

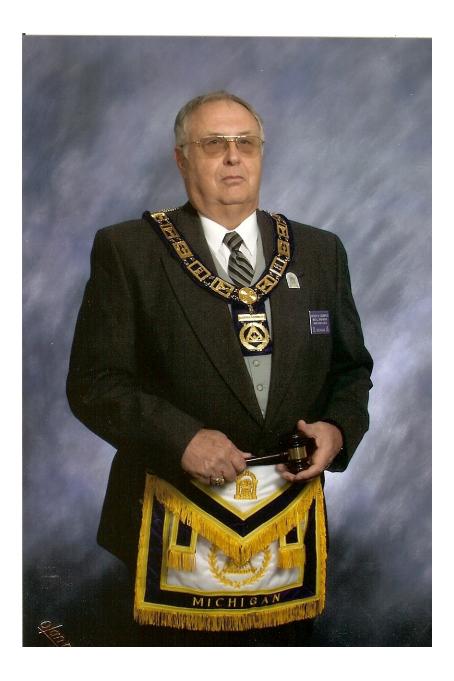


Flint, Michigan August 6



Anthony M. Chamberlin





Anthony M. Chamberlin Elected Most Illustrious Grand Master August 7, 2008 Presided August 6, 2009

# Anthony M. Chamberlin

Most Illustrious Companion Anthony M. Chamberlin was born on March 1, 1942, in Highland Park, Michigan. He was the son of Albert and Wanda (Czerniawski) Chamberlin. He graduated from Marine City High School, Marine City, Michigan, in June of 1959. He entered the construction industry, joining the Asbestos Works Local No. 25, Detroit, Michigan, retiring in February 1, 2000. He served in the United States Air Force and was honorable discharged on December 4, 1973 having served as a Medical Service Specialist.

Anthony and Julia, his wife of 32 years, are the proud parents of twin boys, Albert (Ericka) and Raymond (Courtney). Both sons have made them proud Grandparents of three granddaughters (Maci, Madi and Mia) and one grandson (Mason). They presently reside in Marysville, Michigan.

#### **DeMOLAY CHRONOLOGY**

S. Ward Chapter Order of DeMolay	October 26, 1957
Marine City, Michigan	
Charter Member	
Master Councilor	September 1960
District 5B Master Councilor	April 1962
Illustrious Knight Commander	
Frank S. Land Priory	
Michigan State Chapter Order of DeMolay	
State Scribe	
State Treasurer (last elected)	
District Deputy for Harold F. Koch	
Executive Officer and Active Member of t	he International Supreme
Council Order of DeMolay	
Honors	
Representative DeMolay Award	May 1959
Degree of Chevalier	September 9, 1961
Senior DeMolay	March 1, 1963
50 Year Membership Certificate	
Legion of Honor – Active	To be invested on November 7, 2009

# MASONIC CHRONOLOGY

# SYMBOLIC LODGE

S Ward Lodge No. 62 F & AM	June 29, 1963
Worshipful Master	
Presently serving as Treasurer	
Mason of the Year	
Masonic Temple Association	

# CAPITULAR

Richard Cottrell Chapter No. 128	January 8, 1964
Excellent High Priest	2001 to 2003
Royal Arch Mason of the Year	
Order of High Priesthood	October 5, 2001
Honorary Memberships	
Caro Chapter No. 96	February 12, 2009
Consolidated with Huron Chapter No. 27	December 2, 2003
Eastern Michigan Association of Royal Arch Masons	
President	
Grand Representative to the State of Nevada	

# CRYPTIC

Marine City Council No. 59	June 26, 1966
Thrice Illustrious Master	
Cryptic Mason of the Year	1998
Royal Ark Mariner Degree	
Riblah Council No. 6, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada	September 18, 2001
Order of the Silver Trowel	May 18, 2001
Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters	
Thrice Illustrious Master	
Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan	
Appointed Illustrious Grand Marshal	August 20, 2002
Most Illustrious Grand Master	August 7, 2008
Named Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year	

Honorary Memberships Cass City Council No. 90 Pontiac Council No. 3 Straits Area Council No. 92 Mt. Clemens Council No. 8 Leslie Council No. 50 Grand Council of Kentucky Grand Council of Ohio Grand Council of Illinois

# Honorary Degrees

Ish-Sodi of Kentucky Illinois Council of Thrice Illustrious Master Council of Anointed Kings of the State of Ohio

# CHIVALRIC

Port Huron Commandery No. 7	April 16, 1964
Romeo Commandery No. 6	December 10, 1997
Eminent Commander	2002, 2003, 2004
Michigan Past Commanders Association Knights Templar	June 6, 2003
Port Huron Past Commanders Association	
Eastern Michigan Battalion	
Commander	

## **KNIGHT YORK CROSS OF HONOUR**

Michigan Priory No. 22	May 17, 2003
КҮӨСН	September 23, 2008

# YORK RITE COLLEGE

St. Clair River York Rite College No. 151	April 10, 1999
Governor	
Order of the Purple Cross, Indianapolis, Indiana	2003
Gold Honor Award from Prince Edwin York Rite College .	

# ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

Valley of Detroit
Blue Water Scottish Rite Club
President March 9, 2006
Blue Water Scottish Rite Club Mason of the Year for 2007
GROTTO
Noruh Grotto No. 127 August 18, 2006
KNIGHT MASONS
Trinity Council No. 36 November 23, 200
Excellent Chief
ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
Eastern Michigan Council No. 450
Charter member
Sovereign Master November 24, 2008
Red Branch of Eri, Exalted Rank of Esquire
ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND
The Provincial Grand Lodge, United States of America July 12, 2008
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON
White Pine Forest No. 191 December 6, 2003
GRAND ORDER OF THE SWORD OF BUNKER HILL
John J. Pershing Order No. 24, Peoria, Il March 7, 2008
YEOMEN OF YORK
Angola, Indiana October 18, 2008
HIGH TWELVE
Port Huron High Twelve Club No. 121 2009
High Twelve International Award April 18, 2009
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Cornell Marysville

PROCEEDINGS

# OF THE

# **GRAND COUNCIL**

OF

# **Royal and Select Masons**

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

# **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIRST**

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY CENTRE

FLINT, MICHIGAN

AUGUST 6, 2009



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#### PROCEEDINGS

## GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre Flint, Michigan August 6, 2009

The Officers of Marine City Council No. 59, under the direction of Illustrious Companion Bernard C. Kirchoff, Thrice Illustrious Master, purged the Council in the Select Masters Degree under dispensation in the Conference Room of the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, Michigan at 8:30 A.M., August 6, 2009, for the purpose of receiving, Most Illustrious Companion Anthony M. Chamberlin, Most Illustrious Grand Master and his Staff of Grand Officers prior to the official Opening of the One Hundred Fifty First Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

Most Illustrious Grand Master Anthony M. Chamberlin was escorted to the East, given Grand Honors, and extended the gave of Marine City Council No. 59. Most Illustrious Grand Master Chamberlin, directed the Officers to assume their respective stations.

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

#### **RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST**

Most Illustrious Companion, Jerry C. Townsend, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master it is my pleasure this morning to present to you and the Companions here assembled, the following Distinguished Guests. Who were presented at the altar, introduced and were escorted to the East, welcomed, accorded appropriate honors, and seated. OHIO: Most Illustrious Companion Fred A. Boggs, Most Illustrious Grand Master.

WISCONSIN: Most Illustrious Companion William Van Zile, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.

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

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MICHIGAN: Acting Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Larry A. Inscho, Grand King, G. Gordon Goodman, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Scribe, Brent Helms, Grand Treasurer, Paul C. Howell, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, Carl S. Hobday, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chaplain, Robert E. Cooper, Grand Captain of the Host, Michael Whiting, Grand Principal Sojourner, David W. Dossette, Grand Royal Arch Captain, James M. Kiefer, Grand Master 3<sup>rd</sup>. Veil, Louis C. McCray, Grand Master 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil, Donald L. Galway, Grand Master 1<sup>st</sup> Veil and 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, Charles E. Updike, James R. Sprague, Stanley B. Lukyx, Paul D. Williams, George W.H. Lyons, and Gerald F. Thorp.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MICHIGAN: Sir Knight David L. Seyferth, 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 Howard H. Crumit, Jr., Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Rev. Jan Beaderstadt, 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 Roger P. Sobran, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Paul W. Roggow, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Anthony Helferich, Eminent Grand Warder, Sir Knight Joseph Medved, Eminent Grand Sentinel, several Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders, Robert C. Ickes, James E. Hawn, Emmett W. Mills Jr., Erwin W. O'Dell, Tommy R. Amidon, Richard E. Cooper, Richard D. Erspamer, James C. Costello, and Glenn V. Leeper, Jr.

SCOTTISH RITE: Illustrious Erwin W. O'Dell, 33 Degree/ 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 Order Red Cross of Constantine.

HIGH TWELVE: Donald L. Galway, President, Michigan Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs.

MICHIGAN PRIORY NO. 22 KNIGHT YORK CROSS OF HONOUR: Terry G. Baker, Prior, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select 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: Puissant 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. Puissant Companion Henry L. Seitz, Right Puissant East Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International. Most Illustrious Companion Warren A. Caruss, Ambassador of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN: Most Worshipful Brothers Charles S. Moulthrop Jr., Wayne E. Turton, and Michael J. Jungel, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master's. Worshipful Brother William E. LeVeque, Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MICHIGAN: Most Worshipful Brother, Donald L. Carman, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

# ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS 2008 – 2009

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

# ROLL CALL OF PAST GRAND MASTERS AND YEAR ELECTED

# NAME

## YEAR ELECTED

G. GORDON GOODMAN	1982
*WILLIAM SKREPNEK	1983
*GORDON J. KARSLAKE	
*CHARLES T. MEYER	1986
GEORGE C. SELLARS	1988
GEORGE W. H. LYONS	
*MICHAEL L. STELLUTE	
ERNEST BERRY	
*JEFFREY K. BURK	
MICHAEL J. JUNGEL	
*KENNETH D. CHANDLER	
*CHARLES E. STEWART	
DONALD L. HIMES	
*RONALD B. BLAISDELL	1998
JERRY C. TOWNSEND	1999
*DUANE E. WARNER	2001
WILLIAM E. LE VEQUE	2002
WILLIAM A. SIEBERT	2003
TERRY G. BAKER	
MICHAEL WHITING	
KENNEY L. LENFESTEY	2005
WARREN A. CARUSS	
HENRY L. SEITZ	

# ROLL CALL OF ARCH DEPUTIES 2008 – 2009

Robert O. Troutman	
David W. Dossette	
Philip C. Smith	
Wayne E. Caruss	4 <sup>th</sup> Arch Deputy
George E. Maule	
James H. Miller	6 <sup>th</sup> Arch Deputy
Darwin J. Snider	1 2
*Duane E. Warner	
William H. Ford	9 <sup>th</sup> Arch Deputy
Laurel J. Moffit	
William A. Siebert	Arch Deputy at Large
Michael Whiting, PMIGM	Grand Lecturer

# **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

Alabama	Terry G. Baker
Arizona	Paul C. Howell
Arkansas	
California	Kenney L. Lenfestey
Canada – East	Donald L. Trumbull
Canada – Ontario	William E. LeVeque
Canada – West	Henry L. Seitz
*Colorado	
Connecticut	
Delaware	James M. Kiefer
District of Columbia	K. Lee Yeager
England – Wales	
*France	
Florida	George C. Sellars
Georgia	
Germany	William H. Ford
Greece	Wayne E. Caruss
*Hawaii	Jeffrey K. Burk
Idaho	George W. H. Lyons
Illinois	Louis C. McCray
Indiana	Kenneth D. Chandler

Iana	Dishand D. Tanda
Iowa	
Israel	
Kansas	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	1
Maine	6
Maryland	
Massachusetts	
Minnesota	1
Mississippi	e
Missouri	
*Montana	5
*Nebraska	
Nevada	
New Hampshire	1
New Jersey	William A. Siebert
New Mexico	William L. Mercier
New York	Donald L. Himes
North Carolina	5 5
*North Dakota	Thomas K. Tabor
Ohio	Anthony M. Chamberlin
Oklahoma	Bernard C. Kirchoff
Oregon	Paul W. Roggow
Pennsylvania	Michael Whiting
Philippines	Donald L. Galway
*Portugal	Gerald B. Gibbons
*Rhode Island	Richard E. Hansen
*Scotland	Raymond Parker Jr.
South Carolina	Brian K. Himes
South Dakota	Frances G. Callahan
Tennessee	George E. Maule
Texas	Ernest Berry
Utah	Laurel J. Moffit
Vermont	James R. Sprague
Washington	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	
* Absent	1 00

<b>DIVISION AND REFERENCE:</b> Kenney L. Lenfestey, Chairman Warren A. Caruss	Henry L. Seitz
<b>COMMITTEE ON APPEALS:</b> William A. Seibert, Chairman Michael J. Jungel	Ernest Berry
<b>COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION AND TH</b> Richard D. Tonda, Chairman Frank Callahan (73)	HANKS: Stephen R. Striggow
<b>CHARTER AND DISPENSATIONS:</b> George W. H. Lyons, Chairman James R. Sprague	Michael Whiting
<b>COMMITTEE ON NEXT PLACE OF MEE</b> Dwight A. Humm, Chairman Stephen R. Striggow	E <b>TING:</b> Brian K. Himes
<b>COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINE</b> William E. LeVeque, Chairman Henry L. Seitz	SS: William L. Mercier (65)
<b>TELLERS:</b> Wayne E. Caruss, Chairman Ivan L. Fletcher (1) Fred R. Jex (59)	Robert O. Troutman (8) Bernard C. Kirchoff (59)
<b>COLLECTORS:</b> William A. Siebert, Chairman Jeffrey K. Burk George E. Maule (65)	Tommy R. Amidon (50) William H. Ford (92)

**APPOINTMENTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES** 

# 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	4
Past Grand Officers entitled to one vote each	
Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each	24
Deputy Masters entitled to one vote each	10
Principal Conductor of the Work entitled to one vote each	11
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each	54
Arch Deputies Instructors entitled to one vote each	2
Proxy votes issued at one vote each	12
TOTAL VOTES OR BALLOTS ISSUED	129
32 Councils represented	
9 Distinguished Guests registered	

**Councils not represented: #46** 

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, Ronald B. Blaisdell, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master: While I had hoped to be in Michigan for Grand Council, unfortunately, I will be undergoing a series of medical tests this week, which will make coming "north" an impossibility. I hope you all have a great Grand Assembly and maybe the GAOTU will allow me to attend next year.

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.

Mrs. Joan H. Kofeod: Thank you for the invitation to attend Grand Council. I will not be able to attend this year, as I will be in Savannah, Georgia with my niece. I will miss not being there as I enjoy seeing everyone.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2008 PROCEEDINGS**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Chamberlin announced that the Minutes of the 2008 Grand Assembly held in Kalamazoo, 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 2009 proceedings. There being no objection, they will stand as printed.

# MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS 151st ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Illustrious Companions, and Companions of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan:

I take great pleasure in welcoming you to the 151st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, assembled here at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, Michigan. It is our sincere wish that you and your lady enjoy yourselves and that your experiences will be pleasant.

