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Capitular Growth in Michigan through Masonic Education



Below is an article I think you will like to see. It comes from the Philalethes Magazine from the year 1946. There was no name provided for the writer: It appears the writer is quoting another writer – a Brother Mason from Great Britain.

Masonry As An Investment

By the most of us, investment has to do with money or its equivalent, but a Mason writes in an English magazine about "Masonry as an Investment."

"You cannot buy Masonry, no man ever did or ever will. You do not buy it when you pay your fees or dues, you simply gain by these opportunities to receive Masonry. Where is your investment then, you ask. Let me tell you.

If you become a Mason you put into Masonry more than money, more than anything you have or possess, that you measure by pounds or shillings, you put your life into it. Unless you can and do put your life into it, unless you let Masonry direct your life, you have no investment, you get little or nothing from Masonry.

"Life is in constant conflict between good and evil. Masonry aids the Mason to choose the good rather than the evil. Dominating the Mason's life Masonry creates the habit of choosing the good, with the result that it helps him to develop character. You may have wealth and put your money into paying propositions but you can make no investment that will pay you greater dividends than Masonry will if you make Masonic effort to build character.

Words to Live By: I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man. ~George Washington

Questions and ideas for Masonic discussions and programs can be found at www.lodgebuilder.org - just click on the Masonic Monday Question.

"The end depends on the beginning"

"The end depends on the beginning" is one of the two mottos that appear on the seal of Andover Academy. According to common history, the official seal of Andover Academy was engraved by Paul Revere in 1782 for the sum of 2 pounds 8 shillings.

Although the motto is certainly cryptic, when we look at it with masonic eyes, we can see a series of truths for our contemplation.

1. Chapter discipline. A well-organized chapter, with a business approach to the "business" of the fraternity will not just survive but will prosper. Following correspondence, writing a budget, knowing income and outgo are but a few of the aspects of chapter discipline. It is a matter of making sure that all of the business of the chapter is accomplished in good order.

2. The membership. The membership roster is one of the most neglected assets of the Chapter. Our success depends on our interaction with the Lodge. After all, our pool of Chapter members come from the pool of Lodge members. Paying attention to the membership will pay rewards.

But perhaps just as important is the membership rosters of our chapters. How many High Priests have just found out that a certain lodge member was a member of his chapter (but he'd never seen him in chapter)? How many Chapters lose good men and valuable men because of neglect of their memberships through NPD and demits? How many chapters wind up with a lot of card-carrying members only with only a few faithful participants? Paying attention to the membership will pay rewards.

3. The Ritual. Need I say more? Good ritual is a great attraction to candidates and a great reward for members. It is not enough to wade through the ritual to just get'em in. It is far better to give our candidates a meaningful experience, a thoughtful experience, a pause in the pace of life that tells the candidate that we have shared a significant time together.

4. The Lessons. Here in Michigan we have lectures meant to be given prior to and following the degrees. Those lessons amplify the lessons of the degrees and give insights that help the candidate assimilate what we teach. The value of these lectures can't be measured until we see the candidate return to the chapter anxious to learn more and to participate.

5. The Fellowship. What defines our gentle craft more than the fellowship that we share? Who is the person that greets everyone who comes into the building for Chapter meetings? Is it you? Do you have strangers come to Chapter? How long do they stay strangers? Got new members? How long does it take for them to be accepted into the Chapter?

Fellowship is more than a soup pot before or donuts after the meeting. Fellowship is that hearty handshake or the grasp of friendship. It has positive effects for both the giver and recipient, because both get to celebrate.

The end does depend on the beginning, and if in the beginning we concentrate on just beginning we'll find the end will play itself out to our joy and satisfaction. It is no accident that the second motto of Andover Academy is *Non Sibi* (Not for Self). Because the two fit so very well together. If we will go into the Chapter believing that "The End Depends on the Beginning" then we will surely find played out at the end "Not for Self". Using our Royal Arch imagery we labor not for fee or reward, but find our reward in the glorious end portrayed in our craft.

Presented by: David Dossette,



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“GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND EAST”

Recently, I received a question concerning our ritual for which I had no easy answer, not to say that not having an answer to questions concerning ritual would be considered unusual for me. But the question was interesting and I thought I might be able to answer it with a little research.

