

2015



Bay City, Michigan
August 20



David G. Boring



David G. Boring
Most Illustrious Grand Master
August 21, 2014
Presided August 20, 2015

DAVID G. BORING

Born in Xenia, Ohio

Undergraduate: BSBA (accounting) The Ohio State University

Post graduate: the Ohio State University and Michigan State University

Professional designation: Certified Public Accountant

Ohio

Michigan

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Grosse Pointe Park Little League baseball coach

Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club basketball coach

Executives Club – DAC

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest Adjudicator 2009, 2001-2014

ABOIS 1982-2011

Executive Committee 1995-1998, 2007-2010

St. Clair Priory, Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem

2007 – present

Commandeur 2015

Auditor 2009 – present

Pilgrims Medal 2010

Hereditary Society Memberships

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Finance Committee 2002-2015

Chairman 2003-15

National Trustee 2005

Chapter President 2004

George Washington Endowment Fund Board 2004-2008

Vice Chairman 2007-2008

National Society Executive Committee 2006-2007, 2010-2011

Strategic Planning Committee 2004, 2009

Communications Committee 2006

Protocol Committee 2009, 2011-2014

Handbook Committee 2002-2004

Investment Committee 2009, 2012-2013

Facilities Committee 2009, 2011-2013
George Washington Endowment Fund Distribution Committee 2009-2015
Capital Development Committee 2004-2005
District of Columbia Board of Management 2008-2015
Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1997-1999

MASONIC CHRONOLOGY

SYMBOLIC LODGE

Composite Lodge No. 499

Raised 2003

Master Mason Proficiency 2004

Worshipful Master 2007

Prepaid Membership 2009

Grand Lodge of Michigan Committee Service

Masonic Pathways Governance Committee 2010-2011

Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation Governance Task Force 201-2011

Masonic Pathways Protocol Committee Task Force 2010-2011

Grand Lodge Finance and Investment Committees 2011 – present

Grand Representative to Brazil Mato Grosso 2015

Masonic Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees 2009-2012

Vice President 2009-2012

Platinum Presidential member – George Washington Masonic Memorial

CAPITULAR

Shores Chapter No. 69 Royal Arch Masons - 2005

Exalted - 2005

Prepaid Membership - 2005

Excellent High Priest – 2013 - 2014

Chapter Treasurer - 2014

Order of the High Priesthood

Anointed - 2013

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

Grand Chapter Committees

RAM Foundation - 2013 - present

Investment advisory – 2011 - present

CRYPTIC

Mt. Clemens Council No. 8

Thrice Illustrious Master 2011

Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters

Order of the Silver Trowel 2012

Royal Ark Mariner Degree

Lake Huron Lodge

Riblah Council No. 6, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada - 2013

Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

Appointed Illustrious Grand Marshal 2011

Most Illustrious Grand Master 2014

Grand Representative of Ohio in Michigan 2014 – present

Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award 2008, 2010-2013

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

Finance Committee 2011-2014

Council of Anointed Kings

Kentucky

Wisconsin

Ohio

Honorary Memberships

Yooper Council 2013

Grand Council of Kentucky 2014

Grand Council of Ohio 2014

Grand Council of Indiana 2015

Grand Council of Ontario 2015

Leslie Council No. 50 - 2015

CHIVALRIC

Mt. Clemens Commandery No. 51 – 2005

Romeo Commandery No. 6 - 2012

Commander – 2013 - 2014

Grand Commanders Service Award - 2013

Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor

Past Commander's Association of Michigan - 2013

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan

Finance Committee – 2013 - 2014

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVENTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
DOUBLETREE HOTEL
BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

AUGUST 20, 2015**



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PROCEEDINGS

**GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT
MASONS OF MICHIGAN**

**Doubletree Hotel
Bay City, Michigan
August 20, 2015**

The Officers of Mt. Clemens Council No. 8, under the direction of Illustrious Companion Robert D. Crotty, Thrice Illustrious Master, purged the Council in the Select Masters Degree under dispensation in the Conference Room of the Doubletree Hotel, Bay City, Michigan at 8:30 A.M., August 20, 2015, for the purpose of receiving, Most Illustrious Companion David G. Boring, Most Illustrious Grand Master and his Staff of Grand Officers prior to the official opening of the One Hundred Fifty Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

Most Illustrious Grand Master David G. Boring was escorted to the East, given Grand Honors, and extended the gavel of Mt. Clemens Council No. 8. Most Illustrious Grand Master Boring directed the Officers of Mt. Clemens Council No. 8 to vacate their stations and the Grand Officers to assume their respective stations.

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

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST

Most Illustrious Companion, Stephen R. Striggow, 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.

GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MICHIGAN Most Worshipful Brother, Richard D. Wisley, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

Most Worshipful Brother Richard D. Wisley then assisted Most Illustrious Grand Master David G. Boring in greeting all of our Distinguished Guests.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MICHIGAN

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Louis C. McCray, Grand King, Donald L. Galway, Grand Scribe, James M. Kiefer, Grand Treasurer, Sherman Parker, Grand Secretary, Paul C. Howell, Grand Chaplain, Rev. John Landis, Grand Captain of the Host, Richard G. Hitch, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Michael Roberts, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil, Carl John Peterson, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, John Ames, Grand Master of the 1st Veil, Eldin H. Miller, Grand Sentinel, Jeffrey Heaven, and several Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest: Wayne E. Turton, Gordon B. Ruthruff, K. Lee Yeager, James J. Vann, Stanley B. Lukyx, Carl S. Hobday, Paul D. Williams, George W. H. Lyons, Larry A. Inscho, Michael Whiting, Harry Walbridge, David W. Dossette, Gerald F. Thorp and Robert E. Cooper. All so in attendance were: Howard W. Duke, Donald C. Mayville, Robert B. Powers and Brent Helms, Treasurer Emeritus.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MICHIGAN

Sir Knight Paul G. Roggow, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Albert F. Johnson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Donald L. Trumbull, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Michael Whiting, Eminent Grand Captain General, Sir Knight Shawn A. Bashore, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Sir Knight Darel W. Winslow, Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Sir Knight Lawrence W. Hyde, Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Claude A. Miller, Eminent Grand Treasurer, Sir Knight Loren A. Winn, Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Daniel Stewart, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Harley Ridgeway, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Mark Waterman, Eminent Grand Warder, Sir Knight Forrest Taylor, Eminent Grand Sentinel, Sir Knight Gary Paquet, Eminent Grand Soloist and several Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders: James E. Hawn, Emmett W. Mills Jr., David L. Seyferth, William P. Herlihy, Roy A. Ickes, Cortland C. Rule, Howard H. Crumit Jr. and Vernon T. Barnhart.

Sir Knight Loren A. Winn, Right Eminent Department Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S.M. OF INDIANA

MIGM Michael E. Stoner
IGCC David Ulrich

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S.M. OF IOWA

PMIGM Richard Bowersox

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S.M. OF OHIO

MIGM Lynn b. Alexander
RIGS Stephen C. Hill

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S.M. OF ONTARIO

MIGM George H. Grifford
RIDGM John Hewitt
RIGPCW Brian Manson
RIC George Napper
PMIGM Donald J. Emerick

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S.M. OF WISCONSIN

RIGCG Terry Loper

MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER'S

Michael Roberts, Thrice Illustrious Master

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE

Right Eminently Distinguished Brother, David W. Dorssett, Grand Governor for Michigan of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

MICHIGAN PRIORY NO. 22, KYCH

Larry A. Inscho, Eminent Prior

MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION OF MASONIC

HIGH TWELVE CLUBS

Robert E. Cooper, President
Philip C. Smith, 1st Vice President
Terry G. Baker, Treasurer
Donald L. Galway, Secretary

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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

Right Puissant companion, Ronald W. Guthrie, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International; Representing Most Puissant Companion, Lawrence O. Weaver, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Idaho.

Right Puissant Companion Robert L. Stanford, East Central Regional Deputy General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of Kentucky.

**OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF MICHIGAN**

Worshipful Brothers:

Wayne E. Turton, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master
Michael J. Jungel, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master
William E. LeVeque, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master

ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand Master – David G. Boring
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master – Edward P. James
Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work – David L. Seyferth
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer – Brian K. Himes, PMIGM
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder— Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
Illustrious Grand Chaplain – Terry G. Baker, PMIGM
Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard – Gary L. Paquet
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council – Ryan J. Groat
Illustrious Grand Steward – Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM
Illustrious Grand Marshal – Corey F. Curtiss
Illustrious Grand Sentinel – William H. Ford
Illustrious Grand Lecturer – Stephen R. Striggow, PMIGM

ROLL CALL OF PAST MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

G. Gordon Goodman, 1982 *
Gordon J. Karlake, 1984 *
Charles T. Myer, 1986
George W. H. Lyons, 1990
Ernest Berry, 1992
Jeffrey K. Burk, 1993 *
Michael J. Jungel, 1994
Donald L. Himes, 1997
Ronald B. Blaisdell, 1998 *
Jerry C. Townsend, 1999 *
William E. LeVeque, 2002
Terry G. Baker, 2004
Michael Whiting, 2004
Kenney L. Lenfestey, 2005 *
Warren A. Caruss, 2006
Anthony M. Chamberlin, 2008
Brian K. Himes, 2009
Stephen R. Striggow, 2010
Dwight A. Humm, 2011
Robert O. Troutman, 2012

*absent

ROLL CALL OF ARCH DEPUTIES

Melvin L. Easterday, Arch No. 1
Gene E. Newman, Arch No. 2
Philip C. Smith, Arch No. 3
Wayne E. Caruss, Arch No. 4
Kenneth Rautiola, Arch No. 5 *
Ronald B. Blaisdell, PMIGM, Arch No. 6 *
Larry A. Inscho, Arch No. 7
John A. Fossler, Arch No. 8
William H. Ford, Arch No. 9
Edward P. James, Arch No. 10

