
Anthony M. Chamberlin, R.I.D.G.M.
Stephen R. Striggow, R.I.G.C.G.
James R. Sprague, I.G.S.

Amendment No. 3 vote was cast and was unanimous.

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 attended the One Hundred Fiftieth Annual Assembly, several Most Illustrious Companions of Sister Jurisdictions, and 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:

Gary G. Wyne, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Indiana

Lawrence O. Weaver, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Oregon, and Right Puissant North West Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

Fraternally,
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM
Grand Recorder

Seconded by Companion George E. Maule. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARCH DEPUTIES

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

As this ends my third year as your Grand Lecturer, I submit this as my report to this Grand Council. Fourteen Councils have shown improvement in their scores over last year. While eleven Councils have a small decrease in scores, two Councils have maintained their score from last year. Unfortunately eight Councils will receive no score because no Official Report was sent to me. While some Councils are suffering and may be in the process of turning in their Charters or consolidating with other Councils that is no excuse for having at least a partial report.

The scheduling of the Schools of Instruction is an intricate part of the duties of an Arch Deputy. An Arch Deputy is the direct representative of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. He should visit his Councils as often as needed to assist them in improving their Councils and communicate the desires and problems between the Grand Council and his Councils.

For the most part your Arch Deputy's have performed their duties assigned to them with diligence. It has been my privilege to have worked with them this year. I extend my gratitude once again to each of them for accepting their appointments and for the many hours and miles traveled in their discharge of their duties.

One Arch Deputy resigned this last year and unfortunately no replacement could be found to take his place. Some Deputies did not visit any of their assigned Councils and should be replaced immediately. And one Deputy had major surgery and could not finish his obligations.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL

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

The Committee on the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International extends to you a cordial invitation to attend the 43rd. Triennial of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International which will be held in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana on August 28 - 30, 2008. Reservation forms and information is available at the General Grand Council website.

We are hoping for a large contingency from the Grand Council of Michigan to be in attendance to witness as our very own Right Puissant Companion George C. Sellars is elevated to the office of Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master. Along with Right Puissant Companion Kenneth D. Chandler being reinstated as General Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian K. Himes, RIGPCW, Chairman
Kenneth D. Chandler, P.M.I.G.M.
James R. Sprague, Ill. Grand Steward

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, your Committee on Condition of the Rite has traveled through-out the state and have witnessed various degrees of commitment by the Companions in this Jurisdiction. While we see resurgence in some Councils, others seem to be slipping further behind. While most Companions take pride in their Councils and their Degree Work, others stand idly by, not learning even the opening and closing without an open ritual. As we all get older our ritualistic skills start to slip, but our pride and passion for our beloved craft must remain strong. We have to show as much devotion to the Cryptic Rite as we do our other fraternal bodies.

In January, at our Grand Officers Workshop, we discussed several Councils that have not had legal meetings, in some cases for three years. These same Councils have not attended a Grand session in two or more years. The MIGM had discussed placing them on probation. Had this occurred, the Condition of the Rite Committee would have had the power to act on those Councils. We have one Council that would like to consolidate but cannot because they are unable to get a quorum of six Companions to meet.

Your Committee on the Condition of the Rite has been standing ready to act on these matters but have not been directed to act.

Our statistical report will show a total loss of 49 Companions this year down from past years. We have greeted 77 new Companions while we have lost 75 by death. Although there is nothing we can do to stem the losses from death, our biggest losses still come from

My travels outside of Michigan, to Grand Council Assemblies, the East Central regional meeting and the assemblies of Councils in other jurisdiction, have taught me many valuable lessons. I hope that we can use those lessons to make Cryptic Masonry even stronger in Michigan.

I had the honor to represent this Grand Council at the reception for the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan this year.

We were well received and treated well in a most hospitable manner at all of the functions we attended and I thank you for your hospitality. Also, I would like to thank all of the Companions of this Grand Council for the honor, privilege and pleasure of serving you these last six years. It has been a Great Honor to Serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, RIDGM

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.

Companions; it has been a great experience to serve this year as Principal Conductor of the Work. In September I had the pleasure of participating in a once in a life time event, the celebration of our Sesquicentennial. In November we also presented the Charter and then installed the Officers of Sunrise Council No. 93, our newest Council in Michigan. My travels this year have taken me to 10 Councils, as well as all of the Council Festivals which were scheduled around the state. I was able to attend the receptions of all three of our Youth Leaders, along with that of the Grand High Priest and Grand Commander. I was also able to attend the Grand Lodge of Michigan. In my out of state travels I did attend the East Central Regional Conference, Grand Council of Ontario and Wisconsin. I must apologize for missing the Grand Sessions of Ohio and Indiana. On these occasions I allowed working to interfere with my Masonic travels.