The question was; why do we use a Christian prayer, the Lord’s Prayer, in our Chapter opening ceremony, when the whole premise of the Royal Arch Degree is the rebuilding of the temple in approximately 450 BCE, well before the time when Jesus Christ lived and ministered in Israel.

Surprisingly, one of the simplest and shortest answers was on some anti-Masonic websites which seemed to share a lot of information word-for-word so I won’t credit any of them. What they said was that the Egyptian name for God, “ON” also meant “father” so we establish ON as godlike representation of father. Now, how does the Lord’s Prayer begin? “Our Father, which art in Heaven.” So a prayer to God, our Father, asking for divine intervention in our lives may go back much further than the time of Christ.

Along that line of reasoning, we have to remember the Lord’s Prayer as we know it is first mentioned in the New Testament in the Book of Matthew 6:9-13 when Jesus offered it as instruction about how to pray during the Sermon on the Mount and then He offered it again in a shorter form in Luke 11:2-4, after one of the disciples asked Him to teach them to pray as John taught his disciples. Both times the Lord’s Prayer is mentioned in the New Testament, it is offered by Jesus as a proper way to pray, but He may have been giving us as an example, a new version of a much older prayer, not necessarily a whole new prayer. Wikipedia shows several similarities between the Lord’s Prayer and much older Jewish prayers. One of the more prominent of these is in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 when David blessed the Lord before all the congregation of Israel.

I also found a reference to a rewritten version of the Lord’s Prayer by no less than Bro. Benjamin Franklin on “The Midnight Freemason” website. Franklin attempted to modernize the language in the prayer and one of the changes he made in his version was to replace “Hallowed be thy Name” with “May all revere Thee” because “Hallowed be thy Name” seemed to be related to the **Jewish** practice of never pronouncing the proper name of God because they thought it was profane to do so. Another case of the Lord’s Prayer being Jewish before it was Christian.

In addition, Jesus and his disciples were Hebrews descended from the same Hebrews that rebuilt the Temple 450 years earlier, so at the time He was offering instruction in how to pray, there was no Christian Religion. Christ may have had followers and people that believed He was the Messiah, but even so, they were still Jews in in the Jewish state of Israel and hardly constituted a religion of their own. I don’t think the Christian Religion really began until after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ when the disciples and other converts started to spread the Gospel far beyond the area that Jesus traveled. Even then, the Romans considered it just another troublesome cult from an even more troublesome country, an opinion which lasted 300 years, until the time of the Emperor Constantine

Finally, The Mark Master Mason Degree represents the building of King Solomon’s Temple, 850 BCE, but in the work of the Degree we still use the parable found in Matthew 20:1-16 as a lesson for the candidates.

In conclusion about the question, it seems that the chronological disconnect between the ancient Hebrews and the Christian Lord’s Prayer may not be as great as it would first appear. And even if it were, as we see in the Mark Master Mason Degree, sometimes the lessons learned in our craft are more important than the accuracy of the timeline.

Lady Kristi and I recently returned from attending Grand Chapter Sessions in both Indiana and Ontario and we thank the Companions of both for their wonderful hospitality and friendship.

Remember, the Picnic and Golf Outing are approaching, don’t forget to get signed up for either or both. We are also taking orders for tee box & hole banners at the Golf Outing to advertise you, your Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Grand Officers, business, or anything else you would like to promote. It is the banner sales that generate the money we divide between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery for their charities. Picnic and golf information and registration forms are printed elsewhere in this issue.



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Greetings Companions,

We are half way through our caputular year, and the question still remains for the Chapters. How well are we communicating with our members. Chapter officers today have more tools at their disposal then at any other time in history. Why don't we use them. One of the main reasons still remains there is not a one size fits all solution to the problem.

The younger members of our Chapters communicate with each other in nano seconds with any number of electronic media forms ie: twitter, e-mail, and Facebook to name a few. We can assume that this segment of our membership really doesn't have a real problem. Most of our middle age members have and use e-mail, which leaves the older members who do not use these forms of communication. These members rely of the postal service or the telephone for their communication.

So with this in mind we can look at the fact that about two thirds of our members can communicate in rapid time, but we do not wish to leave our senior members out of the Chapter. Some of the best conversations that a younger member can have are with an older member. The history of the Chapter is locked within the heads of our senior members and they are willing to pass that information along if asked.