* absent

**ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS**

ALABAMA	Terry G. Baker
ALASKA *	Gene O. Miller
ARIZONA	Paul C. Howell
ARKANSAS	Larry A. Inscho
AUSTRALIA – SOUTH *	Scott Stewart
AUSTRALIA – NEW SOUTH WALES	Stephen R. Striggow
AUSTRALIA – VISTORIA	Daniel Stewart
BRAZIL	
CALIFORNIA *	Kenney L. Lenfestey
CANADA – EAST	Donald L. Trumbull
CANADA – ONTARIO	Warren A. Caruss
CANADA – WEST	Michael S. Roberts
COLORADO	Ryan J. Groat
CONNECTICUT	
CROATIA	
DELAWARE	James M. Kiefer
DIST OF COLUMBIA	Kay L. Yeager
ENGLAND – WALES	Carl S. Hobday
FLORIDA	Gary L. Paquet
FRANCE	
GEORGIA	Gordon B. Ruthruff
GREECE	Wayne E. Caruss
HAWAII	
IDAHO	George W. H. Lyons
ILLINOIS	Louis C. McCray
INDIANA	Edward P. James
IOWA	Joshua Wilson
ISREAL	David W. Dossette
ITALY	
KANSAS	Vernon T. Barnhart
KENTUCKY	Edward J. Chezick
LOUISIANA	Philip C. Smith
MAINE	Dwight A. Humm
MARYLAND	Timothy C. Forche
MASSACHUSETTS	James E. Hawn
MINNESOTA	Robert E. Cooper
MISSISSIPPI	Michael J. Jungel
MISSOURI	Robert O. Troutman
MONTANA	Wayne E. Caruss
NEBRASKA	Richard G. Stange
NEVADA	Warren A. Caruss
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Steve J. Eliopoul

NEW JERSEY	
NEW MEXICO	
NEW YORK	Donald L. Himes
NEW ZEALAND	
NORTH CAROLINA	
NORTH DAKOTA	Louis D. Scott
OHIO	David G. Boring
OKLAHOMA	Bernard C. Kirchoff
OREGON	Paul W. Roggow
PANAMA	Emil H. Shatz
PENNSYLVANIA	Michael Whiting
PHILIPPINES *	Richard E. James
PORTUGAL	Carl J. Peterson
RHODE ISLAND	William E. LeVeque
ROMANIA	Melvin L. Easterday
SCOTLAND	Anthony M. Chamberlin
SOUTH CAROLINA	Brian K. Himes
SOUTH DAKOTA *	Frances G. Callahan
TENNESSEE	
TEXAS	Ernest Berry
TOGO	John A. Fossler
UTAH	
VERMONT	Donald L. Galway
WASHINGTON	Courtland Rule
WISCONSIN	
WYOMING	Richard M. Causley

*absent

**APPOINTMENTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
DIVISIONS AND REFERENCE**

**Dwight A. Humm, Chairman
Brian K. Himes
Ronald B. Blasidell**

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

**David L. Seyferth, Chairman
Gary L. Paquet
Ryan J. Groat
Kenney L. Lenfestey
Donald L. Himes**

RESOLUTIONS AND THANKS

**Robert O. Troutman, Chairman
Anthony M. Chamberlin**

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

Edward P. James, Chairman
Gary L. Paquet
David A. Roberts

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Brian K. Himes, PMIGM, Chairman
Larry A. Inscho, PMEGHP
Harry A. Walbridge, PMEGHP

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anthony M. Chamberlin, Chairman
Robert O. Troutman

RITUAL

Gary L. Paquet, Chairman
David L. Seyferth
Ryan J. Groat
Harley D. Ridgeway (10)
John A. Fossler (10)

PROTOCOL

Ryan J. Groat, Chairman
Gary L. Paquet
David A. Roberts

TELLERS

George Otis (Jackson 32)
Richard F. Gutowski (Marine City 59)
Kenneth Simons (Tyre 10)
John Hoyt (Bedford 91)

COLLECTORS

Shawn Bashore (Thumb 90)
Gene Hosington (Friendship 94)
James Wolfe (Mt. Clemens 8)
Daniel Steward (Muskegon 54)

**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.....	11
Past Grand Officers entitled to one vote each	12
Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each	27
Deputy Masters entitled to one vote each	11
Principal Conductor of the Work entitled to one vote each	12
Past Thrice Illustrious Masters entitled to one vote each	62
Arch Deputies Instructors entitled to one vote each	7
Proxy votes issued at one vote each	9
TOTAL VOTES OR BALLOTS ISSUED	151

- 30 Councils represented**
- 12 Distinguished Guests registered**
- 2 Council not represented:**
 - Zabud Council No. 9**
 - Marquette No. 72**

Respectfully submitted,
 Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM, Chairman
 Bernard C. Kirchoff, PTIM, (59)
 Steve J. Eliopoulos (8)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 156th ANNUAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF
MICHIGAN**

Most Illustrious Grand Master David G. boring announced that the Minutes of the 156th Grand Assembly held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, have been printed and distributed to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Constituent Councils. Letters and or E-mails were sent to: Sister Grand Jurisdictions, Grand Representatives of both Sister Grand Jurisdictions and of Michigan, and Grand Council Committees of Michigan, informing them that the 156th Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan can be found on our website, rsm-mi.org. If there be no objections, the Minutes be approved and accepted as printed in the 2014 proceedings. There being no objection, they will stand as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REGRETS

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, G. Gordon Goodman, sends his regrets. At 94 years of age, I'm having a problem getting around as fast I did last year. With that being said, I would like to congratulate the Grand Council for having a great year and wish them the best in the future.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Jerry C. Townsend, sends his regrets. I'm sorry that I will not make the Grand York Rite Session this year, I'm having too much fun in the Philippines right now. Have a great session and congratulations to the new Grand Council Officers.