To our Distinguished Guests, the gift of your presence at our Grand Session is one that Julia and I will always remember and cherish. We hope that you will find our hospitality accorded to you and your lady to be as generous as that accorded to my lady and me at your Grand Sessions.

To the Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Illustrious Companions and Companions and Ladies of this Grand Council; we welcome you to this Grand Assembly. The giving of your time to be with us in our deliberations and to provide guidance and counseling necessary to the successful completion of this Grand Council Session, and it is highly appreciated by this Grand Master.

To the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan, Scottish Rite, and all other Appendent Bodies of Michigan Masonry, the honor, respect and hospitality accorded us during the past Cryptic year have been greatly appreciated.

On August 7, 2008, I was honored by this Grand Council by being elected to the Office of Most Illustrious Grand Master. With the help of the Grand Architect and your guidance, I have attempted to serve worthily. I now have the privilege to report my stewardship for the preceding year.

## NECROLOGY

Several of our Companions have traveled to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. It is with great sadness, we report the loss of eightyone (81) our Cryptic family since our last Annual Assembly. Most Illustrious Companion John Longo, Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1974, have answered the summons of the Supreme Grand Master. This Cryptic family mourns the loss of this Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, and the many Companions of our Constituent Councils, and offers our condolences to their families and loved ones.

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

ALABAMA Most Illustrious Companion James L. Gossett, P.M.I.G.M. Most Illustrious Companion William H. Ealy, P.M.I.G.M
ARIZONA Most Illustrious Companion George H. Martin, P.M.I.G.M
ARKANSAS
CALIFORNIA Most Illustrious Companion Larry A. Reynolds, Sr., P.M.I.G.M Most Illustrious Companion George D. Yale, P.M.I.G.M
CONNECTICUT Most Illustrious Companion Ernest J. "Jack" Smith, P.M.I.G.N
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Most Illustrious Companion John P. Knapik, P.M.I.G.M

GEORGIA	. Most Illustrious Companion Lee D. Holcomb, P.M.I.G.M.
KENTUCKY	Most Illustrious Companion Clarence E. Ball, P.M.I.G.M. Most Illustrious Companion Nolan Rose, P.M.I.G.M.
LOUISIANA Mo	ost Illustrious Companion Robert V. Roberts, Jr., P.M.I.G.M. Most Illustrious Companion Dudley J. Theriot, P.M.I.G.M.
MARYLAND M	lost Illustrious Companion Carl J. Cicchetti, Sr., P.M.I.G.M.
MISSOURI	Most Illustrious Companion Edgar R. Coonrod, P.M.I.G.M.
MONTANA	Most Illustrious Companion Marvin W. Pelo, P.M.I.G.M. Most Illustrious Companion C. David Burgess, P.M.I.G.M.
NEW JERSEY M	Iost Illustrious Companion Warren L. Pangborn, P.M.I.G.M.
NEW MEXICO	Most Illustrious Companion Robert W. Bouma, P.M.I.G.M.
	. Most Illustrious Companion Blair E. Ferguson, P.M.I.G.M. Most Illustrious Companion Jack T. Dossett, P.M.I.G.M. Iost Illustrious Companion Cornelius E. Morris, P.M.I.G.M.
NORTH DAKOTAMos	t Illustrious Companion Harvey G. Vreugdenhil, P.M.I.G.M. Most Illustrious Companion Paul A. Torgeson, P.M.I.G.M.
OREGONMo	ost Illustrious Companion Carl George Carlson, P.M.I.G.M.
SOUTH CAROLINA Most Illustri	ous Companion Walter F. Bond, Jr., (Honorary) P.M.I.G.M.
TENNESSEE	Most Illustrious Companion James E. McFadin, P.M.I.G.M.
	Most Illustrious Companion Blaine M. Simons, P.M.I.G.M. ost Illustrious Companion Thomas H. Eastwood, P.M.I.G.M.
WYOMING	Most Illustrious Companion William D. Kramp, P.M.I.G.M.

# GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN

## Most Illustrious Companion, John Longo Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

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

## PRAYER AT ALTAR

To the Family, Friends, Brothers and Companions of our departed Loved ones, we ask that you remember these things; now that I have gone home to Our Heavenly Father.

Bury my **Body** but do not bury my **Belief's.** Bury my **Heart** but do not bury my **Love.** Bury my **Eyes** but not my **Vision.** Bury my **Feet** but not the **Path** of my **Life.** Bury my **Hands** but do not bury my **Efforts.** Bury my **Shoulders** but not the **Concerns** I carried. Bury my **Voice** but not my **Message.** Bury my **Mind** but do not bury my **Dreams.** Bury Me but do not bury my **Life.** If you must bury something, bury my **Sins,** My **weaknesses** but let my **Life continue on in you.** 

#### AMEN

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

I recommend that suitable pages be set aside in the Proceedings of the Grand Council in memory of these departed Companions.

### VISITATIONS

When I started this Cryptic Year it was my goal to visit as many subordinate Councils within our State as possible. But due to the demands of this and other offices that I hold, I was only able to visit a limited number of Councils. I encouraged our Grand Officers to visit as many Councils as possible, concentrating on Councils that needed more assistance that we could offer in a single visit. A complete listing of visitations I have made during the year is included with this report for review. I will have logged many miles this year, in representation of the Cryptic Masons of Michigan. I have had tremendous traveling Companions this year. The First of which is my Lady Julia, who was only able to travel with me when she was able to get time off from work. Many Thanks go to Right Illustrious Companions Brian K. Himes, Deputy Grand Master, Donald L. Himes, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Terry G. Baker, Illustrious Grand Recorder, Stephen R. Striggow, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, because of their willingness to travel with me it made the journeys more enjoyable.

In this last year, I attended the reception of the Most Worshipful Brother Donald L. Carman, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sir Knight David L. Seyferth, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Most Illustrious Companion William E. LeVeque, Worshipful Grand Marshal. Due to a schedule conflict, I was unable to attend the reception of Most Excellent Companion William B. Fairchild, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. Right Illustrious Companion, Brian K. Himes, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master was able to represent the Grand Council at that reception. I have also visited several Valleys of the Scottish Rite in Michigan, The 100<sup>th</sup> Session of the Michigan Council of Deliberation, Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, reception of Michael Whiting, Grand Royal Patron for the Order of the Amaranth, East Central Region, several functions of the Order of DeMolay and Rainbow for Girls. I wish to thank Most Illustrious Companion Duane E. Warner, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion Brian K. Himes, Right Illustrious Grand Master and Right Illustrious Companion Brian K. Himes, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master for representing the Grand Council at the State Activities with our Youth.

I have represented the Grand Council of Michigan at the Annual Assemblies of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

During my year as Most Illustrious Grand Master, I was received at fifty four (54) Official visits, I have also attended eighty five (85) meeting of Masonic-related organizations of which I am a officer, member or just a visitor.

My travels have been many, with accompanying Companions, or my Lady Julia. We have been received by you and cherished by me. A complete list of my travels and visitations will be on record with the Grand Recorder for your review. My personal auto has logged many miles this year and all of it, for the most worthwhile of endeavors.

# **APPOINTMENTS**

I made the following appointments during my term of office.

James R. Sprague, PTIM	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Dwight A. Humm	Illustrious Grand Steward
William L. Mercier	
George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM	Illustrious Grand Chaplain & Cast Director
Duane E. Warner, PMIGM	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Michael Whiting, PMIGM	Illustrious Grand Lecturer
Robert O. Troutman	Arch Deputy Arch No. 1
David W. Dossette	
Phillip C. Smith	Arch Deputy Arch No. 3
Wayne E. Caruss	
George E. Maule	
James H. Miller	Arch Deputy Arch No. 6
Darwin J. Snider	Arch Deputy Arch No. 7
Duane E. Warner	Arch Deputy Arch No. 8
William H. Ford	Arch Deputy Arch No. 9
Laurel J. Moffit	Arch Deputy at Large
William A. Siebert	Arch Deputy at Large

The 2008-2009 Standing and Special Committees have been listed in the 2008 Directory and will be included in the Proceedings of the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Assembly.

# COMMISSIONS

I made the following appointments to be Grand Representatives of Michigan near the Grand Council of:

Arkansas	Larry A. Inscho
Connecticut	
Idaho	James M. Kiefer
Illinois	Louis McCray
Iowa	Richard Tonda
Israel	David W. Dossette
Kansas	Vernon T. Barnhart
Kentucky	James H. Miller
Louisiana	Phillip C. Smith
Maryland	Timothy C. Forche
Massachusetts	James E. Hawn
Minnesota	
New Mexico	William Mercier
Oklahoma H	Bernard C. Kirchoff
Oregon	Paul w. Roggow
Portugal	Fred R. Jex
Tennessee	
Washington	Courtland Rule
Wyoming	Donald L. Galway

## **BY-LAWS APPROVED**

10-16-2008 - Mount Clemens Council No. 8 – Approved an amendment to the By-laws to increase in dues.

11-7-2008 - Hiawatha Council No. 65 – Approved an amendment to the By-laws to change their meeting day.

11-11-208 - Hiawatha Council No.65- Approved an amendment to the By-laws to increase in dues.

6-9-2009 - Traverse City Council UD – Approved By-laws for Traverse City Council UD.

6-9-2009 - Ann Arbor Council No. 86 – Approved an amendment to By-laws to change their Stated Assembly.

6-9-2009 - Livingston Council No. 73 – Approved an amendment to the By-laws to change their Stated Assembly.

7-9-2009 - Pontiac Council No. 3 - Approved seven amendments to the By-Laws.

#### TRIENNIAL

Every three years the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International holds a meeting of its membership called the Triennial. This year the meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 27 - 30, 2008. Most Puissant Companion Joe Vale was elected as the General Grand Master. The highlight of the meeting was the election of Most Illustrious Companion George C. Sellars to the office of Deputy General Grand Master, and Most Illustrious Companion Kenneth D. Chandler to the office of General Grand Treasurer and their subsequent installation to those offices.

#### DISPENSATIONS

9-1-2008 - Northville Council No. 30: To move their October assembly from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, October 10, 2008 to the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, October 24, 2008. Due to several members that will be attending the KYCH meeting in St. Ignace on Saturday, October 11, 2008.

10-7-2008 - Hiawatha Council No. 65: To move their November assembly from the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, November 27, 2008 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, November 13, 2008. Due to Thanksgiving Day falling on the 27<sup>th</sup> and that deer hunting season begins on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

10-14-2008 - Straits Area Council No. 92: To change their October and November assembly time of meeting from 7:30 PM to 2:00 PM. To enable members to attend during the day light hours. Several members would like to attend the regular assemblies but are unable to drive at night.

11-20-2008 - Ann Arbor Council No. 86: To move the Charter to Ypsilanti Masonic Temple on 1 January 2009 until a suitable, affordable, approved housing could be located. They will therefore be meeting concurrently with Union Council No. 11 during this period of time. 12-20-2008 - Flint Council No. 56: To host the conferral of the Degrees in conjunction with Washington Chapter No. 15 RAM and will be conferred in chronological order.

12-23-2008 - Kalamazoo Council No. 63: To elect and install the 2009 Officers at their January regular assembly on Tuesday, January 27, 2009.

5-20-2009 - Straits Area Council No. 92: To move its Charter to the Bethel Lodge in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on June 20, 2009 for the purpose of conferring the Cryptic Degrees for You-per Council.

6-9-2009 - Ann Arbor Council No. 86: To move its Charter to the Calvary United Methodist Church, 1415 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

6-10-2009 – Marine City Council No. 59: To move its Charter to the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, 5353 Gateway Centre Drive, Flint, Michigan 48507 on August 6, 2009 for the purpose of Opening the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan in its Annual Session.

6-22-2009 – Hiawatha Council No. 65: To move its Charter to the Manistique Masonic Center, Manistique, MI. for the purpose of holding their regular assembly on Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

## **PROBATIONARY STATUS**

On August 14, 2008, I directed the Grand Recorder to notify the officers of the following Councils that they have been placed on a probationary status: Nebuzaradan Council No. 6 Manistee Council No. 72 I found that they were in violation of the following: Article XII Chartered Councils General Section 2, Rights and Obligations (7) [page 35] Section 3, Duties (5) [page 36] Section 8, Forfeit of Charter (1994) [page 37] These Councils have not been represented at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council

These Councils have not been represented at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select masons of Michigan for Three (3) years. In one case the Council has not been represented five (5) out of the last six (6) years. I therefore referred this matter to the Committee on Condition of the Rite. Who shall make a complete investigation and assessment of the matter and submit a report of their actions at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council on August 6, 2009.

## TRAVERSE CITY COUNCIL UD

Having found out that Traverse City Council UD had not been Instituted. I spoke with members of the Jurisprudence Committee and they recommended that a new dispensation be issued. On October 25, 2008 a new dispensation was issued to Traverse City Council UD for the establishment of a Council. I also appointed the following officer: Thrice Illustrious Master – Illustrious Companion Jonathan G. Baatz, Deputy Master – Illustrious Companion John F. Hansen, Principal Conductor of the Work – Illustrious Companion John F. Rathjens II.

On October 25, 2008 the Grand Officers of the Grand Council of Michigan conducted the ceremony of Instituting a Council Under Dispensation and installed the Officers of Traverse City Council UD.

#### CONSOLIDATIONS

On March 23, 2009, I issued the following Edict to the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder: "The provisions of Article XXII (Consolidation of Councils) Grand Council Michigan By-Laws having been complied with Strait Area Council No. 92, Royal and Select Masons and Inverness Council No. 60, Royal and Select Masons, the consolidation of said Councils under the name and number of Strait Area Council No. 92, Royal and Select Masons to be located at St. Ignace, Michigan, is hereby authorized and approved."

In accordance with Section 5, Article XXII, Grand Council Michigan By-Laws, all papers in my possession relating to this consolidation are on file with the Grand Recorder, and my actions are hereby reported to Grand Council.