How should we communicate with our senior members? I would suggest a call list for our top six officers is the chapter. We can all take a half hour out of our week to speak to and invite back our older members. One can only but be amazed, at what can be learned on a short car ride with a senior member. If a member cannot make a meeting because they cannot drive to the meeting at night make it an effort to have a ride for him. I find that in most cases someone in your Chapter passes close by those members' homes. Most Chapters have members that the newer members have never heard of. This is not their fault as these older members may have not been back to Chapter for quite some time. Not all of these older members live in the district any longer and the only contact they have with the Chapter is the dues notice they receive and if they are life members they don't even get that.

A Chapter should consider creating a newsletter for their older and out of district members. The letter need not be a full-blown paper with multiple pages, nor does it have to a monthly. A quarterly newsletter to keep you members informed would be a good way to stay in touch with them. Your Chapter should keep in mind that these members are still supporting the Chapter with dues or if life members have supported the Chapter for a very long time.

The key is still communication either short term, via twitter, e-mail or Robo calls for the younger members or long hand, via snail mail for the members that are not electronic savvy. This is also key to having members return to the Chapter. Stay in touch and stay informed.

Companions,

This month I traveled with our GHP to the Grand Sessions in Indiana and Ontario. Your Grand Officers also attended the Banquet held for EC John Fossler in Rockford to celebrate his being awarded the MSA award in his region. I have attached a photo of the presentation by our GHP for your enjoyment.



These Awards were created to honor the dedication and hard work of those in our Chapters who would otherwise go unrecognized but truly deserve it. Many of the past awardees never held office in their Chapters but do so much for the Fraternity and for their communities to make a difference for others. They are quiet but steadfast workers in our quarries. Surely, there is someone in your Chapter worthy of such recognition. Time is running short. I will not accept any more nominations after June 1st. Please take the time to nominate him.

Nomination forms for the MSA award can be found on the Grand Chapter website at: <http://www.grandchaptermi.org/downloads/> or you can contact me, thru your Secretary, or at vetjim2011@comcast.net to have me mail you one. My address is on the form for submission. Don't delay!

I hope your Chapters are busy. Enjoy the fellowship and the warmer weather. I have heard of a number of our Companions who have passed to the Lodge above. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Until next time, may God bless you and keep you safe.

Jim Kiefer, PGHP, GScribe (acting)



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Secretary's Scribbles

Secretaries and Companions,

Calendar:

Grand Lodge of Michigan – May 18-19 – Traverse City
GM1V Reception – Eldin Miller – May 31, 2015 – Samaria
AASR COD – June 13 – Doig Conference Center - Alma
Council All Degree Day – June 13 – Grand Rapids
James Sprague Memorial Picnic – July 18 – Sprague Cabin
Annual York Rite Golf Outing – July 19 – Gladwin
Grand York Rite Sessions of Michigan – August 17-22 –
Bay City – Double Tree
*Note – Watch the WEB Site for a Reporting Calendar of
Grand Chapter Reports.

**Announced for Grand Honors: (Endorsements on File)-
Repeated from Last Month**

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powers438@bex.net Former DDI

Annual Returns for 2015

The Annual Returns are going out as I write this. You should have them by the time you get this. Remember they are due by May 15th. Also, they will already contain all the reported information you have made during the year, unless I missed it! Please call or email if you have any questions or comments.

Other Deadlines:

Legislation – April 21, 2015 – You missed it!
Annual Returns due to Grand Chapter Office – May 15.
Grand Chapter & General Grand Chapter Award
Submissions – June 1.
Grand Chapter Committee Reports – June 15.
Grand High Priest & Grand King Addresses – July 15.
Grand Chapter Convocation – August 19, 2015.

Remember to update my email to r.cooper@trekwind.com .



**Joanne with
Don Mayville, PHP**

Seeking Grand Honors
**GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS**

My Masonic Travels, over the years, visiting Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies have enlightened my thoughts regarding retentions, education, and membership improvement. This will be my agenda upon entering the Grand Line of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

Livingston Lodge # 76, Worshipful Master -2013;
Mason of the Year - 2012; Temple Board Secretary since 2011.

Livingston Chapter # 30, High Priest – 2012, Order of High Priesthood – 2013, Treasurer since 2013, District Deputy Instructor – Dist. 10.

Livingston Council # 73, Thrice Illustrious Master – 2014, Order of the Silver Trowel – 2014.

Howell Commandery # 28, Senior Warden 2014-15.
Meritorious Service Award – 2013.

King Athelstan College #47, Deputy Governor 2014-15.