Sweetheart, Mrs Robert G. Wilson, "I will not be able to attend the Grand Council session this year. I would like to thank you for the invitation but I don't drive long distances anymore.

Sweetheart, Mrs. Kenneth Chandler, "Thank you for the invite as a guest of the Grand Council this year. I am sorry I will not be able to attend, Please extend my regrets to our Most Illustrious Grand Master.

I have been having some issues this year and I regret to inform you that I will be unable to attend Michigan's Annual Assembly. I hope you have a great session and I hope to be able to come to next year's session. Most Illustrious Companion D. Clint Durham, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Kentucky.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Kenney L. Lenfestey sends his regrets. Linda and myself will be unable to attend the session this year. I'm having some medical problems and will be having surgery. We wish you the best in your endeavors to have a wonderful, successful time in Bay City. Pass on our best regards to all at the session.

WELCOME FROM THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL

On behalf of the Doubletree Hotel and its staff, we would like to welcome each of you. We hope you will have an enjoyable stay here at the Doubletree Hotel. If there is anything we can do to make your visit here more enjoyable, please let us know.

Corsisa Horn
Hotel Representative
Doubletree Hotel
Bay City, Michigan

RESPONSE TO DOUBLETREE HOTEL REPRESENTATIVE

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

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan wishes to extend our deepest appreciation for the hospitality and warmest welcome shown by the hotel staff to the Grand Officers and to all of our delegates attending our Annual Grand Session today as well. The Doubletree Bay City has, as in the past, seen to our needs and we look forward to returning in the future with the same expectation of excellent service that we have become accustomed to during our stay here. We thank you so much!

Respectfully submitted,
Edward P. James
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

Moved by Right Illustrious Companion Edward P. James, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss, carried.

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS ADDRESS
157TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS OF MICHIGAN**

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

Welcome to the 157th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan. I hope you and your lady are enjoying yourselves at this Grand Council Session, and find that the accommodations and service of the Doubletree Hotel meet your expectations. For our distinguished guests and their ladies visiting, Bay City for the first time, Bay City's heritage includes milling, lumbering, and shipping building.

To our distinguished guests, the gift of your presence at this Annual Assembly is deeply appreciated. To the Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters, Illustrious Companions and their ladies, we welcome you to this 157th Grand Session. You have given your time to be with us today in our deliberations and provide wisdom and counsel for a successful and productive Grand Assembly.

To Officers of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery, Scottish Rite, and all other appendant bodies of Michigan Masonry, a heartfelt thank you for the honor, respect and hospitality accorded the Grand Officers during the past year.

NECROLOGY

Several of our Companions have traveled to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns. This Cryptic family mourns the loss of the many Companions of our Constituent Councils and of our Sister Jurisdictions. We offer our condolences to their families and loved ones for the many losses suffered this past year.

Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council and Illustrious Grand Steward, drape the altar in token of our sorrow and respect for our departed Companions.

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. Unveil the floral tribute.

Right Illustrious Grand Recorder read the roll of distinguished dead of our Sister Jurisdictions.

**DISTINGUISHED DEAD, SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
2014 – 2015**

- ALABAMA Most Illustrious Companion Ronald L. Thomas, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Sam L. Garrett Sr., PMIGM
- ARIZONA Most Illustrious Companion Paul A. Monroe Jr., PMIGM
- COLORADO Most Illustrious Companion Howard R. Caldwell, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Alan C. Frost, PMIGM
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA .. Most Illustrious Companion William B. Craig, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Lawrence N. Jolma Jr., PMIGM
- FLORIDA Most Illustrious Companion Robert F. Scott, PMIGM
- HAWAII Most Illustrious Companion Bruce H. Bonnell, PMIGM
- IDAHO Most Illustrious Companion Burrell G. Lirgg, PMIGM
- ILLINOIS Most Illustrious Companion Charles R. Neumann, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Kenneth W. Smith, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Harold R. Greer, PMIGM
- INDIANA Most Illustrious Companion H. Hanly Hammel Jr., PMIGM
- KANSAS Most Illustrious Companion Lawrence E. Bodine, PMIGM
- MAINE Most Illustrious Companion Douglas B. Taylor, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion John D. Tripp, PMIGM
- MISSISSIPPI Most Illustrious Companion Van A. Evans, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Billy A. McNair, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion William F. Hall, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Grady R. Partain, PMIGM
- MISSOURI Most Illustrious Companion Robert L. Wright, PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Stanton T. Brown Sr., PMIGM
Most Illustrious Companion Blair C. Mayford, PMIGM
- NEBRASKA Most Illustrious Companion Viron E. Baxter, PMIGM

