

Hello companions!

Fall is in full swing and winter is quickly approaching.

As the leaves on the trees are changing colors, one cannot help but to take time out to reflect on the changes that occurred over this year and review our accomplishments and begin to look for goals to improve ourselves and our Cryptic Rite.

We finished out the cryptic year on a tough but positive note. While we truly wish MIC Dwight had been at the session, we came together and finished our business thoroughly and in record time.

I have been getting out visiting Councils as much as I can, as I am still working, my traveling during the week is somewhat limited, but I will make every effort to visit as many of you as I can.

We have had an active year thus far. Your Grand Council has been to Howell and St. Ignace to support their three degree days and we are planning to participate in many more in 2013. Right now we will be at Flint in February, Grand Rapids in March, Mason in April, Pontiac in May and Negaunee in June.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as I am able in the course of my travels over the rest of the Cryptic year. I know with your support, we will make 2012-2013 the best ever.

I wish all the best to you and yours,

*Bob Troutman* , Most Illustrious Grand Master