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Happy New Year



May all of Your efforts for Masonry be positive and fruitful.

God Bless each of you.

Keep a smile on your face, a chuckle in your voice and love in your heart.



Mt. Vernon Chapter No.37

Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

1660 Samaria Road, Samaria, MI 48177

1865-2015

Sesquicentennial Celebration Dinner

Saturday – January 10, 2015

Reception: 11:30 AM

Dinner: 12:00 PM (Noon)

Mail Reservations to: Eldin H. Miller – 8072 Monroe Rd. – Lambertville, MI 84144-9721

Paid Reservations a must by January 1, 2015

********Send bottom section with remittance********

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“GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST”

Here we are, staring right into the face of another new year. I still haven't accomplished everything on my list for 2014 and now I have to start all over again for 2015. Oh well, I guess redoing our living room paneling will wait another year.

How about for a New Year's resolution, we all resolve to try to increase attendance at our York Rite meetings in the coming year. I don't mean to de-emphasize adding new members, but we are losing chapters because of poor and even no attendance by the members we already have. It does little good to bring in that new companion if, when he comes to the first meeting after being exalted he finds only 2 or 3 companions or even less, have made an effort to attend. He may chalk off one such non-meeting as a strange exception but if he comes back the next month and it's the same situation, he won't bother with a 3rd time. If nobody else cares enough to show up, why should he? Later when it is time for dues payments, he will probably join the ranks of "Suspended for NPD."

We have a regular litany of suggestions to try to get members to attend meetings but a relatively new one is using "robo-calling" as a reminder of when and where your chapter meeting will be held. Little tidbits of information can be added, such as "We will have a School of Instruction," or "We will be conferring the Mark Master Degree." The Grand King, REC Don Galway has found the few chapters that are currently using the system are having really good results. And, it's cheap. It should cost less than a postcard mailing to contact everyone in your chapter. A discussion about robo-calls will be on the agenda for the Educational Retreat on January 24th in Mt. Pleasant, and you are invited to attend. A flier with information and a reservation form for lunch is printed in this issue.

If it is January, it means Lady Kristi and I have returned from our annual pilgrimage to the Mouse's House in Florida. However, this year Kris had our daughter and granddaughters to accompany her, so I exempted myself from going to see Mickey and his friends. We did, however go to Palm Harbor to visit MEC G. Gordon Goodman, PGHP, and Lady Tina. I am happy to report that both are doing well, although Gordon is now using a cane or walker to help him get around.

As it happened, the day we went to visit Gordon & Tina was also the day of the Stated Convocation of Gordon's chapter in Dunedin. Gordon asked if I would like to visit the chapter and after thinking about it for 4 or 5 seconds, I agreed. On past trips to Florida my location and/or schedule had prevented me from attending a local chapter so this opportunity could not be passed up. But once again, when visiting a chapter from another Grand Jurisdiction, I was struck by the differences in the ritual used. Apparently, even after living there for as long as he has, Gordon still spots variations from the ritual as used in Michigan. As the chapter was opening, one of the local companions leaned over to me and offered to wager \$10.00 that Gordon would say, "That's not the way we do it Michigan!" at least once. Well, I would have left \$10.00 poorer that night had I accepted his bet. The hospitality shown me by the companions in Dunedin was much appreciated and I told several of them that if we ever established a part or full time residence anywhere in the Tampa area, theirs would be my first choice to join a Florida chapter.

A few days after visiting the Goodman's in Palm Harbor, we traveled down the Gulf Coast to Cape Coral to see Lady Ann Fairchild, the widow of PGHP Bill Fairchild. Ann is also doing well and we are already making plans for her return to Escanaba in the spring.

By now we have passed the Winter Solstice, the days will begin to get longer and spring will be upon us almost before we know it. It is not too early to begin thinking about the Annual York Rite Golf Outing. This year we have moved the date up to July 23rd, a few weeks earlier than in the past. Look for more information in upcoming issues of the Triple Tau and your Chapter Secretary and Council or Commandery recorder will have announcements sent to them in a few months.

In closing, again I offer a couple of quotes from "Thoughts To Make You Say...Hmmm!" from Bro. Terry Spalding-Martin as cited on the Canada Masons email group:

If you hear me shout, "Eject. Eject. Eject", the last two will be echoes. If you stop to ask, "Why?" you'll be talking to yourself, because by then you'll be the pilot.
- Canadian F104 Pilot giving a pre-flight briefing

Self-discipline is when your conscience tells you to do something and you don't talk back.