Scottish Rite, Valley of Detroit.
Scottish Rite club of the Lakes, Trustee
Yeomen of York Angola #2
Bark River Commandery #13123

The International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay Hats off Award.

Pinckney Chapter #145 Order of Eastern Star Worthy Patron – 2015

High Twelve Club #318
Married to Lady Joanne. 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

The greatest honor I received is the Hats Of Award present to me by DeMolay. My final thought about Masonic sponsored Youth Groups, this is the future of Masonry, let's do our very best by attending their meetings and show that we do support them.



YORK RITE CALENDAR

When is the last time you looked at the York Rite Combined Calendar?

Has to be since the last time that you added a local event to the Calendar.

Look at ADD TO THE CALENDAR TODAY!
Attend the events on the Calendar.

Combined Calendar: <http://bit.ly/mi-yr>
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2015 YORK RITE RECEPTION

In anticipation of their Elections and Installation
To Honor

The Newly Elected Grand Officers

SK ALBERT JOHNSON

Right Eminent Grand Commander

COMP. EDWARD JAMES

Most Illustrious Grand Master

COMP. DONALD L. GALWAY

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

October 11, 2015

Social 3:30 PM Dinner 4:00PM

Crowne Plaza West

927 S. Croyts Rd., Lansing, Mi. 48197

More Information to follow

Our thanks to GHP Lou McCray, on behalf of Mackinaw Chapter # 134, for making to St. Ignace, and installing the officers. We realize that the weather this time of year is very unpredictable and although clear roads up may not always mean clear roads for the return.

We are still waiting for warmer weather with no promises.

Over my short time in the Grand Chapter I've visited over 30 Chapters as well as many lodge functions. I find that we have the same 5 or 6 Companions holding these Chapters together, religiously making the meeting and deeply in involved in the degree work. I'd like to personally thank each of you, for the work set forth in your efforts to keep the Lodges and Chapters. Not taking a "pat on the back" and "just doing it" because it is your nature as a leader of the Craft and a Mason.

Out of these few it is hard for me to believe that more MSA award nominations are not being made. High Priests & Secretaries, take the time, look around your audience at the next meeting. There are companions who are well deserving of this recognition! If you feel the paper work is too much, ask your D.D.I. or visiting Grand Officer for assistance. It is not too soon to get those nominations in!

These awards are given by the Chapters through the Grand Chapter and are for you and yours. It lets their Chapter as well as their family know of their many accomplishments and why they attend the meetings.

The Grand Chapter considers it an honor to be able to attend, have dinner with and recognize these Companions, the cornerstones of Masonry and the York Rite.

I'd also like to commend the Chapters that are working together so that the degree work is being done locally and the Candidates are not having to wait for an all degree day. It is always better that the work is performed by the companions that the new member will be working with.

Again we thank our MEGHP for his work last month in the U.P.

Hope to see a great turn out on the 18th & 19th of July, Picnic and Golf outing in Gladwin.

Carl J. Peterson, GM3rdV.

Michigan Grand York Rite Sessions – Aug. 19th – 22nd, 2015

Grand Chapter, Wed., Aug. 19; Grand Council, Thur., Aug. 20; Grand Commandery, Fri & Sat., Aug 21 & 22

**Michigan Grand York Rite
2015 Sessions Committee
Brian K. Himes, Chairman
Larry A. Inscho
Harry A. Wlabridge**

**Hotel Reservations:
Doubletree Hotel Bay City Riverfront**

Attn: Reservations Department
One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, MI 48708
Phone: 989 891-6000 Fax: 989 891-9680

Group Room Rate: \$105.00 plus 11% tax per room, per night
Cut Off Date: July 17, 2015

Check-In Time: 3:00 PM Check-Out Time: Noon

Please Note: Reservations request must be received in their office by midnight on the above cut off date in order to guarantee the group rate. Requests received after the above date will be subject to availability and the group rate is not guaranteed. All reservation requests must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed by a major credit card. Rooms will not be reserved unless secured by one of the above methods.