#### **GRAND MASTER'S SERVICE AWARD**

The Grand Master's Service Award is presented to those Companions who have Top Line Signed three or more petitions. These petitions can be accumulated over several years, and I urge the Recorder to submit names of Companions deserving of this award. This year, it is my pleasure to present this award to the following:

Ill. Comp. Arthur F. GirardIll. Comp. Ivan L. Fletcher Jr.Ill. Comp. Forrest L. TaylorIll. Comp. Timothy R. DickinsonIll. Comp. Woodson H. OrvisMost Ill. Comp. Terry G. Baker

Monroe Council No. 1 Monroe Council No. 1 Pontiac Council No. 3 Northville Council No. 30 Marine City Council No. 59 Marine City Council No. 59

# MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S MERITORIOUS AWARD

During my term as Most Illustrious Grand Master, I have become aware of several outstanding Companions in this Grand Council Jurisdiction. At this time, I wish to recognize the following Companions who have given distinguished service to Cryptic Masonry in the past year:

Ill. Comp. Robert O. Troutman, PTIM Ill. Comp. David W. Dossette, PTIM Ill. Comp. Phillip C. Smith, PTIM Ill. Comp. Wayne E. Caruss, PTIM Ill. Comp. George E. Maule, PTIM Ill. Comp. James H. Miller, PTIM Ill. Comp. Darwin J. Snider, PTIM Ill. Comp. William H. Ford, PTIM Ill. Comp. Laurel J. Moffit, PTIM Ill. Comp. Robert W. Trussell, PTIM Ill. Comp. Robert C. Greenwood, PTIM Ill. Comp. Bernard C. Kirchoff, PTIM Comp. Fred R. Jex Rt. Ill. Comp. Brian K. Himes Rt. Ill. Comp. Stephen R. Striggow Most Ill. Comp. Terry G. Baker, PMIGM Most Ill. Comp. George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM Rt. Ill. Comp. Richard D. Tonda, PTIM Ill. Comp. James R. Sprague, PMEGHP Most Ill. Comp. Duane E. Warner, PMIGM Most Ill. Comp. Michael Whiting, PMIGM Most Ill. Comp. Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM Most Ill. Comp. Jerry C. Townsend, PMIGM Most Ill. Comp. William A. Siebert, PMIGM Most Ill. Comp. Donald L. Himes, PMIGM Most Ill. Comp. Kenney L. Lenfestey, PMIGM Right Puissant Comp. George C. Sellars, PMIGM

Mt. Clemens Council No. 8 Northville Council No. 30 Durand Council No. 38 Grand Ledge Council No. 62 Hiawatha Council No. 65 Union Council No. 11 Cass City Council No. 90 Straits Area Council No. 92 Durand Council No. 38 Mt. Clemens Council No. 8 Mt. Clemens Council No. 8 Marine City Council No. 59 Marine City Council No. 59 Mt. Clemens Council No. 8 Durand Council No. 38 Marine City Council No. 59 Pontiac Council No. 3 Flint Council No. 56 Pontiac Council No. 3 Kalamazoo Council No. 63 Pontiac Council No. 3 Grand Ledge Council No. 62 Nebuzaradan Council No. 6 Sunrise Council No. 93 Mt. Clemens Council No. 8 Livingston Council No. 73 Mt. Clemens Council No. 8

#### THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

The announcement of the recipient of Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year will be made at the Grand York Rite Banquet on Thursday. This Grand Council is very fortunate to have an outstanding group of Thrice Illustrious Masters. It is my hope that in the future years that every Council within this jurisdiction very seriously considers nominating a candidate for Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year.

#### **RECORDER OF THE YEAR**

The announcement of the recipient of Recorder of the Year will be made at the Grand York Rite Banquet on Thursday. This Grand Council is very fortunate to have an outstanding group of Recorders, serving our Councils throughout the State of Michigan. Our Grand Recorder has had a very difficult time to make a decision as to who will be named.

#### **CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR**

Formal presentation of the Cryptic Mason of the Year will also be made at the Grand York Rite Banquet on Thursday. Every Council with in the State of Michigan has at least one Companion that is worthy of this Honor. But very few Councils recommend a Companion. I hope that in the future years that every Council will seriously consider nominating a Companion for Cryptic Mason of the Year.

#### ADULT YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

It has been a tradition, since 1984, for the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan to present the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International, Adult Youth Leadership Award to any person who has demonstrated outstanding work with our Youth Organizations.

On behalf of the Grand Council of Michigan, I am pleased to inform you that the recipient of the General Grand Council's Adult Youth Leadership Award for the State of Michigan will be presented at the Grand Banquet on Thursday evening. This recipient has made an impacted on the Youth and made a very large difference by his dedication, hard work, and high esteem in working with the Order of DeMolay. His shining example of what can be done to make a better world.

#### BOND, SEAL, AND MASTER KEY

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

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

To continue the creations of a database to enter the State Cryptic membership information into, so that the Annual Report may be automated, and updated to the Grand Council on a quarterly basis, with an annual recapitulation.

That the internet not only to be used by our Councils to receive their Annual Returns but to return them to the Grand Recorder, with the check and other signed documents being sent by regular mail. The internet is one way to make our Grand Council more accessible to the coming generations.

Continue the visitations with our Sister Jurisdictions, so that we may witness degree work conferred in other Grand Jurisdictions.

Continue to stress to all of our Councils the need to do our ritualistic work from memory and to put the rituals aside. Our ritual is the foundation on which our Councils are built. A serious appreciation and understanding of what we are imparting to the candidate is essential to make it work. The officers must seriously enlist the candidates in a joint exploration of the ceremonies and their meaning for us here and now. We must properly understand the lessons our rituals impart, we must never tire of the opportunity to communicate them to the uninitiated and promote such an understanding.

To establish a level of ritual competency within our Councils by requiring all Councils of this Grand Council to confer the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees upon a petitioner for these degrees at least once during the Cryptic year.

#### CONCLUSION

To the Companions of Marine City Council, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding over the past seven years. I wish to thank, especially, George C. Sellars, Terry G. Baker and Bernard C. Kirchoff for their special support and assistance during my sojourn through the Grand Council Line. To all of the Companions that weathered the storm in September to attend my reception. The weather didn't cooperate with buckets of rain, but we had excellent food, entertainment and fellowship. I was overwhelmed by the response from all of our Grand Bodies. You will never know what that meant to me to see so many there to enjoy the afternoon. To All that drove from near and far, Thank You.

To the York Rite Assembly and Reception Committee and especially, Illustrious Companion Dwight A. Humm, Rt. Ill. Comp. Brian K. Himes, Past Most Ill. Comp. Warren A. Caruss and Right Puissant Comp. George C. Sellars, I give my undying gratitude for your assistance in assuring that all of this years activities were successful, and keeping me on the straight and narrow.

It has been my pleasure to work with Most Illustrious Companion Donald L. Himes and his lady Ramona. I send my personal thanks for your reminders and assistance and a kick when needed during this past year. My deepest gratitude for the services you have given to help make my office run smoothly and successfully this year.

The Committee on the rewrite of the Ritual, Past Most Illustrious Companion Michael Whiting, Illustrious Companion Robert W. Trussell, Illustrious Companion Robert C. Greenwood and the Grand Officers that worked so diligently in the rewrite. The Companions of this Grand Jurisdictions are forever grateful to each of you for the time and effort each of you have put forth. My highest regard goes to each of you.

Last year, Past Most Illustrious Companion Terry G. Baker stepped up and took over the office of Grand Recorder. I really didn't think he knew what he was stepping into. He has worked diligently to learn those duties with the help of Most Illustrious Companion Donald L. Himes. I feel that he has come a long way in a very short time. No one really knows the job until you get into it. In addition, we had a complete change in those that were assisting the Grand Recorder with Credentials. I would like to take this time to thank each of them: Illustrious Companion Bernard C. Kirchoff, Companion Fred R. Jex and Illustrious Companion Robert C. Greenwood for doing an excellent job.

To the members of the Jurisprudence Committee, Past Most Illustrious Companions: William A. Siebert, Jerry C. Townsend and Donald L. Himes, you have no idea of the tremendous support you have been this past year.

To the Grand Council Officer, Past Grand Masters and your ladies, the gentle reminders, support and assistance when necessary are what you do to help the Grand Master complete his journey. Your support has this past year been a source of strength for me and my Lady Julia. The newest Officer to our Grand Line, Illustrious Companion William L. Mercier, you will enjoy your service in this Grand Council. We welcome you and your Lady Bonnie. In February, at the George Washington Dinner sponsored by Caro Chapter No. 96, I had a senior moment and forgot to introduce one of our Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters. When I did the introduction he made a statement that "I owed him a dress". On Wednesday night at the "Cruising on the York Rite" banquet, I tried to present to Past Most Illustrious Companion William A. Seibert, his dress, but he left early. So the only thing left was to present it at the Grand Session. Bill I hope that this presentation was take in the manner that it was presented. Remember that when you make a statement like that to a Most Illustrious Grand Master, you will be rewarded as you requested.

You-per Council was held on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Sault Ste. Marie Masonic Lodge by Straits Area Council No. 92. We had a class of twelve new Super Excellent Masters. This will be one of the most memorable occasion during my year as Most Illustrious Grand Master. We had a little bit of fun with the Recorder of Straits Area Council because the Charter was not in the lodge room during the degree work but sitting on a bench in the anti room. The next morning, 8:00 A.M. to be exact, I received a phone call to my room at the Kewadin Hotel from a Law Enforcement Officer asking to speak with me about a report of a stolen or missing item. He asked if I would like to come to the lobby of the hotel or should he come up to my room. I asked him to come up to the room, having been awaked by the call. When he arrived, he asked me about a missing Charter. I then realized that this Officer was the Captain of the Guard from Straits Area Council. He got me!!! I would like to thank Companion Lennie Boss, Senior Agent of the U.S. Border Patrol in Sault Ste. Marie, it's been a long time since anyone got me like that.

Finally, I have to recognize the one who does not want any recognition. I'm not entirely sure she ever really wanted to be here. However, she has been her and there, and most everywhere I've been. To my eternal companion, best friend and love of my life, Julia, there are no words to express my feelings at this time. Your Love, support and assistance have made all of my efforts possible. While I traveled near and far on behalf of the Grand Council, many times you were unable to because of your schedule. But when you were able, the many miles that we traveled together, we made new friends, greeted old friends and your dedication and love to me and the Grand Council will always be dear to my heart. Julia, you know that we have had some good times and bad, but you have always been there. I know that I don't say it often enough but "I love you".

Nine years ago, Most Illustrious Companion George C. Sellars, after an assembly of Marine City Council sat me down and we discussed the Grand Council of Michigan. I must say that at that time I had not idea how he thought that I was qualified to be Grand Council material. He explained everything that pertained to what the Grand Council Officers were expected to do and asking if I may be interested. I went home and talked to the wife and tried to explain what was told to me. We later had the opportunity to meet with George; he then explained what was expected, again asking if I would be interested. Had Most Illustrious Companion Sellars not talked to me, I would not have had the opportunity to begin a journey through this Grand Council Line, and what a wonderful, rewarding experience this has been for me. George, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this truly wonderful experience.

Most Illustrious Companions, Donald L. Himes, George C. Sellars, Kenney L. Lenfestey, Michael Whiting and their Ladies Ramona, Brenda, Linda and Jeanne took us under their wings and guided us though the trials and tribulations of a Grand Council Officer. We would never be able to repay their kindness and considerations. I know that they will provide the same courtesies to all future Grand Council Officers.

Most Illustrious Companion Michael Whiting, your friendship goes far beyond just being a friend. Your joking and guidance these past years have been more like a brother then just a friend. Your friendship means more to me then you realize, Thank you for being there.

Right Illustrious Companion Brian K. Himes, what more can I say about you. You have been there to assist when and where you could. Through your pushing and prodding, I hope that many of the things that were done during my year, will make yours that much easier. You will make an outstanding Grand Master. This Grand Council is proud to have you.

Right Illustrious Companion Richard D. Tonda, you "Silver tongue Devil", I wish you the very best in your future. You are a tremendous loss to this Grand Council. Your work here has set the bar very high for your replacement. We thank you for the time we have had the pleasure to work with you and know that were ever you go, Masonry will continue to be a big part of your life. Thank you.

To Right Puissant Companion George Sellars, there is no means possible for me to ever thank you enough or repay you for all the effort you have made on my behalf. The only way I could ever repay you is to make my York Rite endeavors successful, and I hope that I have met the challenge in your eyes. It is inadequate to say thanks, but you will always have my eternal gratitude.

Finally, the hour is now "twelve at night, the time when all prying eyes are closed in sleep". Today, this journey ends, it will be time for rest and refreshment, and it has been a rewarding experience filled with memories, miles and many courtesies extended to me and my Lady, wherever we have traveled. As I fade into the history of this Grand Council, I hope that my term will be remembered positively and that this Grand Council is better because I have passed this way. I wish this Grand Council all the best in the years to come and God's blessing on it and all Super Excellent Masters who pass our way and enjoy the fruits of our labors. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve as Most Illustrious Grand Master, I have done my best to serve you and this Grand Council, and I hope that you feel that I have accomplished this task. From the ranks I have risen and to the ranks I return. God Bless the United States of America.

> Fraternally submitted, Anthony M. Chamberlin Most Illustrious Grand Master

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

#### **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, Kenney L. Lenfestey, PMIGM, Chairman Duane E. Warner, PMIGM Warren A. Caruss, 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 finds the appointments, bylaw approvals, and dispensations granted mentioned in the Address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, referred to it by the Committee on Division and Reference, to be within the authority and discretion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. He is to be commended on his knowledge of Cryptic Law.

The Committee has noted that at least one dispensation was granted to a Council to move its Charter for the purpose of conducting a York Rite Festival. While this is not prohibited, neither is it necessary under Article XIV, Section 4 of Michigan Cryptic Law, as long as the Festival is to be conducted in a room dedicated to Blue Lodge Masonry and the Grand Council given ten days notice.

The Committee likewise finds the institution of Traverse City Chapter UD. on October 25,2008 to be within the powers and authority of the Grand Master.

The placement of three Councils on probationary status on August 14, 2008, while understandingly distasteful, was within the powers and authority of the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted, William A. Siebert, PMIGM, Chairman Jerry C. Townsend, PMIGM Donald L. Himes, PMIGM

Most Illustrious Companion William A. Siebert, 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 2008	
To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:	and
<pre>FIFTH THIRD BANK - CHECKING ACCOUNT Balance January 1, 2008 Deposits Disbursements - Checks 1580-1616 &amp; 1700 \$(19,193.93) Balance December 31, 2008</pre>	\$ 3,827.06 \$ 23,911.58 <b>\$ 8,544.71</b>
FIFTH THIRD BANK - GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT Balance January 1, 2008 Deposits - Interest Withdrawals Balance December 31, 2008	\$ 5,307.76 \$ -0- \$ 3.22 <u>\$ -0-</u> <b>\$ 5,310.98</b>
LORD ABBETT FUND - #774890-1 (GENERAL FUND) Dividends to General Savings Account January 1, 2008 Market Value Deposits Increases in Market Value Decreases in Market Value Decrember 31, 2008 Market Value	\$ 5,323.55 \$ -0- \$ -0- \$ (798.53) <b>\$ 4,525.02</b>
OPERATING FUNDS	
Fifth Third - Checking Account Fifth Third - General Savings Account Lord Abbett Fund #774890-1 (General Fund)	\$ 8,544.71 \$ 5,310.98 <u>\$ 4,525.02</u>
Total Operating Funds December 31, 2008	\$ 18,380.71
SPECIAL FUNDS	
<pre>Fifth Third Bank - Ritual Savings Account     Balance January 1, 2008     Deposits     Interest Balance December 31, 2008</pre>	\$ 7,389.25 \$ -0- \$ 4.47 <b>\$ 7,393.72</b>
<pre>Fifth Third Bank - 2008 Sesquicentennial Savings Balance January 1, 2008 Deposits Interest Withdrawal (Transferred to 5/3 Checking) December 31, 2008 Balance</pre>	\$ 3,875.81 \$ -0- \$ 1.91 <u>\$ -0-</u> <b>\$ 3,877.72</b>

Lord Abbett #776157-7 - Triennial Account January 1, 2008 Market Value Deposits Increases in Market Value Decreases in Market Value December 31, 2008 Market Value	\$ 1,228.46 \$ -0- \$ 19.59 \$ (146.12) <b>\$ 1,101.93</b>
Total Special Funds - December 31, 2008	\$ 12,373.37
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	
<pre>Franklin Income Fund Interest goes into General Savings Account January 1, 2008 Market Value Increases in Market Value Decreases in Market Value \$(17,159.44) December 31, 2008 Market Value</pre>	\$ 40,437.30 \$ 4,067.91 <b>\$ 27,345.77</b>
IShares - EAFE - Endowment Fund Dividends re-invested February 1, 2008 Market Value Increases in Market Value Decreases in Market Value December 31, 2008 Market Value	\$ 12,253.73 \$ 1,444.87 <u>\$ (6,072.40)</u> <b>\$ 7,626.20</b>
Raymond James Bank Program - #36347687 - Endowment For Interest Dividends re-invested January 1, 2008 Balance Deposits January-December Interest January-December Transfer 50% to IShares FAFE Funds 1/28/2008 December 31, 2008 Balance Total Endowment Funds - December 31, 2008	<pre>und \$ 23,712.55 \$ 0.00 \$ 337.76 \$ 12,253.73 \$ 11,796.58 \$ 46,768.55</pre>
<pre>TOTAL ASSETS Total Operating Funds December 31, 2008 Total Special Funds December 31, 2008 Total Endowment Funds December 31, 2008 Total Assets December 31, 2008</pre>	\$ 18,380.71 \$ 12,373.37 <u>\$ 46,768.55</u> <b>\$</b> 77,522.63
Respectfully submitted.	