- W.K. Hope

Happy New Year, I look forward to seeing you in chapter.



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Greetings Companions,

Before I begin this article I have a public service announcement. The Best Western in Mt. Pleasant has changed names and is now the Howard Johnson. It is the host hotel for our Education Seminar, January 24, 2015. The contact information remains the same; so don't hang up when they answer Howard Johnsons. There, I have done my good deed for the month and can go back to doing the other work I need to get done. Oop's I do have to finish this article.

So here I sit December 20th wondering where this year has gone! So the next question do I reflect upon the past in this article, or propose the future. I hate to dwell upon the past, so I think I will write about a brighter future.

2015, what will it hold for us the Royal Arch Family in Michigan? I am not going to say a thing about New Years Resolutions, as the only one I have kept in the last forty years, is to never make one. Membership growth is a topic that we beat to death, so I will not do it here. I believe that if we have a good product then it will sell itself. Our challenge is to create that product. I for one think that we have a very good product; the message and tenants are very good. Our delivery may fall short in some cases, and our service to our customer could use help. We have chapters that are doing great things, their attendance is good, and the meetings run smoothly, the fellowship among the companions is good, so how do we bottle that and distribute this to the chapters that can use a little help. What do these chapters do differently than others? One of the things that I would submit is communication, keeping the members informed is key to attendance and retention. Doing the work well gives pride to a chapter. Having a practice is not to see who knows their part, but to practice the timing and floor work. You learn the work at your own pace, but the timing and floor work has to be done with the whole cast, to look it's best to your audience, which is not only the candidates, but the companions that come to watch good work being done.

I am looking forward to the coming year for a number of reasons, one being the two companions that will also be planning their year. Both Edward James and Albert Johnson will be doing the same thing that I will be doing for the next eight months. We have a lot of work we must do, to assemble the team we will be working with. Not the elected line, but our committee chairs and members, the respective representatives to the membership, along with our agenda for the coming year. We will be meeting to determine how we can best help each organization to make our job easier and our members experience a pleasant and enjoyable one. We are striving to make York Rite cooperation a reality.

Companions remember the upcoming events: January 24th the Educational Seminar in Mt Pleasant and The George Washington Celebration, February 14th in Caro.

Lady Sherry and I hope that you had a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joyous New Year, be safe in your travels and I will see you around the realm.

Companions,

P.G.H.P. Harry Walbridge is in the "Mercy Manor" in Grayling, Michigan 49738.

He will be there for at least 2 weeks according to a conversation with Marge a short while ago. Therapy !!!!

I'm sure he would like visits and a card or 2.
Fraternal in Masonry;

Carl John Peterson

Home Address: PO Box 652
Roscommon, MI 48653

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Grayling, MI 49738

May your therapy and recovery be speedy and complete.





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Secretary's Scribbles

Secretaries and Companions,

Master's Pins: Your chapters should now be issuing the 2015 Master Pins. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce Royal Arch and York Rite Masonry to our Blue Lodge members. Please make you're your presentations timely and be sure you don't miss a Lodge. The Masters are expecting to receive them, and may feel slighted should they be missed. Please remember to report your presentations and if you have Lodges no longer in business let me know. Also, if you would like to change your Lodge assignments just let me know. During your presentation please wear your Red Coats and take Royal Arch Brochures or other materials with you.

Monthly Activity Reports: Don't forget to send in those Monthly Activity Reports, with any gains, losses, or other member changes. This will make your Dues Cards (Sent out in February) and the Annual Return (Sent out very near the Year End - April) much easier to complete. Remember all activity reported prior to sending them out, will already be posted in the Return.

Per Capita: Just a reminder to everyone that next year's Per Capita will increase, by \$1.00 to Grand Chapter and \$1.00 more for General Grand.

Consolidations: There are 3 consolidations now being processed: Capital # 9 with Ingham #51; York #150 with Washtenaw #6 and Kalamazoo #13 with Paw Paw # 34.

If you are a member of one of these "Consolidating Chapters", you will automatically be transferred to the "Consolidated with" Chapter. When the Dues Cards are prepared you will be printed under the "Consolidated with" Chapter. Because some of the records may not be up to date, if you have an issue, please work with your new secretary to resolve them.

Legislation: The deadline for legislation for the 2015 Annual Session will be April 18, 2015.

Candidates: Your deadline to get your Declaration Letters to this office is February 13, 2015. Several companions have expressed an interest, however I have not received any submissions as of this writing.