NEW HAMPSHIRE ... Most Illustrious Companion Richard A. Gilbert Sr., PMIGM
 Most Illustrious Companion Robert M. Argel, PMIGM

NEW JERSEY Most Illustrious Companion Saul M. Tischler, PMIGM
 Most Illustrious Companion Robert E. Tilkey, PMIGM

NEW MEXICO Most Illustrious Companion James W. White, PMIGM

NORTH CAROLINA..... Most Illustrious Companion James e. Reddish, PMIGM

RHODE ISLAND Most Illustrious Companion Rowland E. Hill, PMIGM

SOUTH CAROLINA Most Illustrious Companion Laland D. Lowie, PMIGM

UTAH Most Illustrious Companion Curtis N. Lancaster, PMIGM
 Most Illustrious Companion Raymond R. White, PMIGM

VERMONT Most Illustrious Companion Herbert H. Harford, PMIGM
 Most Illustrious Companion Donald C. Brown, PMIGM

WASHINGTON Most Illustrious Companion Duane W. Dolan, PMIGM
 Most Illustrious Companion John G. Hardin, PMIGM

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASONS

**Most Illustrious Companion
 William Alan Siebert**

**Most Illustrious Grand Master
 Elected Most Illustrious Grand Master
 August 11, 2003
 Presided August 18, 2004
 Died: January 11, 2005**

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

PRAYER AT ALTAR

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

It is the goal of every Most Illustrious Grand Master to visit all 33 subordinate councils within Michigan. I am sorry to say I was not able to visit all the councils, for these visitations were my most rewarding experience of the year. I am pleased to report I visited all the councils in the UP, and I will take full credit for bringing 73 degree weather to Marquette on April 12th and 13th. The Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard who accompanied me was impressed by the powers of the Grand Master. I thank all the companions of the 20 councils for their warm reception, education sessions, and their heart felt appreciation accorded me. I thoroughly enjoy my 6 out of state visitations to the Grand Councils of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Ontario, Wisconsin and Illinois. A complete listing of all my travels and visitations is on record with the Grand Recorder.

Dispensations

Dispensations were issued to and for:

Hiawatha Council No. 65 to change the meeting times of November 11, 2014 and December 9, 2014 to 2:00 PM EST from 7:00PM EST

Hiram Council No. 14 to hold the annual assembly for the purpose of electing and installing officers on December 3, 2014, in accordance with Article XIII, sections 4 and 5 of the Michigan Council of Royal and Select Masons complied law (revised 2004).

George Hill Council No. 85 to move their charter from 301 ½ State Street, Alma Michigan to the Doig Conference Center on the campus of Masonic Pathways, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma Michigan for the months of January, February, March, and April 2015.

Muskegon Council No. 54 to elect and install officers at the regular assembly of January 8, 2015, in accordance with Article XIII, sections 4 and 5 of the Michigan Council of Royal and Select Masons complied law (revised 2004).

Mt. Clemens Council No. 8 to move their charter from 22000 East 11 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48081 to the Double Tree Hotel , 1 Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, MI 48708 on Thursday, August 20,2015, for the purpose of opening the 157th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

By-law Changes and Approvals

Ann Arbor Council No. 86 to move their charter from 1415 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan to the Belleville Masonic Temple located at 515 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

Ann Arbor Council stated assemblies will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 o'clock or immediately following the closing of Washtenaw Chapter No. 6, RAM. When the Stated Assembly falls on a legal holiday, or during Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, or Grand Commandery, it shall be held 1 week later, on the 4th Monday of the month.

Ann Arbor Council No. 86 Special Assemblies may be called at the discretion of the Thrice Illustrious Master, for work, trials, and charitable purposes and the receiving and balloting on petitions. All other business shall be done at Stated Assemblies of the Council.

Thumb Council No. 90 amended their by-laws section I Article V: The fee for conferring the Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master degrees shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00), which must accompany the petition for the degrees.

Middleville Council No. 94 to move their charter from Middleville Lodge No. 231 to the RC Hathaway Lodge No. 387, 116 West Main St., Caledonia, MI 49316 due to loss of the building owned by the Middleville Masonic Temple Association.

Middleville Council No. 94 shall be known by the name *Friendship Council No. 94*.

George Hill Council No. 85 at its regular assembly of May 26, 2015 submitted by laws changes that the "months of January and February shall be declared dark unless Assemblies are required."

Disciplinary Actions

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the craft

Consolidations

There have been no requests for consolidation during the period June 1, 2014 to August 20, 2015.

Charter Surrenders

On April 21, 2015, in accordance with Article V, section 2(d) and congruence with Article XII, Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Compiled Law of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan (2014 revision), I declared Lansing Council No. 29 defunct and arrested the charter.