GUESTROOM PREFERENCE (Subject to Availability)

- If more than one room is requested, please enclose a list of names and addresses, indicating which guests share rooms.
- If you would like a confirmation sent to you via email, please provide you email address below.

of Rooms

_____ Standard Room – 2 Beds _____ Standard Room – King Bed
(Limited number of King Bedded Rooms in the Hotel)

_____ Number of People in Your Guestroom

Special Requests (Please Check)

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GUEST INFORMATION

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MEAL RESERVATION FORM – GYR 2015

Name _____ Lady _____

Address _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Organization _____

Title _____

Special Dietary requests _____

*** Make your reservations from the following selections:

Grand Chapter RAM – Wed., Aug. 19, 2015

7 AM Chap. Memb. Breakfast No. ____ @ \$13.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon Ladies Luncheon No. ____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon Companions Luncheon No. ____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

7 PM "Support Your Team" Banquet No. ____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

Grand Council R&SM – Thur., Aug. 20, 2015

7 AM Comp./Ladies Breakfast No. ____ @ \$13.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon Ladies Luncheon No. ____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon Companions Luncheon No. ____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

GRAND YORK RITE GRAND BANQUET – Thur. Aug 20, 2015

7 pm New York Strip Steak No. ____ @ \$36.00 = \$ _____

Roasted Airline Chicken Breast No. ____ @ \$36.00 = \$ _____

Grand Commandery KT – Fri. Aug. 21, 2015

7 AM KT Gen Memb Breakfast No. ____ @ \$13.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon Ladies Luncheon No. ____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

12 Noon KT Luncheon No. ____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

Grand Commandery KT – Fri. Aug. 21, 2015

8 AM KT Gen Memb Breakfast No. ____ @ \$13.00 = \$ _____

Sub Total \$ _____

Registration Fee: \$ **10.00**

TOTAL \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to:

Michigan Grand York Rite Committee

Notice: Meal reservations must be postmarked by Aug. 7, 2015. All Meal reservations postmarked after Aug. 7, 2015, are subject to a Late Fee of \$25.00.

Meal reservation cancellations will be honored prior to August 14, 2015.

REMITTANCE MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS!

Please forward all reservations with remittance To:

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Mason, MI, April 25th



Congratulations and Welcome to the 16 companions who received the Royal Degree and Select Degree and the 28 who received the Super Excellent Master Degree at the Mason Strawberry Festival hosted by Leslie Council. Tyre, Durand, Leslie Councils and the Grand Council Officers put on degrees with many Companions of other councils participating. Most of the Grand Council and Grand Commandery officer lines turned out with other distinguished guests. The degree work was great and the fellowship and food were both top notch. A phenomenal day!



If you missed being in attendance – you really did miss out!!

2015 York Rite Golf Outing

Gladwin Heights Golf Course, 3551 W. M-61, Gladwin 989-426-9941

Grand Chapter **Grand Council** **Grand Commandery**

Companions and Sir Knights

Sunday, July 19th, 2015 is a day you can join in for fun & fellowship and also raise funds for the charities of the York Rite.

This is a four person scramble for members, family and friends (Men & Women). The cost has gone up to &70.00 this year, due to increased cost of meals. Reservations received prior to July 9th receive a \$5.00 discount. Price includes – 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes. Make up your own foursome for the discount of \$20.00 per team.

If you do not have one, we will place you on a team. Registration at the course will begin at 8:30 AM and starting tee time is scheduled for 10:00 AM on the 1st Tee. *** If we have enough layers registered in advance, the course will allow us to have a shotgun start.

Don't play Golf! Join us for fellowship and a great meal. Dinner at 3:30 PM. Cost for dinner is only #23.00.

We are asking all Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies to sponsor a hole or tee box for \$25.00. The profits will be equally divided between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery for the charity that each Grand Body chooses. We can, also, accept, and do encourage individual &/or business sponsors.

For more information contact any of the following committee members:

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Jim Sprague Memorial 18th Annual Royal Arch Picnic

(all friends are welcome to attend)

Sprague Cabin near Gladwin, MI

Need directions contact Lou McCray

Saturday, July 18, 2015 dinner around 3 pm

RSVP -- Choice of Steak or Grilled Chicken

Pot-Luck side dishes! Donations to help pay for meat

Return the information below to:

Lou McCray at P.O. Box 483, Hale, MI 48739

or call: home (989) 728-5384

cell (989)305-1937

e-mail at: elcemccray@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Others attending: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Total attending- ____ # Steaks ____ #Gr. Chicken ____

*May stay overnight in an RV, Trailer, or Tent,
on site, or in one of the several local Motels.*

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Grand Chapter **Grand Council** **Grand Commandery**

Sunday July 19, 2015

I/We would like to sponsor a hole or tee box, please have the sign read:

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Play Ball!!