Status of MHA: We now have 255 Applications for the Masonic Heritage Award.

Please spread the word! Any Father-Son (Step Son, Son-in-Law) are eligible.

You may find the application on the Down Loads page of the Royal Arch WEB Site. www.ram-mi.org

Calendar:

Sesquicentennial - contact: Eldin Miller - January 10/11:30am - Samaria

DeMolay Winterfest - January 16/17 - Flint - Gateway Center

Education Retreat - January 24, 2015 - Mt. Pleasant. (Grand Master-Keynote)

Chapter All Degree Day/ETS Event - February 7 - Flint
MSA Reception - Bryan Pratt - February 13 - North Branch

George Washington Observance & GO Meeting - February 14, 2015 - Caro

Tri-State All Degree Day (In, Mi, & Oh) - February 28 - Bryon, OH.

Chapter All Degree Day - March 7, 2015 - Grand Rapids

East Central Regional - March 14, 2015 - Fort Wayne
MSA Reception - Forest (Skip) Taylor - Oakland #5 - Pontiac

MSA Reception - John Fossler - March 28 - Kent-Newaygo #38 (at Rockford Lodge)

Thank You and Fraternally,

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You are invited to:

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan Educational Seminar

TO BE HELD AT MT. PLEASANT LODGE NO. 305

JANUARY 24, 2015

Who Should Attend?

Grand Chapter Officers
Past Grand Chapter Officers
District Deputy Instructors
Chapter High Priests, Kings
and Scribes
Chapter Secretaries
Chapter Treasurers
All Companions interested in
Royal Arch Masonry

NOTE: This Seminar is open to all
Master Masons and
Companions

A Block of rooms are set aside at:

Best Western (\$85.00 plus Tax/night)

5770 E Pickard Street

Mount Pleasant, Michigan, 48858-1144

Phone: 989/772-1101 Fax: 989/772-8986

Check In 3:00PM

What Will You Experience?

Morning Session 9:00 AM
Open at this Time, on Time.

- * Keynote Presentation
William E. LeVeque, MWGM
- * Presentation on Communication and
Retention

** Lunch 12:00 (\$10.00, Res. Req.)

Afternoon 1:00PM

- * Break out sessions for Kings and
Scribes, Secretaries, Treasurers and
DDI's
- * Critique 3:00 PM
- * Critique of the day will be done twice
You may attend both sessions.

Reservations for lunch, (Cost \$10.00), **are a must**, and may be made by contacting:

Donald L. Galway, Grand King

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Saturday March 7, 2015


Wayne Masonic Temple

37137 Palmer Rd. Westland, 48186



12 Noon Special EA Degree

Performed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and

Grand Lodge Officers 

2:00 PM Reception

3:00 PM Dinner

4:00 PM Presentations

Dinner Reservation (\$10 each) are required and seating is limited

Reserve with Brother Rich Hitch at richhitch62@gmail.com 734-612-4809

or Richard Ruhland, PGM at richardpruhland@aol.com 734-721-7950



Have a
Wonderful, Safe,
Happy & Enjoyable
2015!!!

**Happy Trails to you,
until we meet
again.**

Thank you for your generosity. Our sons family is overwhelmed at the support they have received after the fire. They are adjusting well to the circumstances and have found a place to stay. The outpouring from our Masonic Family has brought tears from ALL of us.

Thank you again for all the Love and Support you have given us. May Your Family have the Merriest of Christmases. We are truly blessed with your love and friendship.

Mike and Jeanne Whiting



Thanks for the Memories

Kazuyc "Kay" Shimonishi

born: February 2, 1920, Stockton, California
died: December 2, 2014, San Jose, California

Grew up in Sacramento, Oakland, Monterey and Watsonville.

Married Jack Shimonishi, Our Past Grand Tyler, and Most Excellent Ritualist of the Grand Chapter in 1942. They moved to Detroit in 1945 until Jack's Death in 1993.

Kay returned to California settling in San Jose but continuing return trips to visit with us and attend our Grand Sessions up until the last couple of years.

Kay's warm personality and winning smile and disposition will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

In Memoriam

Jerry F. Ritzert, DDI Emeritus

Born: February 23, 1931, Died: December 4, 2014

It is with a heavy heart that I report that Jerry Ritzert has ended his toilsome journey and from his nerveless grasp has forever dropped the working tools of life and now stands alone before the Great White Throne, hearing from Him who sitteth there as Judge Supreme the welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord".

Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Jerry Ritzert of St. Ignace, Michigan at passed on at 1:00 pm on Dec 4th. In accordance with his wishes, there were to be no memorial or funeral services.

East Central Department Conference
 March 14, 2015
Hilton Indianapolis Hotel
 120 W. Market Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Room rate - \$109.00 + tax per night
 Make hotel reservations directly with the hotel. 317-972-0600 Must ask for the "Free Masons" rate.
 Deadline for reservations, *at the special rate*, FEBRUARY 13, 2015.

**** Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to the day of arrival in order to avoid a charge of one night's room rate. You must call the hotel directly to obtain a cancellation number.

Check-in: 4:00 PM Check-out: 12:00 PM

PARKING: Self-parking is available at a special conference rate of \$8.00 per day.
 Valet parking also available at \$20.00 per day.

SHUTTLE SERVICE: Flying into Indianapolis you can call Downtown Indy Express Shuttle at (800) 589-6004. They run 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM daily. Rate is \$10.00 one way. They do not accept cash. They only accept credit or debit cards.

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 2015 East Central Conference, March 14, 2015
 Guest Meal Reservation Form

Name _____ Ladies Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Title _____ Organization _____

Beginning at 6:30 am a Breakfast Buffet will be available in the 120West No. _____ @ \$22.00 \$ _____ Restaurant at the hotel. The cost will be \$12.00 + Tax.

Please make your meal reservations from the following selections:

*** Special Dietary Requests _____

12:00 Noon	Companion Luncheon	No. _____ @ \$22.00	\$ _____
12:00 Noon	Ladies Luncheon & Program	No. _____ @ \$22.00	\$ _____
5:00 PM	Social Hour. <i>(Cash Bar Available)</i>		
6:00 PM	East Central Banquet <i>(Roasted Pork Loin)</i>	No. _____ @ \$45.00	\$ _____
	Recommended Dress <i>(Men: Coat and Tie)</i> <i>(Women: Church Dress or Nice Slacks)</i>		
		Sub-Total	\$ _____
	Registration Fee <i>(Men Only)</i>		\$ <u>10.00</u>
		TOTAL	\$ _____

Check the Hotel marquees for meetings, lunch, dinner and Emerging Leaders room locations.

Notice: Meal reservations must be postmarked by Feb 28, 2015.

Reservations postmarked after that date are subject to a Late Fee of \$25.00.

Checks payable to: Larry W. Brown Remittance with this form: Larry W. Brown

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Congratulations from the Most Illustrious Grand Master

To all installed Thrice Illustrious Masters in the 33 councils around our beautiful peninsula. Just to refresh your mind, during your installation ceremonies your unequivocal answer was required to the following 8 interrogatories:

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will use your utmost endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals and promote the happiness of your companions?
2. You will never open your council unless there is present six Select Masters?
3. You will not allow any person to pass the Circle of Perfection whose integrity, fervency, and zeal you have not entire confidence?
4. You will not acknowledge any council that does not work under some regular and constitutional authority?
5. You will admit no visitor into your council who has not been regularly and lawfully invested with council degrees?
6. You will faithfully observe the by-laws of your council, the edicts, rituals and general regulations of the Grand Council?
7. That in governing your council you will administer justice tempered with mercy?
8. You will pay due respect and obedience to the Grand Officers when duly installed, and sustain them in the discharge of their duties?

All of which, I have no doubt you will cheerfully comply. Additionally, there was a paragraph to which you implicitly agreed. I want to remind/reiterate those “charges.”

- it is your duty to be the example of diligence, industry and fidelity;
- to see that the officers faithfully perform their respective duties;
- that the interests and reputation of your council are not endangered by imprudence or neglect;
- it will be your duty to recite the sacred traditions, and illustrate the moral principles of the order, to cherish the worthy and to hold in due veneration the Ancient Landmarks.

Now for your first regular assembly in 2015, I would suggest you have all members/officers bring with them their “purple ritual books”. Open up the book to the first “leaf”. Remind the companions of the 157th annual assembly on August 20th. The annual assembly will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton – Riverfront in Bay City. Dais officers mark your calendars.

Turn to reverse side, the listing of officers, charge all the officers to commit the listing to memory by your next regular assembly.

On the next leaf, instruct the conductor of the council to note the arrangement of the working tools. Take time during your term of office to read Revelations 22, 13 and Jeremiah, 39. Do those create some ah-ha moments?



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