Grand Masters Service Award

The Grand Masters Service Award is presented to those Companions who are top line signers for three or more petitions. These petitions may be accumulated over several years. I urge all Council Recorders to submit names of companions deserving of this award. For the year ending May 31, 2015, it is my pleasure to present these awards to:

- Illustrious Companion Donald D. Austin
- Illustrious Companion Donald L. Bell
- Illustrious Companion Brent A. Helm
- Illustrious Companion John E. Porritt
- Illustrious Companion Donald L. Sprague
- Illustrious Companion Donald B. Whitener

Most Illustrious Grand Master's Meritorious Award

We are extremely fortunate that there are so many outstanding companions within Michigan. I wish to recognize the following companions who have given distinguished service to the cryptic rite this past year

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| Illustrious Companion David A. Bartell | Monroe No. 1 |
| Companion Albert T. McGuire III | Monroe No. 1 |
| Illustrious Companion R. Michael Colpus | Pontiac No. 3 |
| Illustrious Companion Michael S. Roberts | River Raisin No. 4 |
| Companion Stanley S. Zaslona | Mt. Clemens No. 8 |
| Illustrious Companion Kenneth J. Simons, Jr. | Tyre No. 10 |
| Illustrious Companion Michael Pierce | Union No. 11 |
| Illustrious Companion Lawrence W. Hyde | Hiram No. 14 |
| Illustrious Companion Wesley W. Tapp | Adrian No. 18 |
| Illustrious Companion John C. Berry | Saginaw No. 20 |
| Illustrious Companion James T. Groat | Northville No. 30 |
| Illustrious Companion Stephen D. Vining | Jackson No. 32 |
| Illustrious Companion Emil H. Schatz | Durand No. 38 |
| Illustrious Companion Timothy C. Forche | Leslie No. 50 |
| Illustrious Companion Paul M. Tarr Jr. | Leslie No. 50 |

Illustrious Companion Daniel Stewart	Muskegon No. 54
Illustrious Companion Donald B. Whitener	Flint No. 56
Illustrious Companion Brian H. Wilcox	Marine City No. 59
Illustrious Companion Owen P. McGuigan	Grand Ledge No. 62
Companion Kenneth Rautiola	Hiawatha No. 65
Illustrious Companion Douglas A. Wolfe	Marquette No. 72
Illustrious Companion Donald C. Mayville	Livingston No. 73
Illustrious Companion Michael McNabb	George Hill No. 85
Companion Arthur W. Davidge	Ann Arbor No. 86
Illustrious Companion Shawn M. Bashore	Thumb Area No. 90
Illustrious Companion Mark Waterman	Bedford No. 91
Illustrious Companion William H. Ford	Straits Area No. 92

Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year

The recipient of the Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year Award, Illustrious Companion, Michael C. Forslund from Hiawatha Council No. 65, was then made. He was unable to be in attendance at the Grand York Rite Banquet this evening. This Grand Council is very fortunate to have an outstanding group of Thrice Illustrious Masters.

Cryptic Mason of the Year

The announcement and formal presentation of the recipient of the Cryptic Mason of the Year will be presented at the Grand York Rite Banquet Thursday evening. Dais officers of all 33 councils within Michigan have at least one companion worthy of this honor.

Adult Youth Leadership Award

For the last 30 years, The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan is pleased to present the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International Adult Leadership Award to a worthy individual who has demonstrated exemplary work with our youth organizations. The 2014 recipient of the General Grand Councils' Adult Leadership Award for the State of Michigan is Marilee Smiley, from Job's Daughters. She was unable to be with us for the presented at the Grand York Rite Banquet this evening.

Bond, Seal, and Master Key

The Grand Recorder is in possession of the Seal of the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan, a copy of the Masters Key, and fidelity bonds covering the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder. These items will be placed into the hand of the duly elected successor this afternoon in accordance to Cryptic Law.

Scorecard-Successes and Failures

When I was installed as your Grand Master on August 21, 2014, I spoke

of the three goals I had set for myself and this Grand Council. The goals were (1) reconnect (2) educate (3) grow. Since we can only judge ourselves by our results, I will share my successes as well as well as the failures.

Reconnect:

Successes begin with our 4 grand officers creating a “York Rite” pin. Note I said 4 grand officers, because MW Grand Master Bill LeVeque, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Louis McCray, and Right Excellent Grand Commander Paul Roggow, and I share the same pin.....reconnecting and espousing the concept of “York Rite unity”. I am proud to say the 4 of us practiced that unity shown on our pin. We never had a “spat” the entire year and we supported each other 100%. Thank you Most Illustrious Companion LeVeque, Illustrious Companion McCray, and Illustrious Companion Roggow, for we were truly united and formed a *“true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance”*.

Many of you in this room have seen how I can take a small slice of our cryptic ritual and expand the allegorical and metaphorical meaning. The deeper allegorical meanings within our ritual did reconnect and simultaneously reinvigorate and educate the assemblies of the councils I visited.

Failures: I did not visit all the councils in the state. It was my responsibility to reconnect with the 33 councils within the state of Michigan. Last August, I said I would hope that your council recorder would send me an invitation to attend one of your regular assemblies. Well, no one ever sent me an invitation, so I just showed up!

Educate

Last August, I spoke of the quote “The principle goal of education is to create men who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done.”