Respectfully submitted,

William Eustace Le Veque

William E. LeVeque, PMIGM Grand Treasurer

Moved by Most Illustrious Companion Anthony Chamberlin that the report be referred to the Finance Committee.

### **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, 2008, through December 31, 2008 for your consideration and approval.

The Annual Report have been received from 34 Councils.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Councils enrolled in the Grand Co Number of Annual Returns received	uncil 34	34
Total membership as of December 31, 2007		1,802
Greeted during 2008 Affiliated by Consolidation Affiliated by Dimit Affiliated by Transfer Affiliated by Restoration Affiliated by Dual Membership Correction of 2007 Returns TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR Died Transferred out Dimitted Withdrew	$   \begin{array}{r}     79 \\     26 \\     0 \\     3 \\     0 \\     2 \\     \underline{0} \\     110 \\     86 \\     4 \\     6 \\     24 \\   \end{array} $	110 1,912
Suspended Corrections of the 2007 Returns TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF DEC	39 <u>0</u> 159 EMBER 31, 2008	159 1,753
NET LOSS FOR 2008 Number of Councils showing a gain in Number of Councils showing a loss in Number of Councils showing neither a Number of Councils Greeting new met Number of Councils not Greeting any	membership a gain or loss mbers	49 8 19 6 22 12

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

Tyre Council No. 10 led the way with a gain of 11.8%, followed by Livingston Council No. 73 with 10.3%.

Following the close of this Annual Grand Assembly, the Donald D. Boudeman Memorial Bible will be presented to Tyre Council No. 10 to grace their Altar for the year ensuing year.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

During the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, deposit slips numbers 821 through 847 were forwarded to the Grand Treasurer for a Total of \$24,941.18 deposited.

## **RECEIPTS JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Per-Capita	\$ 9,262.50
Assessments	4,940.00
Super Excellent Master Fees	312.00
Youth Foundation Assessments	271.50
Withdrawals	195.00
Dimits	0.00
Life Membership Granted	187.50
Life Membership Certificates	0.00
Honorary Membership Certificates	0.00
Sale of Dues Cards	0.00
Postage	0.00
Handling Charge	0.00
Ritual Books	120.00
Pins	35.00
C.M.M.R.F.	100.00
Endowment Fund	780.00
Baseball Tickets	5,652.00
Golf Outing	454.67
Interest from Investments	1,457.44
Miscellaneous	143.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$23,911.58

## DISBURSEMENTS

JANUARY 1.	2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31.	2008

JANUARI I, 2008 INKOUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008		
Grand Master's Allowance (Seitz)	\$	881.25
Grand Master's Allowance (Chamberlin)		293.75
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance (Seitz)		660.00
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance (Chamberlin)		220.00
Grand Master's Apron (Chamberlin)		388.00
Grand Master's Stationary (Chamberlin)		111.00
Grand Master's Jewel (Seitz)		515.54
Grand Treasurer's Allowance + Postage & Phone Expenses		318.00
Grand Sentinel's Allowance		55.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance (Baker)		600.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance (Baker)		860.00
Grand Recorder's Rent Allowance (Baker)		535.00
Grand Recorder's Office Expenses	2	2,298.81
Grand Recorder's Telephone Reimbursement		1.05
Grand Recorder Postage Reimbursement		436.09
Social Security Tax		10.19
Insurance & Bonds		554.89
Entertainment of Guest		700.00
Proceedings and Directories	2	2,520.00
Annual Call and Schedules		181.58
Youth Promotions		300.00
General Grand Council Per-Capita		0.00
Dues Cards		0.00
Per-Capita Refunds		0.00
Revision of By-Laws		0.00
Grand Captain of the Guard Apron Case		120.73
Flowers		0.00
Contributions to Endowment Fund		504.00
Miscellaneous		60.50
Comcast		548.55
Triennial		900.00
Detroit Tigers	4	,620.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$19	9,193.93
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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE December 31, 2008	\$ 8	3,544.71

## **RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENT**

Bank Statement Balance, December 31, 2007 Fifth Third Bank, Washington, Michigan

\$ 3,827.06

## CASH ASSETS OF GRAND COUNCIL

December 31, 2008

Fifth Third Band, Washington, Checking Account			\$8,544.71
General Savings Account – Fifth Third Bank			
Balance January 1, 2008	10.5.5 · · · · · · · ·	307.76	
Deposits	\$	0.00	
Interest	\$ \$	3.22	
Withdrawals	2	0.00	
Balance December 31, 2008	\$ 5,3	310.98	\$ 5,310.98
Lord Abbett Fund - General Fund			
Dividends to General Savings Account			
January 1, 2008 Market Value	\$ 5,32	23.55	
Increase in Market Value	\$	0.00	
Decrease in Market Value		98.53)	
Deposits	\$	0.00	
Balance December 31, 2008 Market Value			\$ 4,525.02
Ritual Savings Account, Fifth Third Bank			
Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 7,38	39.25	
Deposits	\$	0.00	
Interest	\$	4.47	
Balance December 31, 2008			\$ 7,393.72
2008 Sesquicentennial Savings, 150th, Fifth Third Bank			
Balance January 1, 2008	\$3,87	5.81	
Deposits (Transferred from checking)		0.00	
Interest		1.91	
Withdrawal (Transferred to checking	\$	0.00	
December 31, 2008 Balance			\$3,877.72

Lord Abbett Triennial Fund Dividends & Capital Gains Reinvested Balance January 1, 2008 Market Value Deposits Increase in Market Value Decrease in Market Value Balance December 31, 2008 Market Value	\$1,228.46 \$ 0.00 \$ 19.59 \$ (146.12)	\$ 1,101.93
Franklin Income Fund		
Interest to General Savings January 1, 2008 Market Value Deposit from Lord Abbett Endowment Fund Increase in Market Value Decrease in Market Value Market Value December 31, 2008	\$ 40,437.30 \$ 0.00 \$ 4,067.91 \$(17,159.44)	\$ 27,345.77
Raymond James Bank Program – Endowment Fund Dividends re-invested Balance January 1, 2008 Deposits Interest Transferred 50% to Ishares Fafe Funds 1/28/08	\$23,712.55 \$ 0.00 \$ 337.76 \$12,253.73	
Balance December 31, 2008		\$11,796.58
Total Assets:		
Total Operating Funds		\$ 18,380.71
Total Special Funds		\$ 12,373.37
Total Endowment Funds		\$ 46,768.55
Total Net Worth, Grand Council December 31, 2008		\$ 77,522.63

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 fo 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 two 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 their patience and understanding during these past two year of service. It was my intent to perform all the duties that govern the Grand Recorders Office.

However, I was unaware that those duties would entail nearly a forty hour work week, almost every week of the year. In as much as I have again become gainfully employed, and was unable to shed the many other Masonic Commitments that I am currently involved with, something has to give. It is my desire to aid and assist this Grand Council in whatever capacity that I may be called upon to do, save that of being the Grand Recorder.

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

## 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, 2008 to December 31, 2008) on April, 2009 at Port Huron, 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**

We have presented a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year on separate sheets. Note that this proposed budget is for the period from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 as has been the custom of the Grand Council. At the last session, the Grand Council approved a proposal to change the fiscal year of the Grand Council to more closely conform with the *operational* year of the Grand Council. In order to be compliant with that proposal as passed, we have also presented a separate proposed budget for the period from January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009.

Your committee recommends adoption of the proposed budgets.

Fraternally submitted, Richard D. Tonda, I.G.C.G., Chmn. Brian K. Himes, R.I.D.G.M. Stephen R. Striggow, R.I.G.P.C.W. James R. Sprague, I.G.C.C.

		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
- Solite -		2007	2008	2009
Receipts				
	@11.50/Supporting Member	\$10,515.00	\$10,425.00	\$14,375.00
	@\$4.00/Member Greeted	\$188.00	\$200.00	\$160.00
	@\$7.50/Demit Granted @\$7.50/Withdrawl Granted	\$30.00 \$195.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	@\$7.50/L.M. Granted	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
	@\$0.15/Active Member	\$289.50	\$285.00	\$276.75
Transfer from Investments		\$2,580.15	\$2,430.00	\$0.00
Income totals		\$14,022.65	\$13,820.00	\$15,291.75
Disbursements				
General	· 建筑 · 全 · 基 · 基 · 基 · 主			
Grand Master's Apron		\$330.00	\$330.00	\$360.00
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 Social Security Tax		\$10.00 \$100.00	\$0.00 \$100.00	\$0.00
Insurance and Bond		\$400.00	\$400.00	\$560.00
General Total		\$1,360.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,645.00
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Grand Officers				
Grand Master's Allowance Grand Master's Visitation Allowance		\$1,175.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,250.00
Grand Master's Stationary	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$900.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance		\$100.00 \$210.00	\$210.00	\$100.00 \$210.00
Grand Treasurer's Office/Phone/Postage		\$108.00	\$108.00	\$108.00
Grand Sentinel's Allowance	1.2 <sup>2</sup> 3	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance	5 - C	\$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	e a la companya da l	\$535.00	\$535.00	\$550.00
Grand Recorder's Equipment Fund Grand Recorder's Phone Reimbursement		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Grand Recorder's Priorie Reimbulsement		\$400.00 \$1,200.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Grand Officers Total		\$7,893.00	\$7,398.00	\$8,265.00
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Printing			766	
Proceeding and Directories Annual Call and Programs		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Reprint of By-Laws		\$50.00 \$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Publication of Grand Council Forms & Proc	reedings on CD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Printing Total		\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,850.00
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Entertainment				
Guests Other		\$700.00 \$0.00	\$809.00	\$850.00
Entertainment totals		\$700.00	\$330.00	\$350.00
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Annual Meeting Expense				
Flowers for Triangle		\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Annual Meeting Total		\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
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Other Payments Youth Groups Contributions		¢200.00	¢200.00	4000.00
General Grand Council Per Capita		\$300.00 \$579.00	\$300.00 \$570.00	\$300.00
Tri-ennial Fund		\$300.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
2014 Tri-ennial Fund			\$500.00	\$500.00
Other Payments Total		\$1,179.00	\$1,820.00	\$1,895.75
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Contingencies			Constant and the second	
Planned Contingency Fund		\$173.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Other Contingencies Total		\$0.00 \$173.00	\$0.00 \$100.00	\$0.00
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Total Expenses		\$12,930.00	\$13,432.00	\$15,030.75
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		ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
	The second s	2008	2009	2009_supp
Receipts				
Per Capita S.E.M. Fees	@11.50/Supporting Member @\$4.00/Member Greeted	\$10,425.00 \$200.00	\$15,985.00 \$200.00	\$14,375.00
Demits	@\$7.50/Demit Granted	\$30.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Withdrawls	@\$7.50/Withdrawl 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	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$276.75
Transfer from Investments		\$2,580.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income totals		\$13,940.15	\$16,950.00	\$15,231.75
Disbursements				
General				
Grand Master's Apron		\$330.00	\$330.00	\$0.00
Past Grand Master's Jewel		\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Grand Cap. Guard's Apron Case		\$120.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
Arch Deputy Expenses	<u> </u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Social Security Tax		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
Insurance and Bond General Total	14 A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
General Total		\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	\$50.00
Grand Officers				
Grand Master's Allowance		\$1,175.00	\$1,175.00	\$0.00
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance		\$880.00	\$880.00	\$300.00
Grand Master's Stationary		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Grand Treasurer's Allowance		\$210.00	\$210.00	\$0.00
Grand Treasurer's Office/Phone/Postage		\$108.00	\$108.00	\$54.00
Grand Sentinel's Allowance		\$55.00	\$55.00	\$0.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance	<u> </u>	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance		\$860.00	\$860.00	\$430.00
Grand Recorder's Office Expense		\$1,430.00	\$1,430.00	\$715.00
Grand Recorder's Internet Service		\$315.00	\$315.00	\$225.00
Grand Recorder's Rent Allowance Grand Recorder's Equipment Fund		\$535.00 \$50.00	\$535.00 \$50.00	\$275.00
Grand Recorder's Phone Reimbursement		\$400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00
Grand Recorder's Postage Expense		\$680.00	\$680.00	\$600.00
Grand Officers Total		\$7,398.00	\$7,398.00	\$2,849.00
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Printing				
Proceeding and Directories		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Annual Call and Programs		\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.0
Reprint of By-Laws		\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.0
Publication of Grand Council Forms & Pro	ceedings on CD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
Printing Total		\$1,550.00	\$1,850.00	\$0.0
Entertainment				
Guests		\$809.00	\$809.00	\$0.0
Other		\$330.00	\$330.00	\$0.0
Entertainment totals		\$1,139.00	\$1,139.00	\$0.0
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Annual Meeting Expense			Petrolity a state of the	
Flowers for Triangle Annual Meeting Total		\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.0
Annual Meeting Total		\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.0
Other Payments			and the second	
Youth Groups Contributions		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$150.0
General Grand Council Per Capita		\$570.00	\$570.00	\$0.0
Tri-ennial Fund	- Carlo	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.0
2014 Tri-ennial Fund		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.0
Other Payments Total		\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00	\$1,100.0
Contingencies Planned Contingency Fund		£100.00	¢100.00 l	¢50.00
Other		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$50.0
Contingencies Total		\$0.00 \$100.00	\$0.00 \$100.00	\$0.0
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Total Expenses		\$13,432.00	\$13,732.00	\$4,049.00

# FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES 2009-2010

5 Years	Robert C. Kogelschatz	21631 Raymond St. Clair Shores, MI. 48082-1958 (586) 294-4660 E-mail: kogie_rc@hotmail.com
4 Years	Fred R. Jex	6667 Yarborough Shelby Twp., 48316-3474 (586) 739-8849 E-mail: drfrjex@comcast.net
3 Years	Wayne E. Caruss	222 W. Quincy Street Dimondale, MI 48821-9555 (517) 646-0069 E-mail : waynec@acd.net
2 Years	David G. Boring	1371 Audubon Grosse Pointe Park, 48230-1153 (313) 881-2797 E-mail: dboring@comcast.net
1 Year	Jerry Ritzert	222 Fourth Street St. Ignace, 49781-1314 (906) 643-8792
Stephen R. Striggow Rt. III. Grand Deputy Master		16463 Fish Lake Rd. Holly, MI. 48442-8347 (248) 634-3479 E-mail: striggs1@comcast.net
David G. Boring Finance Chairman		1371 Audubon Grosse Pointe Park, MI. 48230-1153 (313) 881-2797 E-mail: dboring@comcast.net
William Le Veque, PMIGM Rt. III. 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 Robert C. Kogelschatz to fill the 5 Year term on the Foundation Endowment Trustees. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Illustrious Companion Wayne E. Caruss. Most Illustrious Companion Chamberlin then asked two more times if there were any other nominations. No further nominations were made, Most Illustrious Companion Chamberlin declared Companion Robert C. Kogelschatz elected as a member of the Foundation Endowment Trustees for a five (5) year term.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

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

As of this dated August 3, 2009 no requests for a Charter or Dispensation has been requested of the Committee; neither has the Committee been asked to review any pending request for the same.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM, Chairman Michael Whiting, PMIGM James R. Sprague, IGCOG

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT**

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

The Committee on New Council Development reports that after one year in preparation, a new Council UD was formed in Traverse City. Working with Peter Hunt, PTIM, and others, the prospective Council was guided through the paperwork to comply with the by-laws, and finally were granted a dispensation to form a new Council. It is expected that they will receive their Charter at this Grand Assembly.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is working to open a new Chapter in the Iron River area of the Upper Peninsula. Where there is a Chapter, there is room for a Council. Contacts will be made to determine the interest in that area for forming a Council.