The 2015 Detroit Tigers season began April 6th with the lords of baseball asking our forgiveness. They are making changes that could shake the game to its foundations. They have ordered the new commissioner to modernize baseball and make it appeal to an audience that in increasingly weary of the games' slow pace. Of course, there will be the cries of sacrilege from traditionalists about putting the national pastime on a clock. Many players will resist.

If all goes as planned, 2015 will become the year major league baseball finally realized it needed to change fundamentally to survive as a major sport. Gone will be the 27 seconds between each pitch by Detroit's David Price. There will be limits on catcher-pitcher mound conferences, making managers' change pitchers from the dugout, and scaling back the allowable warm up tosses relief pitchers get.

Games have stretched ever longer, lack of offense means there are now fewer batters in each game



compared with 15 years ago. The national television audience for the World Series has collapsed. Last years' series between the Royals and Giants received a rating 44% less than 1997 series between Indians and Marlins, baseball clubs with almost no national following.

Baseball wears its conservatism with pride, ignoring the national television ratings plummeting as the average game is more than 30 minutes longer than the average in the 1970's. This is despite that run scoring, which usually produces longer games, is at a 33-year low.

My major league baseball story is not lost on you, my companions. You know improvements we could make to improve the delivery of our work. Examples include the Ahishar character in the SM, the casting requirement of 27 characters in the SEM, when our Michigan membership is merely one-tenth of the size it was when this degree was adopted in its current form. The Jeremiah soliloquies on pages 85 through 88, the strangely truncated scene on page 91, the procession on page 98. How about adding value? The degree of Grand Tiler of Solomon is crying out to be removed from the preservation vault, who will join with me?

What about the MEM? How long does the candidate uncomfortably wait while costuming and equipment is moved? Do you still have the lamb? The RA, is the l-o-n-g rough and rugged story necessary? Should not the lesson be humble yourself? Is the crown anti climatic, and dare I say cheesy? With the plethora of information available electronically is it necessary to tell the candidate what you are going to say and then to tell him in the allegory, and then to tell him again? What other instructional tools are available in 2015 that were not available in 1915? In the Malta, the table is the west and the banners are calling out for 21st century technology so everyone in the asylum can once again be a part of the experience. Wouldn't be nice if the first sentence on page 25 applied to many of our degrees "companions although this is a short degree, yet it contains some very important information..." MIGM



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Greetings Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights and all bodies:

During the month of March I attended many different Masonic functions for various events, four of which, I was not only embarrassed but annoyed at the lack of courtesy and good manners. I am speaking about the lack of responding to events that have asked for a “repondez s’il vous plait” (French) in short “RSVP”, (English) the favor of your reply is requested, if no RSVP is requested when notice of an event is published, invitation etiquette dictates that you should still reply.

The host planning for the event needs to prepare suitable seating in the dining area, along with the amount of food needed or a count for the caterer. Failing to respond to an RSVP or showing up unannounced puts the host in an awkward and embarrassing position, of covering the short fall of food and accommodations. Pre-payment is not always necessary but will be welcomed.

Now when an event notice is sent out the host should take names not just numbers, then when guest come, check off the name and those not listed or registered must wait until those registered are seated or served and the late comers must wait for food to arrive or go hungry. Likewise not showing up, when past events were well attended and the present event is planned on past attendance then the host misses the mark that is expensive. This should be for potlucks also as there are still things the host will furnish that are not food. Masonic courtesy is needed where the Knife and Fork is used and fellowship enjoyed.

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Schedule of events

- May 18-19 Michigan Grand Lodge F&AM
- May 25 Memorial Day Honoring Veterans’ who sacrificed all
- June 19-20 Wisconsin Grand Commandery Conclave
- June 25 Rainbow Grand Assembly
- July 4 Independence Day Raise your Flag
- July 10 Jobs Grand Session
- July 17 Illinois Grand Commandery Conclave
- August 8-12 Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave
- August 19-22 Michigan Grand York Rite Sessions

Sir Knights we need to remember our patriotic and historical days and in doing so we honor our freedoms and liberties and those who gave them to us and those others who sacrificed to keep them secure. The very documents that make the United States of America strong are unique in the way they were structured by our forefathers, for those who love freedom and liberty, because they the very core of our values. God Bless America.