There is no question that ritual helps bring us together and remind us of important truths. During my council visits I spent time on segments of the ritual which brings us together from the opening in the Entered Apprentice degree to the drama of the Select Master degree. The successes gave me a valued sense of accomplishment and a feeling of sincere appreciation from the companions from those 15-20 minute educational sessions at our assemblies.

All the bodies of Masonry have historically responded to the demand and needs of each generation. We must continue that tradition. We owe it to our companions for they have given us their most precious asset, the gift of their time. These men, much like those of the enlightenment period, Rousseau, Franklin, and Jefferson, are searching for “enlightenment”. Let’s make time in our assemblies for education offering every man a renewed appreciation for the tenants of freemasonry: brotherly love, relief, and truth.

When you are the leader of any organization, sometimes the leader has to stand up against so called “conventional wisdom”. Well I did stand up unwavering for the past 16 months attempting to extol the merits of eliminating the 17th century archaic use of the second person pronoun “you” embedded in our ritual. The non-standard English “thou” appears 98 times in our Select Master degree. My hope was to cast aside those “rough ashlar”, and our excessive use of “faux Elizabethan English”. Yes, I failed and while I must now drop my battle flag, my visits to out of state Grand Councils affirmed that dramatic presentations and associated ritual work can be “right sized” to the 21st century.

Grow:

The verb grow was not implying a quantitative “bogey”, I was talking about helping companions see and understand more about themselves. Ritualism, as distinct from letter perfect recitation of ritual, helps you “grow”, seeing and understanding more about yourself. By focusing on education, I felt there was measurable growth within the 9th arch of the councils I visited. In addition to that success, one of my highlights of the year was witnessing the Super Excellent Master degree exemplified by Columbian Council No. 1, and the Select Master Degree exemplified by the degree team from Angola Council No 27. I am forever grateful for the opportunity I had this year to travel to other jurisdictions witness different means and methods of presenting the ritual which helped me grow.

Let us move beyond the noun “preservation”. Our Masonic membership in Michigan has declined from 45,000 in 2005 to 32,000 in 2015, a decline of 30.5% in a decade. While we all have passion, we need to find “verbs” to replace nouns “performance”, “perfection”, and “preservation”. The new verbs must be meaningful, relevant, and rewarding. We must exhibit the qualities of respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, and compassion and stop being prisoners to preservation.

While it is the desire of the fraternity to grow by some arithmetic progression, let us remember we grow by placing a greater value on quality over quantity. The Millennials are the largest generation in U.S. history, 10 million more than the Baby Boomer generation. We must make them feel they have boarded the “right” bus, headed to the “right destination” and making sure each of them have found their “right seat” on the bus.

Fraternally Submitted

David G. Boring

David G. Boring
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, I move this report be received and referred to the Committee on Division and Reference, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Vernon T. Barnhart, carried

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, reports as follows:

1. That portion of the address pertaining to necrology be referred to the Obituary Committee.
2. That portion pertaining to Appointments, Commissions, Dispensations and By-laws Approved is referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.
3. That portion pertaining to the Bond and Seal be referred to the Committee on Finance.
5. That portion pertaining to 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.

Fraternally yours

Dwight A. Humm, P.M.I.G.M., Chairman

Brian K. Himes, P.M.I.G.M.

Ronald B. Blasidell, P.M.I.G.M.

Past Most Illustrious Companion Dwight A. Humm moved that the Report be received and placed in the Proceedings, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Wayne E. Caruss, carried.

Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence

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

The Committee on Jurisprudence is pleased to report that the portions of the Grand Masters Address dealing with decisions, appointments, dispensations, and bylaws approved were all made within the power and authority of the Grand Master.

Your Jurisprudence Committee congratulates the Grand Master on his fine year and we thank him for the opportunity to serve this Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted;
Stephen R. Striggow PMIGM, Chairman
Warren A. Carrus PMIGM
Robert O. Troutman PMIGM

Past Most Illustrious Companion, Stephen R. Striggow moved that the report be received and placed in the Annual Proceedings, 2nd by Illustrious Companion Richard F. Gutowski,(59), carried

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2014 PROCEEDINGS

Most Illustrious Grand Master David G. Boring announced that the Minutes of the 2014 Grand Assembly held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, have been printed and distributed to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Constituent Councils. Letters and or E-mails were sent to: Sister Grand Jurisdictions, Grand Representatives of both Sister Grand Jurisdictions and of Michigan, and Grand Council Committees of Michigan, informing them that the 156th Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan can be found on our website, rsm-mi.org. If there be no objections, the Minutes be approved and accepted as printed in the 2014 proceedings. There being no objection, they will stand as printed.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
June 1, 2014 - MAY 31, 2015

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

FIFTH THIRD BANK - CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance June 1, 2014	\$ 40,994.99
Deposits	\$ 21,384.12
Raymond James Direct Deposit	\$ 824.00
Voiding of Check 1865	\$ 513.75
Transfer to Funds General Savings Account	\$ (3,000.00)
Transfer Funds to Ritual Account	\$ (770.00)
Transfer to Endowment Fund	\$ (1,371.41)
Reversing the voiding of Check 1847	\$ (11.50)
Returned item & Service Charge	\$ (73.43)
Checks Purchased	\$ (134.60)
Disbursements - Checks 1868 - 1912	\$ (22,768.62)
Balance May 31, 2015	<u>\$ 35,587.30</u>