We are looking in other area's of the State where the Council is not represented for possibilities. If anyone is interested in founding a new council, please let the committee know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM, Chairman Stephen R. Striggow, RIGPCW Dwight A. Humm, IGS

## APPROVAL OF REPORTS AS PRINTED IN THE "ADVANCE PROCEEDINGS"

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

Most Illustrious Companion, Chamberlin, 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 Brian K. Himes, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. Second by Illustrious Companion Dwight A. Humm. Motion Carried.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

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

It has been our pleasure to have attended the One Hundred Fifty First 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:

Fred A. Boggs, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Ohio. William Van Zile, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Wisconsin.

> Fraternally, Terry G. Baker, PMIGM Grand Recorder

Seconded by Companion George E. Maule. Motion carried.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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

The Committee on Public Relations took photos of the 2008 Session of the Grand Council and distributed them to the Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council.

> Respectfully submitted, Wayne E. Caruss, Chairman Arthur F. Girard Donald B. Whitener

#### **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 fourth year as your Grand Lecturer I submit this as my report to this Grand Council. Sixteen Councils have shown improvement in their scores over last year. While nine Councils have a small decrease in scores, two Councils have maintained their score from last year, one merged, one folded and one under dispensation. Unfortunately six 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.

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 hope that this 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.

The New Rituals should be available at the Grand Council Session or shortly thereafter. It being written out should make it easier for the Companions to commit it to memory.

The TOP COUNCILS for this year were:

Pontiac-65, Mt. Clemens-64, Straits Area-63, Durand-61, Monroe-60 and Tyre-60.

Congratulations to these and all the Councils for their work this year.

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

Respectfully submitted, Michael Whiting, P.M.I.G.M. Grand Lecturer

## GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN INSPECTION REPORTS 2008-2009

		2007	2008	2009	
COUNCIL	DEPUTY	POINTS	POINTS	POINTS	+/-
Monroe #1	TROUTMAN	57	61	60	MINUS
Pontiac #3	TROUTMAN	67	62	65	PLUS
River Raisin #4	MILLER	62	60	57	MINUS
Nebuzaradan #6	WARNER	44	45	48	PLUS
Mount Clemens #8	TROUTMAN	60	61	64	PLUS
Zabud #9	WARNER	52	51	52	PLUS
Tyre #10	CARUSS	49	47	60	PLUS
Union #11	MILLER	58	59	58	MINUS
Hiram #14	DOSSETTE	54	52	N/A	N/A
Adrian #18	MILLER	51	50	52	PLUS
Niles #19	WARNER	56	54	53	MINUS
Saginaw #20	MOFFITT	34.5	57.5	57	MINUS
Lansing #29		N/A	N/A	36	PLUS
Northville #30	DOSSETTE	55	63	N/A	N/A
Jackson #32		N/A	N/A	49	PLUS
Durand #38	MOFFITT	60	56	61	PLUS
Manistee #46		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Leslie #50	DOSSETTE	64	64	N/A	N/A
Muskegon #54		44	N/A	47	PLUS
Flint #56		57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Marine City #59	TROUTMAN	54	62	58	MINUS
Inverness #60	FORD	51	50	MERGED	MERGED
Grand Ledge #62	CARUSS	49	49	53	PLUS
Kalamazoo #63	WARNER	58	57	57	SAME
Hiawatha #65	MAULE	48	27	49	PLUS
Cadillac #70		53	N/A	25	PLUS
Marquette #72	MAULE	51	55	N/A	N/A
Livingston #73	MILLER	N/A	49	56	PLUS
Darius #75		43	N/A	FOLDED	FOLDED
George Hill #85	MOFFITT	N/A	59	56	MINUS
Ann Arbor #86	MILLER	54	59	55	MINUS
Cass City #90		60	N/A	56	PLUS
Bedford #91	WARNER	57	60	57	MINUS
Straits Area #92	FORD	61	63	63	SAME
Sunrise U.D.	HIMES	46	51	52	PLUS
Traverse City U.D.	FORD			NONE	N/A

## **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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 whishes 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.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully submits the following report:

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

Respectfully submitted, William E. LeVeque, PMIGM, Chairman Henry L. Seitz, PMIGM William L. Mercier

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

## **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**

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

To this Grand Council I offer my deepest appreciation for allowing me to serve during this past year as Deputy Grand Master. It has been a most rewarding experience. With a son in high school, my lady Cindy was not able to travel with me as often as she would of like, but for those times that she was able to be in attendance. Thank you.

While our Most Illustrious Grand Master traveled to the Grand Session of Kentucky. I had the pleasure of representing him at the reception of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest William B. Fairchild in Escanaba.

During this last year I was able to complete my personal goal of visiting every Michigan Council. Along with all of the Festivals and Three and Seven Degree days held during this term. I also attended the 2008 DeMolay Conclave, the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the Rainbow Grand Assembly, and the JOBS Annual Session. It was a great pleasure to attend five of the receptions for the Michigan Masonic Leaders.

My out of state travels included the Grand Council of Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, also the East Central Regional Conference in Perrysburg, Ohio. Although traveling out of state is important to gather a different perspective on various programs. I prefer to travel to the many Masonic functions within Michigan.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted, Brian K. Himes, R.I.D.G.M.

# 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:

We all know through our Masonic Journey that there are bright spots that bring greater light than we had heretofore known. That bright spot for me was and is the Cryptic Degrees. Is it the way they are presented or the way they connect everything together I do not know. When I was approached by PMIGM Whiting about joining the line, the only thing that delayed my response was trying to get the words out over the lump in my throat.

Traveling to the different Festivals to see the great degree work put on has been for me a great pleasure and I appreciate their work to prepare. I would like to see more Council's do at least one of the degrees on their own before bringing the new companions to Festivals. This may mean two or more Councils getting together to do them, but it is worth it. We are lucky in this state to have such great diversity in the areas we travel. It is like going on vacation for a few days with the great expectation of the cryptic degrees.

To Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Mike Whiting I will like to thank you for the many years of hard work as Grand Lecturer. You will be missed as you step down to tend to other duties as you advance through the Grand Chapter Line. Your successor will have some very large shoes to fill.

As my year as Right Illustrious Grand Principle Conductor of the Work comes to a close, I would like to say what an honor it has been to serve the companions of this Grand Council.

Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve you as your Grand Principle Conductor of the Work.

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen R. Striggow RIGPCW

## **REPORT OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, INTERNATIONAL**

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

We are fortunate to have two Companions that are active and busy in General Grand Council, Kenneth D. Chandler as the Right Puissant General Grand Treasurer and George C. Sellars as the Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master.

I know in my travels and the other Grand Officers as well have seen these Companions in other jurisdictions and we must give our support and backing to help them carry their message to the companions. Soon we will be traveling South for another Triennial as George will be going in the top office as General Grand Master and we must continue to give him our support.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry C. Townsend, PMIGM, Chairman Kenney L. Lenfestey, PMIGM Michael Whiting, PMIGM

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

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

On August 16, 2008, the Condition of the Rite committee received a letter from the Most Illustrious Grand Master which placed the following Councils on probationary status:

Nebuzaradan Council No. 6, Manistee Council No. 46 Marquette Council No. 72 This action was taken because each of these Councils had failed to be represented at the Grand Council Session for more than two consecutive years. This is in violation of Cryptic Law, Article XII, Section 8, Forfeit of Charter. This letter directed the committee to make a complete investigation and assessment of the matter and to report those findings at this Grand Assembly.

On September 8, 2008, a visitation was made to the Stated Assembly of Marquette Council No. 72. Following the opening of the Council discussion took place on the reason for this visit. The Thrice Illustrious Master then informed the committee that he did not know that he was the Thrice Illustrious Master until he received the probation letter from the Most Illustrious Grand Master. This Council has two Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters who have attended the last three Grand Assemblies and have requested that the Council Officers turn over their proxies to them. With this information coming to light, no legitimate excuse could be found for why the Council was not represented. Discussion then shifted to the Deputy Master and Recorder who both promised that someone representing Marquette Council No. 72 would be in attendance at the next Grand Council Session. They were informed that if they are represented at the Grand Assembly, the probation status would be removed. But if they were not represented their Charter would be arrested. Cryptic Masonry is needed in this area and we hope that the leadership of this Council will live up to their obligations and honor their commitments.

On September17, 2008, a visitation was made to the Stated Assembly of Nebuzaradan Council No. 6. Following the opening of the Council discussion took place on the reason for this visit. The Thrice Illustrious Master then informed the committee that he did not know that he was the Thrice Illustrious Master until he received the probation letter from the Most Illustrious Grand Master. The committee could not believe that they were hearing this again. The Recorder apologized for the manner in which he had been handling his office and resigned. This Council has one Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and several Past Thrice Illustrious Masters who have attended the last three Grand Assemblies and they had also volunteered to represent the Council by proxy. With this information coming to light, no legitimate excuse could be found for why the Council was not represented. Discussion then shifted to the Deputy Master who promised that someone representing Nebuzaradan Council No. 6 would be in attendance at the next Grand Council Session. The Council was informed that if they are represented at the Grand Council Session, the probation status would be removed. But if they were not represented their Charter would be arrested. In follow up conversations we have been assured that Cryptic Masonry will continue at Nebuzaradan Council No. 6 for many years to come.

On September18, 2008, a visitation was made to the Stated Assembly of Manistee Council No. 46. With only three members present this meeting was declared open by the Deputy Grand Master in conformity with the proxy issued by the Most Illustrious Grand Master on August 7, 2008. Following the opening of the Council discussion took place on the reason for this visit. This Council which has only seven members is the smallest Council in Michigan. Only six of their members live in the area. The reason given for not attending was poor health of the officers and members. The Council was informed that if they are represented at the Grand Council Session, the probation status would be removed. We were assured that they would be represented.

We then went on to discuss the options available to rebuild the Council. Many of the Lodges in the area are bringing in new members. But these new members are not joining the Chapter. We discussed merging with either Traverse City Council U.D. or with Cadillac Council No. 70. Both of which are active and growing. We were informed that the members of Manistee Council would not be able to attend those Councils because of the distance of travel and the night driving. Unless we can find some way to build their membership, they will have to turn in their Charter when it drops below six members. So before this happens we should possibly look at moving their Charter back to Manistee. This Council needs to be connected to a Chapter that is capable of supplying it with candidates. The Grand Council needs a Council in this portion of the state. We should pursue all options to build Cryptic Masonry in this area.

One disturbing fact was brought to light with these visits. Councils are not abiding by the Cryptic Law concerning the full ritual opening of the Council. A larger number of Council's that are meeting jointly with a Chapter and sometimes also a Commandery are not opening in a rotating format as prescribed by Cryptic Law. They are allowing the other bodies to open all the time and then declaring themselves open with a rap of the gavel. This explains why Thrice Illustrious Masters do not know that they are elected to preside. It also explains why so many Councils in Michigan have trouble opening. In many cases they cannot even read the opening and closing from the ritual. We need to stop cheating ourselves. The joint meeting legislation was introduced to cut down on the number of meeting nights per month. It appears that in many cases it has diluted the Council to a point that it does not function. We would recommend that this issue be studied over the next year through a revised evaluation report submitted by the Arch Deputies. Then after the study is completed, if it finds that joint meeting are diluting the Councils ability to function properly legislation could be introduced to fix the problem.

Respectfully submitted, Brian K. Himes, RIDGM, Chairman Stephen R. Striggow, RIGPCW Richard D. Tonda, RIGCotG

## **REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH FOUNDATION**

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

The Grand Council continues its tradition of supporting the State Master Councilor, Grand Worthy Advisor and the Grand Bethel Honored Queen of our State Youth. This year we continued our monetary support to all three Youth Leaders. The Grand Council was represented at several youth activities throughout the state this past year either by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Brian K. Himes, or in some cases both, and also Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Duane E. Warner.

It is the opinion of the Grand Council that Michigan has the finest Youth Leaders of any State. This is evidenced by the excitement and enthusiasm that they bring to Masonic gatherings and their individual organization events. We have heard nothing but favorable reports of each organization.

Our Youth will be our Future; we must continue to give them the support that each organization needs.

Respectfully submitted, Anthony M. Chamberlin, MIGM Brian K. Himes, RIDGM Duane E. Warner, PMIGM

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

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

Your York Rite Cooperation Committee has been working closely with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar to minimize the conflict for scheduling of the Grand Session.

This year saw many successful Festivals and Orders throughout the State and we encourage them to continue. At the Festival in Kalamazoo on March 7<sup>th</sup> for the first time in recent memory all the heads of the 4 Bodies were present for introduction. Most Worshipful Grand Master Jungle (PMIGM), Most Excellent Grand High Priest Fairchild, Most Illustrious Grand Master Chamberlin and Right Eminent Grand Commander Seyferth. It was a great day for York Rite Masonry. We would love to see more of these. Remember to check the calendar on the Grand Lodge website when scheduling events for your council. It is impossible to be in more than one place at a time and the Companions of this Grand Council are willing to help one another as long as they don't have a conflict. Let's not build in the conflicts by scheduling on top of one another so we can guarantee the best degree work possible.