I want to thank Most Illustrious Companion Michael Whiting, PMIGM, Grand Lecturer and the Arch Deputies for there dedication. There tireless work continues to assist the Councils to improve.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and I would like to thank all of the Companions for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian K. Himes, RIGPCW

It is my hope that the Councils who have received reports will use them as tools for improvement in their Councils. For those Councils who did not receive reports I offer my apologies. In the future I will try to make sure that problem will be eliminated.

Remember these reports are not only based on ritual performance. They include attendance at Grand Council, Treasurer and Recorder records, special activities, visitations and fund raisers for our philanthropies. The Grand Council uses these reports so they can better serve you Companions and to institute programs to benefit us all.

This Session, an amendment will be placed upon the floor changing the ritual to be written out in its entirety. This includes the obligation with the exception of the signs, passes and word of each degree. The reasoning being that most of the ritual is already written out and it is hoped it will make it easier for the Companions to commit it to memory.

The TOP COUNCILS for this year were:

Leslie – 64, Northville – 63, Straits Area – 63,
Pontiac – 62, Marine City - 62

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve this Grand Council as Grand Lecturer and I thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Henry L. Seitz for this appointment.

Fraternally,
Michael Whiting, P.M.I.G.M.,
Grand Lecturer

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN INSPECTION REPORTS 2007-2008

COUNCIL	2007 DEPUTY	2008 POINTS	+/- POINTS	
Monroe #1	TROUTMAN	57	61	+
Pontiac #3	TROUTMAN	67	62	-
River Raisin #4-	MILLER	62	60	-
Nebuzaradan #6	WARNER	44	45	+
Mount Clemens #8	TROUTMAN	60	61	+
Zabud#9	WARNER	52	51	-
Tyre #10	CARUSS	49	47	-
Union #11	MILLER	58	59	+
Hiram #14	DOSSETTE	54	52	-
Adrian #18	MILLER	51	50	-
Niles #19	WARNER	56	54	-
Saginaw #20	MOFFITT	34.5	57.5	+
Lansing #29		N/A	N/A	-
Northville #30	DOSSETTE	55	63	+
Jackson #32		N/A	N/A	
Durand #38	MOFFITT	60	56	-
Manistee #46		N/A	N/A	
Leslie #50	DOSSETTE	64	64	SAME

Muskegon #54		44	N/A	
Flint #56		57	N/A	
Marine City #59	TROUTMAN	54	62	+
Inverness #60	FORD	51	50	
Grand Ledge #62	CARUSS	49	49	SAME
Kalamazoo #63	WARNER	58	57	-
Hiawatha #65	MAULE	48	27	-
Cadillac #70		53	N/A	
Marquette #72	MAULE	51	55	+
Livingston #73	MILLER	N/A	49	+
Darius #75		43	N/A	
George Hill #85	MOFFITT	N/A	59	+
Ann Arbor #86	MILLER	54	59	+
Cass City #90		60	N/A	
Bedford #91	WARNER	57	60	+
Straits Area #92	FORD	61	63	+
Sunrise U.D.	HIMES	46	51	+
N/A NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME				

REPORT ON 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:

1. To the York Rite Committee Officers, thank you for making the 150th 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 150th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.
3. To our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Henry L. Seitz, 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,
James R. Sprague, IGS, Chairman
Jerry C. Townsend, PMIGM
Jeffrey K. Burk, PMIGM

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

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCE

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 Henry L. Seitz, 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,
Dwight A. Humm, IGM, Chairman
William H. Ford, PTIM
Ivan Fletcher, TIM

Most Illustrious Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings. Second by Companion William Ford. Motion carried

APPROVAL OF REPORTS AS PRINTED IN THE “ADVANCED PROCEEDINGS”

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

Most Illustrious Companion, Seitz, Most Illustrious Grand Master, I will entertain a motion to accept the remaining reports as printed in the Advance Proceedings. So moved Right Illustrious Companion Anthony M. Chamberlin, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. Second by Illustrious Companion William H. Ford. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

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

Companions, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you, the Grand Council, as your Deputy Grand Master for the past year.

I have attended many Cryptic functions throughout this state, and in various other jurisdictions, but I can honestly say that the finest of Cryptic Masonry can be found her in our own State of Michigan. I have seen our work performed at a variety of levels, but I have always seen the best of companionship, fellowship, and friendship, that could be offered anywhere.