> Respectfully Submitted: Stephen R. Striggow RIGPCW, Chairman George W. H. Lyons PMEGHP, PMIGM Warren A. Caruss PMIGM

## 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 three amendments to the Cryptic Law Book passed by the Grand Council Session in August 2008. The amendments were edited by the Committee into the established form and style and written copies thereof were submitted to the Grand Recorder, 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. Copies of the amendments were also provided to the committee performing the general revision of the Cryptic Law Book.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Siebert, PMIGM, Chairman Donald L. Himes, PMIGM Henry L. Seitz, PMIGM

### **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 keep records of events transpiring in this Grand Council. The Board of Directors has authorized a new ritual to be printed, visually differing from the old ritual by adding the word Michigan on the front cover. The Annual Directory will not be printed, but will be available electronically from the website. The Law Book is also changing format to standard paper size, and that along with updates, will be available on the website. The recently re-published Officer Handbook and Membership Handbook are a valuable source of information, and are available from the Grand Recorder. As Cryptic Masonry moves into the electronic age, the committee is sensitive to the need of archiving publications that are a history of this Grand Council. This will be an ongoing challenge to keep an accurate record of its history.

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

Fraternally Submitted,

William E. LeVeque, P.M.I.G.M., Chairman Donald L. Himes, P.M.I.G.M. Kenney L. Lenfestey, P.M.I.G.M.

## **REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

# To the Most illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council:

On this One Hundred and Fifty First Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan. We must once again give thanks to our Heavenly Father for protecting our Grand Officers this past year. We are sad to report the loss of our Companions who have departed this world to complete their journey with our Heavenly Father. We must also remember our Friends and Companions from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions who's Companions have lost their battle with Life. We are saddened to report the loss of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, John Longo Age (81), who died of COPD, on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2008. MIC, John was born in Burgess, Missouri on March 7<sup>th</sup>• 1927 the Son of late John and Dolly Longo. The family moved to Detroit when he was three years old and graduated from the Detroit School System. Following graduation from high school John delved into a course of Business Administration at the University of Detroit. John was then inducted into the military service and served in Germany with the 26<sup>th</sup>• Infantry Regiment. Completing his tour of duty he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and the Taylor Supply Company of Detroit.

In 1949 he was married to Betty J. Scheibe and to this union they were blessed with a Daughter, Jeannie, who later served Bethel No. 52 of the International Order of Job's Daughters as Honored Queen.

John and Betty moved to Winter Haven Florida from Grand Rapids Michigan in 1996. They were members of Faith Baptist Church. John is survived by his Wife Betty Longo, Winter Haven, Daughter Jeanne Wojen, (Ron), Oxford Michigan, Grandson, Glen Vellner, St. Louis, Michigan. Church Services were held on November 12, 2008 at the Faith Baptist Church and Burial was at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

Interested in Fraternalism, Most Illustrious Grand Master John felt the urge to join Freemasonry and this is what followed.

#### Masonic Chronology

Symbolic: 1958 Laurel Lodge No. 575 F&AM, 1964 Worshipful Master, 1965/1969 Secretary.

**Capitular**: 1960 Composite Chapter No. 178 RAM, 1969 High Priest, 1970 Transferred to East Detroit Chapter No. 185 RAM, 1975 High Priest.

Cryptic: 1960 Monroe Council No.1, R&SM, 1966 Thrice Illustrious Master,

1966 Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, 1968 Grand Marshall Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, **1969** Representative of the Grand Council of Connecticut near Michigan, **1973** Riblah Council No 6, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, **1973** Lake Huron Lodge No 3, Royal Ark Mariners, **1974** Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, **1975** Presided at the Grand Assembly on May 16-17, **1977- 1984** Grand Recorder, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, **1984-1996** Grand Treasurer, Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

Chivalric: 1966 Mt. Clemens Commandery No. 51 KT, 1974 Commander, 1975 York Rite Committee.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite: 1974 Detroit Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Detroit.

York Rite College: 1971 Detroit York Rite College No.1, 1975 Order of the Purple Cross.

Order of the Eastern Star: Jefferson Chapter No 489 O.E.S.

**Honorary Memberships:** Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, New York, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Council of Thrice Illustrious masters of Indiana, Wisconsin; Illinois, and Iowa, Wisconsin Council of Ish Sodi, Honorary member of Mt. Clemens Council No.8, Northville Council No. 30 and Leslie Council No 50

# Well done good and Faithful Servant John, enter now into the joy of the Heavenly Father.

We ask our Heavenly Father to comfort those who most sincerely mourn the loss of their Friends and Companions. Give them the strength and assurance that their loved ones have but stepped from the pain and sorrow of this world into the everlasting paradise above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. There they will wait until we shall have joined them.

We ask that you give us the strength and wisdom to accomplish the task which Thou hast assigned for us, and when the designs upon the trestle board of Life are complete may we be worthy to join our Companions and Friends who have gone this way before us.

#### This we ask in thy Holy Name:

**AMEN!** 

Fraternally Yours; George W. H. Lyons, P.M.I.G.M. Illustrious Grand Chaplain, Chairman

William Skrepnek, P.M.I.G.M. Henry L. Seitz, P.M.I.G.M.

## 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 Robert C. Greenwood, of Mt. Clemens Council No. 8. He also presented the Youth Leadership Award Medal to Robert Charles Kogelschatz, of Marine City Council No. 59.

Thrice Illustrious Masters of the Year Award was presented by Most Illustrious Companion, Anthony M. Chamberlin, Most Illustrious Grand Master to Illustrious Companion, Robert E. Cooper of Tyre Council No. 10.

The Recorder of the Year Award was presented by Most Illustrious Companion, Terry G. Baker, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder to Illustrious Companion, George E. Maule of Hiawatha Council No. 65.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

#### The following Officers were duly elected for the year 2009-2010:

Brian K. Himes	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Stephen R. Striggow	
James R. Sprague	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
William E. LeVeque, PMIGM	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Dwight A. Humm	Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

#### Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect Himes appointed the following Officers:

William L. Mercier	Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council
Robert O. Troutman	Illustrious Grand Steward
Jack Temsey	Illustrious Grand Marshal
George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM, PMEGHP	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Duane E. Warner, PMIGM, PMEGHP	Illustrious Grand Sentinel
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM	Grand Lecturer

## 2009-2010 ARCH DEPUTIES

Robert O. Troutman	
David W. Dossette	
Phillip C. Smith	
Wavne E. Caruss	4 <sup>th</sup> Arch
George E. Maule	
James H. Miller	6 <sup>th</sup> Arch
Darwin J. Snider	
Duane E. Warner	
William H. Ford	
Paul W. Roggow	10 <sup>th</sup> Arch
Gerald B. Gibbons	
Laurel J. Moffit	

### NEXT PLACE OF MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The One Hundred Fifty Second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, Michigan.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council will be held in conjunction with the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan starting on August 18<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Respectfully submitted, Dwight A. Humm, IGM, Chairman Warren A. Carrus, PMIGM Harry A. Walbridge, PMEGHP Emmett W. Mills, PGC

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

### **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 reports that after one year in preparation, a new Council UD was formed in Traverse City. Working with Peter Hunt, PTIM, and others, the prospective Council was guided through the paperwork to comply with the bylaws, and finally were granted a dispensation to form a new Council. It is expected that they will receive their Charter at this Grand Assembly.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is working to open a new Chapter in the Iron River Area of the UP. Where there is a Chapter, there is room for a Council. Contacts will be made to determine the interest in that area for forming a Council.

We are looking in other area's of the State where the Council is not represented for possibilities. If anyone is interested in founding a new Council, please let the committee know.

Fraternally,

Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM, Chairman Stephen R. Striggow, RIGPCW Dwight A. Humm, IGS

## CALL OFF FOR LUNCH

Most Illustrious Companion Chamberlin, Most Illustrious Grand Master called the Council from Labor to Refreshment at 12:00 P.M. Following lunch there were brake out meetings for the Thrice Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work and Recorders. We were then called back to Labor again at 1:30 P. M. to continue the business of the Grand Council. Following the Business of the Grand Council the Council was then called to recess for the Installation of Officers.

## **INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS**

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

Donald L. Himes, PMIGM	Installing Grand Master
George C. Sellars, RPDGGM	Installing Grand Marshal
William A. Siebert, PMIGM	Installing Grand Chaplain
G. Gordon Goodman, PMIGM	Installing Grand Recorder

Following the obligation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, George C. Sellars, then presented Most Illustrious Grand Master Himes with his Most Illustrious Master's apron.

After the remaining Grand Officers were installed, Most Illustrious Companion Donald L. Himes, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, installed the Grand Lecturer, Terry G. Baker, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Arch Deputies.

## **CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR**

1977 — Robert S. Grieves*	Monroe 1
1978 — Lucian F. Hunt*	
1979 — Howard G. Branch*	
1980 — W. Wallace Wilson *	
1981 — David S. Willson*	
1982 — Fred G. Catrell*	
1983 — Elmer Harpst*	
1984 — Howard C. Bedell*	
1985 — John 1. Dull*	
1986 — Earl C. Quackenbush*	
1987 — Carl H. Cull*	
1988 — Albert F. Cronheim*	
1989 — Harley B. Kinne*	
1990 — Schuyler A. Erickson*	6
1991 — Masao Kon*	Ann Arbor 86
1992 — David H. Ahearn	
1993 — Randy C. Richardson*	
1994 — Ernest C. Folkmire*	
1995 — William R. Cook*	Inverness 60
1996 — Terence J. Donegan*	Saginaw 20
1997 — Paul A. Duke*	Mt. Clemens 8
1998 — Robert 1. Vesey	River Raisin 4
1999 — Duane V. Todd	George Hill 85
2000 — William E. Coleman	Muskegon 54
200 I — 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	
2007 — Thomas J. Myers	
2008 – Wayne E. Caruss	
2009 – Robert C. Greenwood	Mt. Clemens 8

## 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	
1989 — Nils Jay Larson*	Inverness 60
1990 - Frank E. Russell*	Ann Arbor 86
1991 — Albert Pontious*	Pontiac 3
1992 — Earle W. Mott*	Monroe 1
1993 — Lenzy R. Lewis	Flint 56
1994 — Roland B. Birch*	Saginaw 20
1995 — Kenneth E. Smiley	Lansing 29
1996 — Vernon T. Barnhart	
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 LawrenceSupre	eme Deputy Rainbow
2003 — Bill WilderGrand Secre	etary Job's Daughters
2004 — Michael D. Zirkle	Saginaw 20
2005 — Larry M. DillonE	Exe, Officer, DeMolay
2006 — Lisa & Chris Standhart	Job's Daughters
2007 — Patricia Collier	All Youth Groups
2008 – Hazel Chapman	All Youth Groups
2009 – Robert C. Kogelschatz	Marine City 59

## THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

1989 — Roy E. McConnell	Cadillac 70
1990 — George 1. Rutherford*	
1991 — Henry F. Schroeder, III	
1992 — Herbert Glassmeyer*	
1993 — Shirley W. Curtis	Marine City 59
1994 — James J. Vann, Sr	
1995 — Aubrey W. Carless	
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	
2009 – Robert E. Cooper	Tyre 10

## **RECORDER OF THE YEAR**

1988 — Robert E. Kerr*	Cass City 90
1989 — Glen M. Smith*	Grand Ledge 62
1990 — Brian K. Himes	Mt. Clemens 8
1991 — Laurel J. Moffit	Durand 38
1992 — Hugh A. Homer	Sault Ste. Marie 69
1993 — Ernest R. Gartz*	
1994 — Charles W. Ridoutt*	Muskegon 54
1995 — William E. Le Veque	Marquette 72
1996 — Dwight A. Humm	Saginaw 20
1997 — James P. Henry*	Albion 57
1998 — James T. McKnight*	
1999 — Raymond Parker, Jr.	Nile 19
2000 — Donald B. Whitener.	Flint 56
2001 — Raymond E. King	Monroe 1
2002 — Kay L. Yeager	River Raisin 4
2003 — George W.H. Lyons	Pontiac 3
2004 — Timothy C. Forche	Leslie 50
2005 — William N. Stocker	Cass City 90
2006 — William H. Ford	Straits Area 92
2007 – Duane E. Warner	Kalamazoo 63
2008 – George E. Maule	
*Deceased	

#### GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2008-2009 STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Finance

Richard D.Tonda (Ch) Stephen R. Striggrow Brian K. Himes

#### **Condition of the Rite**

Brian K. Himes (Ch) Richard D. Tonda Stephen R. Striggrow

#### Obituary

George W. H. Lyons (CH) William M. Skrepnek Henry L. Seitz

#### Jurisprudence

William A. Siebert (Ch) Donald L. Himes Jerry C. Townsend

#### Credentials

Terry G. Baker(Ch) Robert C. Greenwood (8) Bernard C. Kirchoff (59) Fred Jex (59)

#### **Endowment Trust**

Dwight A. Humm (Ch) Michael Whiting James R. Sprague

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### **York Rite Cooperation**

Stephen R. Striggow (Ch) George W. H. Lyons Warren A. Caruss

#### **Revisions & Publication of Cryptic Law**

William A. Siebert (Ch) Donald L. Himes Henry L. Seitz

#### **Public Address System** Jeffrey K. Burk (Ch)

Jenney K. Burk (CII)

## **Membership Development**

Warren A. Caruss (Ch) Henry L. Seitz Bruce D. Blondo (8)

### **Public Relations**

Wayne Caruss (62) (Ch) Donald B. Whitener

#### CMMRF

Richard D. Tonda (Ch) Dwight A. Humm William L. Mercier

#### **Youth Foundation**

William E. LeVeque (Ch) Duane E. Warner Brian K. Himes

#### **Cast Director**

George W. H. Lyons (Ch)

### **General Grand Council**

Jerry C. Townsend (Ch) Kenney L. Lenfestey Michael Whiting

#### Historical

William E. LeVeque (Ch) Donald L. Himes Kenney L. Lenfestey **Ritual Revision** Michael Whiting (Ch) Robert W. Trussell Robert C. Greenwood YES

**New Council Development** Warren A. Caruss (Ch) Dwight A. Humm

Stephen R. Striggow

Law Revision Richard D. Tonda (Ch) Warren A. Caruss James R. Sprague

#### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors Held in the Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI. August 7, 2008

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 Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 7,2008 at 3:35 PM.

Present were: President Chamberlin, Vice President B. Himes, Treasurer LeVeque, Secretary Baker, and Director Striggow. Absent, none.

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

Anthony M. Chamberlin	President
Brian K. Himes	Vice President
William E. LeVeque	Treasurer
Terry G. Baker	Secretary
Stephen R. Striggow	Director

Vice President Brian Himes moved that the Minutes of the One Hundred and Forty Ninth Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held in Pontiac, Michigan, August 16, 2007, be approved as printed in the 2007 Annual Proceedings. Seconded by Treasurer LeVeque. 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 Striggow. 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 Holiday Inn, Flint, Michigan, on August 6, 2009, following the Installation of Grand Officers and the Arch Deputies.

Then, President Chamberlin called for the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held at the St. Ignace Masonic Temple, St. Ignace, Michigan, October 11, 2008, following the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Priory No. 22 K.Y.C.H.

No further business to come before this Meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Brian Himes, seconded by Director Striggow. Motion carried, Closed at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Terry G. Baker, PMIGM, Secretary August 7, 2008

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

The following are the minutes of the Board Of Directors Meeting as called by Pres. Anthony Chamberlin, on Saturday afternoon, October 11<sup>th</sup>., 2008, in St. Ignace, MI,. following the Annual Session of K.Y.C.H.

The meeting was called to Order at 4:20 P.M. by Pres. Chamberlin

Present: Anthony Chamberlin, Brian Himes, Stephen Striggow, William LeVeque, & Terry Baker.

No minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were readily available.

The Secretarys Statement of Accounts from June 15, 2008, thru September 30, 2008 was given by Secretary Baker. The Statement showed that a balance of \$10,335.62 was in the Checking Account, \$20,928.54 in the Operating Fund, \$8,640.85 in the Special Fund, and \$53,016.44 in the Endowment Fund, for a Net Worth of \$86,463.07.

Director Striggow moved the Secretarys Report be accepted as presented, Second by V.P. Himes, Motion carried.

Treasurer LeVeque presented the Treasurers Report for the Quarter ending September 30, 2008, (See attached copy). Total Operating Funds of \$20,928.54, and a Net Worth of \$86,463.07. Director Striggow moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted as presented, second by V.P. Himes, Motion carried.

Secretary Baker presented the Bills for the Quarter covering June 15, 2008, thru September 30, 2008, totaling \$8.506.04. V.P. Himes moved that the Bills be approved and checks written for the several amounts, Second by Director Striggow, Motion carried.

Pres. Chamberlin suggested that a meeting be set with the Trustees David Boring and Fred Jex, as Jex is new on the Board\_

Much discussion about the ongoing changes and alterations concerning our current ritual. Ritual Committee still hammering things out.

Motion by V.P. Himes to transfer \$500.00 from the 150<sup>th</sup>. Account into the General Fund, to cover the costs of \$477.00 of A.V. Equipment used at our last annual session. Second by Director Striggow, Motion carried.

Secy. Baker is donating his new, never used, PC Scanner into the Grand Recorders Office. Just needs to be hooked up.

Secy. Baker given permission to have reprinted, any and all Grand Council certificates and official logo, from the indicated year of 19—to 20--. So Ordered.

All officers here today assisted Gr. Rec. Emert. Don Himes in viewing, and scanning over the first ten pages of the corrected New Directory.

More discussion on the Stroller Suit issue. They are now available thru Buckingham's in Ohio, and H & D Tux at 3701 Saginaw St., in Flint.

Discussion of (Healing) visiting Companions from neighboring jurisdictions.

Discussions of possibly reviewing the current status of our appointed, Gr. Reps. To sister jurisdictions, and if they haven't been active for years, maybe they should be replaced.

Discussion of a Grand Council 2009 Tiger Baseball game. Do we want it. YES. V.P. Himes to pursue, possibly a Saturday in July.

Pres. Chamberlin states he will send a new letter to Traverse City U.D. so they can start holding meetings.

Pres. Chamberlin states he will attend Inverness Council in the near future to check on their status and their intentions.

REF: the three Councils now on Probation, the Condition of the Rite Committee will make their report concerning those matters at the upcoming Annual Grand Council Session in August, 2009.

Discussion about the old grand collars, and the old DDI aprons, what to do with them. Possibly turn in the collars for a rebate on something new, and destroy the old DDI aprons. So Ordered.

Bill Siebert still working on the recently approved amendments as presented at the last grand session. Nothing further to come before the Board, Treas. LeVeque moved to adjourn, second by V.P. Himes. Meeting declared closed by Pres. Chamberlin at 6:50 PM.

Next scheduled Board of Directors Meeting is set for Jan.10<sup>th</sup>., 2009, at 10:00 AM, at the Auburn Hills Masonic Temple prior to their 150<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Ceremonial.

Respectfully submitted: Terry G. Baker, Secretary

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS'S MEETING**

The following are the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors, as called by Pres. Anthony Chamberlin, on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>., 2009, at the Auburn' Hills Masonic Center prior to the 150<sup>th</sup>. Celebration of Pontiac Council No.3's Charter.

Meeting was called to Order at 10:20 AM, by Pres. Chamberlin, followed by an opening prayer from RIC James Sprague.

Present: Pres. Anthony Chamberlin, V.P. Brian Himes, Director Steve Striggow, and Secy. Terry Baker. Also attending: Donald Himes Gr. Recorder Emeritus, and James Sprague.

Absent: Trea. William LeVeque, (excused absence) copies of financial status provided.

Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Quarterly Meeting, date of October 11<sup>th</sup>., 2008, <sup>•</sup> were read. Motion by B. Himes to accept the minutes as read, second by Striggow. Discussion: Don Himes noted that a few corrections needed to be added, that he would contact Trea. LeVeque and the figures in question would be amended, it was so agreed. Minutes then approved pending adjustments.

The Secretarys Statement of Accounts from October 1<sup>st</sup>. 2008 thru December 31<sup>st</sup>. 2008 was then given by Secy. Baker. The statement showed a balance in the

Checking Acct. of	\$10,318.28
Operating Acct. balance of	9,836.00
Special Funds Acct. balance of	8,495.65
Endowment Acct. balance of	46,768.55
Special Assessment Fund balance of	<u>3,877.72</u>
Total Assests, Net Worth of:	\$79,296.20

These figures were received in the Grand Recorders Office on Jan. 20, 2008 from the Grand Treasurer, and will be discussed at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Treasurers Report: 3 page document consisting of the 4<sup>th</sup>. Quarter financial status from Sept. 30, 2008, thru Dec. 31. 2008, were received from the Grand Treasurer, along with a 3 page document consisting of the 2008 Annual Report, (copies provided.)

Bills: Secy. Baker presented the Bills for the Quarter covering Sept. 15, 2008, thru Dec. 31, 2008, totaling \$1,778.31. Motion by Director Striggow to pay the same, second by V.P. Himes, no other discussion, motion carried.

Renewed discussion on the status of Ritual revisions. To continue with the pocket size, 4X6 and approx. 115 pages. A few more changes being worked on. Remove the Index Section, put a Council emblem on the front cover, get it copyrighted.

Discussion on the Council Directory: To get written estimates.

Review the status of the 3 year term Grand Reps. After discussion, it was Moved by Secy. Baker to suspend the 2009 Tiger Ballgame effort due to increased ticket fees, and the hard economic times. Second by V.P. Himes, Carried.

Traverse City Council U.D. A letter was issued by MIGM Chamberlin authorizing them to operate and conduct business, and the Council Officers have been installed by MIGM Chamberlin.

Inverness Council: Ill.Com. Peterson getting it reorganized. A separate Council banking account is now in place, and the officers line is coming together.

Chrm. Of the Condition of the Rite Committee, V.P. B. Himes did personally visit Councils No.6, 46" and 72, and will give his report at the next Grand Council Assembly.

Secy. Baker to contact Betty Longo, see if PMIGM John Longo's Grand Masters jewel is available. PMIGM Blaisdell to assist if needed.

Discussion of the Arch Deputy at Large position. General consensus is the position is now longer deeded. RIDGM B. Himes to address the issue in his year.

Secy. Baker appointed to attend the upcoming York Rite Awareness Day being held in Cadillac, MI., in March. Nothing further to come before the Board, it was moved by Director Striggow to adjourn, second by V.P. Himes, and declared closed by Pres. Chamberlin at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Terry Baker, Secy.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The following are the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors, as called by Pres. Anthony M. Chamberlin, on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>., 2009, at the Super 8 Motel, Marysville, MI., previous to the annual Grand Officers Spring Retreat.

Meeting was called to Order Friday evening at 4:30 PM, by Pres. Chamberlin followed by an opening prayer from Gr. Chaplain George Lyons.

PRESENT: Pres. Anthony Chamberlin, V.P. Brian Himes, Director Steve Striggow, Trea. Bill LeVeque, & Secy. Terry Baker

Also attending: George Lyons, James Sprague, Bill Mercier, Bill Seibert, and Don Himes.

Minutes of the Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>., 2009, quarterly meeting were distributed and read. Some discussion concerning the existing account balances, Trea. LeVeque to investigate and report back with amended figures.

Motion by V.P. Himes to accept the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup>. By Director Striggow and carried.

Treas. Report: Trea. LeVeque advised some adjustments needed to be addressed. He will check with the existing account holders and re-evaluate for corrected balances.

BILLS: A total of \$750.97 worth of invoices were presented by the secretary, copy provided. Motion by V.P. Himes to pay the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup>. By Director Striggow, Carried.

OLD BUSN.: Renewed discussions on the status of the ritual revisions. Revised ritual is now up to 123 pages.

Cost factors: 250 copies @ \$3.85 ea.

500-1000 copies @ \$3.45 ea. Hard cover: 1000 copies @ \$6,975.00 Softcover: 1000 copies @ \$5,400.00. Motion by V.P. Himes to purchase 1000 copies, with hard cover, and the name MICHIGAN embossed on the front cover, under the emblem. 2<sup>nd</sup>. By Director Striggow, carried.

NEW BUSN.: Motion by Director Striggow to put the new Directory up on the website. 2<sup>nd</sup>. By V.P. Himes, minor discussions, carried.

Discussion of contacting G. Gordon Goodman and asking him to contact Betty Longo, re: PMIGM John Longo's jewel.

Discussion of Jurisprudence Committee working on the Charter Dispensation of Traverse City Council U.O. A new reissue charter date is to be assigned, but the old number of No. 61 may be permitted to be reused.

Straits Area Council has voted to accept Inverness Council, and on Feb. 18, 2009, Inverness Council voted to consolidate with Straits Area Council, after a letter went out to all the members. Consolidation in progress.

Minor discussion of voice software equipment, tabled for future discussions. Nothing further to come before the Board, it was moved by Dir. Striggow to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>. By V.P. Himes, and the meeting declared closed at 6:55 PM by Pres. Chamberlin.

Respectfully submitted: Terry G. Baker. Sec'y

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The following are the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors, as called by President Anthony M. Chamberlin, on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Sault St. Marie Masonic Temple prior to the annual U-Per Council Ceremonial.

Meeting was called to Order at 10:15 AM by President Chamberlin, followed by an Opening Prayer from Grand Chaplain George Lyons.

Present: President – Anthony Chamberlin, Vice President – Brian Himes, Director – Steve Striggow, Treasurer – Bill LeVeque, and Secretary – Terry Baker.

Also attending: George Lyons, Dwight Hum, Michael Whiting, Bill Seibert and Bill Mercier.

Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly meeting dated April 4, 2009 were previously read as printed. Motion by Vice President Himes to accept the minutes as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Striggow, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer LeVeque presented a two-page document itemizing the balances of our several accounts. All is in order and the bank statements correspond with the treasurers book balances. Copies provided and attached to these minutes. Motion by Vice President Himes to accept the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Striggow, no discussion, carried.

Bills: Secretary Baker presented fees and expenses totaling \$1,609.55. Motion by Treasurer LeVeque to pay the same, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Striggow, carried. Copy of Bills provided and attached.

Old Business: Ritual revisions have gone to the printer. Proof copy is available. Resale value of \$10.00 each.

Directory is going on the website: User name is grand, Password is council, all in lower case and is in Microsoft Publisher.

Future Law Book: will be a three ring binder and is in pdf format.

PMIGM Longo jewel: Brian Himes to contact G. Gordon Goodman for final results.

Traverse City Council UD: Still lacking the number of members needed to be officially chartered.

Inverness Council No. 60: Officially consolidated into Straits Area Council on March 23, 2009.

Sound Systems: Companion Dwight Hum to check into the purchase costs of the "Sure 58" system of four wireless mikes.

New Business: Discussion of upcoming grand session. Introductions of guests and seconds o motions need to be made at the directly into the recording microphones.

Comments concerning the Endowment Fund Trustee position. Companion Richard Dettloff desires to leave the Board as a Trustee. Need a replacement, possibly Companion Robert Kogelschatz.

All committee Reports need to be in the hands of the Grand Recorder 45 days prior to the Annual Session. First Call Notice to go out 30days prior to the session.

Good of the Order: Right Illustrious Companion Richard Tonda has advised that due to his relocating to the State of Texas, for employment reasons, he will be unable to continue advancing thru this grand line, and gave notice that he will not seek the office of Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

Secretary Baker directed to purchase another Grand Council Apron Case under the name of Dwight A. Humm, so ordered.

Discussion of granting Most Illustrious Companion Donald L. Himes, Grand Recorder Emeritus, a letter of "Resolution of Thanks" for all his continuing work effort and expertise in assisting the Office of the Grand Recorder. Treasurer LeVeque to draft the letter. Motion by Treasurer LeVeque to Create the letter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by everyone, carried.

Reminder: Constituent Councils are required to officially open six (6) times if meeting individually and four (4) times if meeting in conjunction with the Chapter or Commandery. Several councils are getting very lax in this endeavor.

Nothing further to come before the Board, it was moved by Vice President Himes to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Striggow. Most Illustrious Companion George Lyons offered a departing prayer, and President Chamberlin declared the meeting closed at 11:45 AM.

**Respectfully Submitted:** 

Terry G. Baker

## APPENDIX

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

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., M148317-1626 (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, M148166-0125 (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 VEOUE, (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 HENRY L. SEITZ, (2007), e710 Gerue, Stephenson, MI. 49887-8923

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

1858 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit, Died 1867. 1859 NATHAN B, CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867. 1860 FRANCIS DARROW; Pontiac. Died April 11, 1873. 1861 JOHN CLARK, St. Clair, Died February 19, 1876. 1862 DAVID BURHAM TRACY, Detroit. Died February 19, 1906. 1863 EDWARD A'. ELLIOT, Detroit. Died November 15, 1880. 1864 GARRA BENJAMIN NOBLE, Detroit. Died February 9,1897. 1865 DAVID BOVEE, Coldwater. Died July 19, 1900. 1866 SEAMAN L. DART, Coldwater. Died February 8,1883. 1867 WILLIAM SHERMAN EDWARDS, Hillsdale; Died May 19, 1913. 1868 JOSEPH THAYER HAYDEN, Hillsdale. Died April 24,1898. 1869 CHARLES HIRAM PUTNAM, Hudson. Died May 15, 1895. 1870 OLIVER LYMAN SPAULDING, St. Johns. Died July 30,1922. 1871 EBENEZAR SPRAGUE, Lyons. Died January 2,1892. 1872 HENRY SHAW NOBLE, Monroe. Died October 23, 1908. 1873 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23,1880. 1874 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880. 1875 MORTIMER MANSFIELD, Coldwater. Died December 20,1883. 1876 GEORGE HILL, JR, Portland, Died October 3,1920. 1877 JOHN R. EVERARD, Jackson. Died November 22, 1891. 1878 ANDREW JACKSON UTLEY, St. Louis. Died Nov. 10, 1905. 1879 HUGH McCURDY, Corunna. Died July 16, 1908. 1880 DAVID WOODWARD, Clinton, Died March 30, 1921. 1881 RUFUS CLAGHORN HATHEWAY, Ionia. Died Dec. 8,1896.

1882 WILLIAM GILSON 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. 301938. 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. BOUDEMAN, 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. CURL1S, Sault Ste. Marie. Died June 1, 1997. 1966 EARL E. PETTIT, Williamston. Died November 30, 1979. 1967 KENNETH 1. 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, Died, November 8, 2008 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 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 HICHAEL WHITING. Pontiac.
2005 KENNEY L. LENFESTEY, Brighton
2006 WARREN A. CARUSS, Lansing
2007 HENRY L. SEITZ, Stephenson
2008 ANTHONY MARTIN CHAMBERLIN, Marysville

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Near Michigan		Near Sister Jurisdiction
		Carmel D. Olive
Paul C. Howell	Arizona	Elston R. Dibble
Larry A. Inscho	Arkansas	Jimmy W. Bennett
Kenney L. Lenfestey	California	Frederick G. Kleyn, III
Donald L. Trumbull	Canada-East	Gerald B. MacLellan
		Thomas G. Janes
Henry L. Seitz	Canada-West	Hugh E. Ferster
William Skrepnek	Colorado	Myron Darmour
		Gary A. Littlefield
		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.
		Amdre E. Lovas
		Walter Eichin
Wayne E. Caruss	Greece	Dimitrios Papakyriakow
Jeffrey K. Burk	Hawaii	Raymond Wieckowicz
		Duane Sartwell
		Robert M. Hill
		Thomas D. Barton
		Lyle C. Johnson
		John L. Henkert
		Jerome "Herman" Dean
		Ernest E. Clower
		Gordon E. Reynolds
		Carl L. Cicchetti
		Michael A. Brown
		James Fisher
		Kiely D. Walker
		John E. Schofield
		Elmer R. Cole
		Warren D. Lichty, Jr.
		Edward M. Block
		Russell H. Coleman
		Paul D. Loveland, Jr.
		James A. White
		Leslie A. Kerr
		Alton T. Gaskill
Thomas K. Tabor		Harvey G. Vreugenhill

Anthony M. Chamberlin	Ohio	Gary Lee Smith
Bernard C. Kirchoff	Oklahoma	Barry Spradling
Paul W. Roggow	Oregon	H. Parker Spalding
Michael Whiting	Pennsylvania	George E. Silvers
Donald L. Galway	Philippines	Danilo C. Datu
Gerald B. Gibbons	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
George E. Maule	Tennessee	Marshall A. Stinnett
Ernest Berry	Texas	Don R. Cowley
Laurel J. Moffit	Utah	Billy F. Baker
James R. Sprague	Vermont	Edward E. Nawotka, Jr
Courtland C. Rule	Washington	Norman F Campo
Jerry C. Townsend	Wisconsin	Gene Schaber
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#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2009 ASSEMBLY THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

The Sixty Fifth Annual Assembly of the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was opened in due form at the Holiday Inn Gateway Hotel, Flint, Michigan on August 6, 2009, at 4:50 PM by the Thrice Illustrious Master Anthony M. Chamberlin. A warm welcome was extended too all members and guests.

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

Christopher J. King	Pontiac Council No. 3
Steve J. Eliopoulos	Mount Clemens Council No. 8
Walter F. Wheeler	Tyre Council No. 10
John A. Vitale	Union Council No. 11
Benjamin F. Creech	Northville Council No. 30
Dale D. Brown	Jackson Council No. 32
Robert Janoska	<b>Durand Council No. 38</b>
Steven J. Helferich	Muskegon Council No. 54
John E. Porritt	Flint Council No. 56
William L. Mercier	Hiawatha Council No. 65
Robert J. Seikman	Cadillac Council No. 70
Arthur R. Gareau	Livingston Council No. 73
Charles S. Moulthrop	Sunrise Council No. 93

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 Fred A. Boggs, MIGM of Ohio and William E. Laughlin of Ohio. 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	Anthony M. Chamberlin
King David	Kenney L. Lenfestey
T.I. Senior Warden	Warren A. Caruss
T.I. Junior Warden	
T.I. Steward	James Miller
T.I. Chaplain	Michael Whiting, PTIM
T.I. Recorder/Treasurer	Brian K. Himes, PTIM
T.I. Sentinel	Donald Trumbull
1 <sup>st</sup> . Herald	Robert E. Cooper
2 <sup>nd</sup> . Herald	
3 <sup>rd</sup> . Herald	Bernard Kirchoff
4 <sup>th</sup> . Herald	
5 <sup>th</sup> . Herald	John T. Updike
6 <sup>th</sup> . Herald	
7 <sup>th</sup> . Herald	Frank Callahan
8 <sup>th</sup> . Herald	Laurel J. Moffit
Prologuizer	
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#### **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 Anthony M. Chamberlin called to order the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters for the business of the Council.

Thrice Illustrious Master Anthony M. Chamberlin congratulated the newly made Thrice Illustrious Masters and hoped that they had enjoyed the conferral of the degree.

Thrice Illustrious Master Anthony M. Chamberlin 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 2008 Proceedings be approved. The motion carried.

#### **Financial Report**

Beginning Balance as of August 7, 2008	\$1,081.23
Receipts from Fees	\$ 250.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 96.00</u>
Balance as of August 7, 2008	\$1,235.23

It was moved and seconded that we pay the Grand Council R. & S.M. for the printing of the Directory and Proceedings for 2009 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.

It was reported that the Sentinel had the Herald robes cleaned. The new Sentinel will need to have the remaining robes cleaned for next year.

#### Election of Officers for 2009-2010

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.

It was moved and seconded that John T. Updike be elected Sentinel. The motion carried.

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

A motion was made and seconded to purchase 3 garment bags to store and transport the robes. The motion was carried.

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

#### 2009-2010 Officers

Warren A. Caruss, No. 62 T	hrice Illustrious Master
11142 Bishop Hwy, Lansing MI 48911-6201, (517) 64	6-0504
K. Lee Yeager, No. 4 Thrice II	lustrious Senior
Warden	
1832 Center Drive, Temperance, MI 48182-9268 (73-	4) 847-6660
James H. Miller No. 11 Thrice Illu	ustrious Junior Warden
12829 Millers Drive, Milan, MI 48160-9782, (734) 43	9-3582
Brian K. Himes, PTIM, No. 8 Thrice Illustri	ous Recorder/Treasurer
24584 Laetham, Eastpointe, MI 48021-1046, (586) 77	/2-5582
Donald Trumbull, No. 73 Th	rice Illustrious Steward
P.O. Box 997, Pinckney, MI 48169-0997, (734) 878-1	714
John T. Updike, No. 4 T	hrice Illustrious
Sentinel	
1536 Longfellow Drive, Temperance, MI 48182	
Michael Whiting, PTIM, No. 1 The	rice Illustrious Chaplain
615 Melrose, Pontiac, MI 48340-3116, (248) 373-7082	1

Prologuizer

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

#### Heralds

1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert E. Cooper, No. 10 (2006)
	101 20 Mile Road NE, Cedar Springs 49319-9629 (616) 696-4847

- 2<sup>nd</sup> William A. Siebert, No 20 (2006) P.O. Box 116, Gladwin, MI 48624-0116, (989) 426-3559
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bernard Kirchoff, No. 59 (2007) 455 6<sup>th</sup>. Street, Marysville, MI 48040-1203 (810) 364-9702

4 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Roberts, No. 4 (2008)
	432 East 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Monroe, MI 48161 (734) 384-0451
5 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Smith, No. 38 (2009)
	13362 Lake Shore Drive, Fenton, MI 48430-1022 (810)
6 <sup>th</sup>	James M. Kiefer, No. 10 (2009)
	3147 Sunny Creek Court, Hudsonville, 49426-9027 (616) 662-0288
7 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Callahan, No. 73 (2006)
	1233 Peavy Road, Howell, MI 48843-8852, (517) 546-7078
8 <sup>th</sup>	Laurel J. Moffit, No. 38 (2001)
	228 N. Spring St. Box 107, Vernon, MI 48476-0107, (517) 288-2879
	Thrice Illustrious Master Warren Caruss thanked the installing officers and
memb	pers for their confidence and support.
	The Decorder then presented a Dest Thrice Illustricus Mesters Jewel to Dest

The Recorder then presented a Past Thrice Illustrious Masters Jewel to Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Anthony M. Chamberlin.

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 Warren Caruss, at 5:47 p.m.

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

**Succession of Thrice Illustrious Masters** 

1944-46	*Hollis J. Colyer, No. 1, Pleasant Ridge
1946-47	*Harold P. Williams, No. 56, Ortisville
1947-48	*Mark C. Carpenter, No. 29, Pasadena, CA
1948-49	*Sherman W. Garnett, No. 38, Owosso
1949-50	*Robert Inskip, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1950-51	*John F. Beel, No. 29, Lansing
1951-52	*Earl E. Pettit, No. 64, Williamston
1952-53	*Ernest J. Whitlock, No. 39, Livonia
1953-54	*J. Wallace Royce, No. 8, Clawson
1954-55	*Walter J. Way, No. 54, Muskegon
1955-56	*Harry M. Cook, No. 59, St. Clair Shores
1956-57	*Jerome W. Hartman, No. 29, Lansing
1957-58	*William M. Allen, No. 73, Brighton

1958-59	*Ivan W. Hughes, No 9, Athens
1959-60	*Walter S. Pattison, No. 54, Muskegon
1960-61	*Kenneth J. Penberthy, No.1, Royal Oak
1961-62	*John L. Campbell, No. 20, Saginaw
1962-63	*Earl L. Ries, No. 73, Howell
1963-64	*Marquis A. Sartell, No. 3, Pontiac
1964-65	*Thomas W. Bailey, No. 1, Highland Park
1965-66	*Orrie C. Mead, No. 64, Holiday, FL
1966-67	*Harold T. Glassford, No. 88, Royal Oak
1967-68	*Daniel Yakuber, No. 1, Detroit
1968-69	<b>*R. L. Hart Oldham, No. 57, Marshall</b>
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, Gilbraltar
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
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

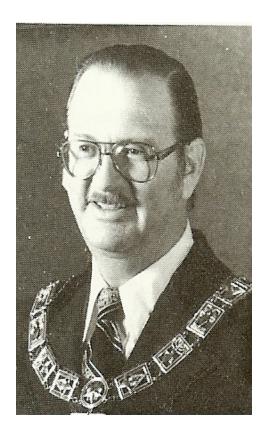
1997-98	Carl S. Hobday, No. 3, Auburn Hills
1998-99	Clay E. Swinburnson, No. 3, Lake Orion
1999-00	Jerry E. Townsend, No. 6, Marcellus
2000-01	Richard E. Cooper, No. 85, Ithaca
2001-02	James L. Ketchum, No. 59, Cheboygan
2002-03	Ronald B. Blaisdell, No. 1, Redford
2003-04	James J. Vann Sr., No. 4, Petersburg
2004-05	Carl D. Rufus, No. 11, Willis
2005-06	Kenneth D. Chandler, Mason
2006-07	Michael Whiting, No. 3, Pontiac
2007-08	Kenney Lenfestey, No. 3, Brighton
2008-09	Anthony M. Chamberlin, No. 59, Marysville
2009-10	Warren Caruss, No. 62, Diamondale

#### **DEFUNCT COUNCILS**

St. Glair No.2, Revoked, 1878

Mt. Moriah NO.6 (Coldwater) merged with Nebuzaradan No. 37, May 16,1992 and took the No.6. Three Rivers No.7, Revoked Dec. 15, 1882 Ionia No. 12, Surrendered, Dec. 27,1937 Sturgis No. 13, Surrendered Dec. 13,1936 Hiram (Marshall) No. 14, Revoked Dec. 15,1882 Putnam (Hudson) No. 16, Surrendered Oct. 23, 1877 Genesee (Fenton) No. 17, Arrested Jan. 7, 1889 St. Johns No. 21, Arrested March 28,1933 Mosaic No. 22, Revoked, Dec. 28, 1877 Portland No. 23, Surrendered Merged with No. 62, in 1996 Adoniram No. 24, (Manchester) Surrendered Jan. 1, 1936 King Solomon No. 25 (Big Rapids) Revoked April 28, 1941 Clinton No. 26, Surrendered Dec. 3, 1931 Oceana No. 27 (Pentwater) Revoked Dec. 15, 1882 Dowagiac No. 28, Revoked Dec. 15, 1882 Northville No. 30, Revoked Feb. 17, 1901 Reading No. 31, Arrested Dec. 15, 1882 Ithaca No. 33, Surrendered Dec. 10, 1925 Blanchard No. 34 (Tecumseh) Surrendered March 7, 1933 Union City No. 35, Forfeited May 16, 1982 Charlotte No. 36, Surrendered Feb. 20,1934 Holly No. 39, Surrendered April 16, 1932 Bronson No. 40, Revoked Feb. 19, 1900 Centreville No. 41, Revoked Dec. 15,1882 Lapeer No. 42, Revoked May 15, 1917 Lawrence No. 43, Surrendered Jan 20, 1938 St. Joseph No. 44, Merged with Niles No. 19 South Haven No. 45, merged with St. Joseph 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 Sah-gon-ah-ka-to (Alpena) Surrendered Dec. 1, 1938 Traverse City No. 61, Surrendered Dec. 5, 1941 Marquette No. 66, Revoked Feb. 9, 1901 King Cyrus No. 67 (Crystal Falls) Forfeited March 4, 1935 St. Louis No. 68, Revoked May, 15, 1927 Grayling No. 70, Revoked Jan. 16, 1900 David S. Kendall (Houghton), Revoked May 9, 1930 Fred L. Wells No. 74 (Port Huron), Surrendered Feb. 12, 1934 Fremont No. 76, Surrendered Feb. 4, 1944 Sanduskey No. 77, Revoked Dec. 27,1979 Colon No. 78, Surrendered Jan. 4, 1934 Mt. Sinai No. 79, Surrendered Dec. 27, 1928 Bessemer No. 80, Merged with Darius No. 75, Dec. 2, 1993 Charlevoix No. 81, Surrendered May 17, 1920 Benzie (Frankfort) No. 82, Revoked May 14, 1931 Eaton Rapids No. 83, Surrendered Dec. 15, 1935 Almont No. 84, Revoked March 3, 1942 Vicksburg No. 87, Merged with Kalamazoo No. 63, April 10, 1959 Jeremiah No. 88 Ferndale, Merged with Mt. Clemens No.8, Sept. 25,1995 Northville No. 89, Took back their old No. 30, 1971-72 Mt. Ararat No.5, Merged with Jackson No. 32, April 14, 2004 Albion No. 57, Took back their old No. 14 and name, Hiram, August 17,2005, at the Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Darius Council No. 75, Consolidated with Hiawatha Council No. 65, August 2, 2008 Inverness Council No. 60, Consolidated with Straits Area Council No. 92, August 6, 2009

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Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

John Longo Elected Most Illustrious Grand Master 1974 Born March 7, 1927, Burgess, Missouri Died November 8, 2008, Winter Haven, Florida



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We Join with Them in Mourning the

Loss of

Their Beloved Companions in Masonry



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### In 2009

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