FIFTH THIRD BANK - GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance June 1, 2014	\$ 5,322.89
Deposits (EFT)	\$ 3,000.00
Interest	\$ 1.39
Withdrawals	\$ -0-
Balance May 31, 2015	<u>\$ 8,324.28</u>

LORD ABBETT FUND - #774890-1 (GENERAL FUND)

Dividends to General Savings Account	
June 1, 2014 Market Value	\$ 6,140.05
Deposits	\$ -0-
Increases in Market Value	\$ 000.00
Decreases in Market Value	\$ (33.05)
May 31, 2015 Market Value	<u>\$ 6,107.00</u>

OPERATING FUNDS

Fifth Third - Checking Account	\$ 35,587.30
Fifth Third - General Savings Account	\$ 8,324.28
Lord Abbett Fund #774890-1 (General Fund)	\$ 6,107.00
Total Operating Funds May 31, 2015	<u>\$ 50,018.58</u>

SPECIAL FUNDS**Fifth Third Bank - Ritual Savings Account**

Balance June 1, 2014	\$ 3,487.13
Deposits (EFT)	\$ 770.00
Withdrawals	\$ -0-
Interest	\$.73
Balance May 31, 2015	<u>\$ 4,257.86</u>

Lord Abbett #776157-7 - Triennial Account

June 1, 2014 Market Value	\$ 4,459.97
Deposits - From Checking	\$ 0.00
Increases in Market Value	\$ 237.52
May 31, 2015 Market Value	\$ 4,697.49

Total Special Funds - May 31, 2015 \$ 8,955.35

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Franklin Income Fund, I Shares and a majority of the Raymond James Bank Program Funds were reinvested by the Endowment Trustees in May of 2015. The value of the current investments as of May 31, 2015, are as follows:

Raymond James Bank Program Funds	\$ 22.05
Capital World Growth & Income	\$ 14,611.73
Franklin Income Fund	\$ 25,930.67
Principal Global Diversified Income Fund	\$ 20,437.22
Thornburg Investment Income Builder Fund	\$ 20,239.81
	\$ 81,241.48

TOTAL ASSETS

Total Operating Funds May 31, 2015	\$ 50,018.58
Total Special Funds May 31, 2015	\$ 8,955.35
Total Endowment Funds May 31, 2015	\$ 81,241.48
Total Assets May 31, 2015	\$140,215.41

Respectfully submitted,

Brian K. Himes

Brian K. Himes, PMIGM
Grand Treasurer

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 June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015 for your consideration and approval.

The Annual Reports have been received from 31 Councils.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Councils enrolled in the Grand Council	32
Number of Annual Returns received	31
Total membership as of December 31, 2013	1514

Greeted during 2013	46	
Affiliated by Consolidation	0	
Affiliated by Demit	0	
Affiliated by Transfer	3	
Affiliated by Restoration	1	
Affiliated by Dual Membership	0	
Correction of 2012 Returns	<u>0</u>	
	50	
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		<u>1564</u>
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Died	50	
Transferred Out	4	
Demitted	10	
Withdrew	23	
Suspended	33	
Correction of the 2013 Return	<u>5</u>	
	125	
-		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014		1439
NET LOSS FOR 2014	(75)	

Number of Councils showing a Gain in membership 5 Number of Councils showing a Loss in membership 24 Number of Councils showing neither a Gain or Loss 2
 Number of Councils Greeting New Members 17
 Number of Councils not Greeting any New Members 14

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

Adrian Council No. 18 led the way with a Gain of 10.8 per cent.

Following the close of this Annual Grand Assembly, the Donald D. Boudeman Memorial Bible will be presented to Adrian Council No. 18 to grace their Altar for the Year 2015-2016.

FINANCIAL REPORT

During the period June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015, deposits slips numbers 878 through 886 were forward to the Grand Treasurer for a Total of \$22,721.87 deposited.

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Grand Recorder Financial Income
June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015

Per Capita	\$13,502.95
Rituals	391.00
Lord Abbett Dividend	388.46
Endowment Fund (Includes Golf Outing)	1,003.36
Raymond James Direct Deposit	824.00
Dues Cards	358.95
Refund Grand Session 2014	236.56
GO-PGO Fund	475.00
Name Tag	15.00
Grand Master Gift	20.00
Collar	125.00
Certificates	21.00
History Books	30.00
Cryptic Law Books	40.00
CMMRF	1210.00
Triennial Refund General Grand Council	3500.00
Check No 1865 Voided	513.75
Grand Council Patch	5.00
Shipping & Handling	61.84
Total Deposits for the year June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015	\$22,721.87

DISBURSEMENTS
June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015

Grand Master's Allowance	\$ 1193.75
Grand Master's Visitations	895.00
Treasurer's Allowance	300.00
Grand Recorder's Allowance	600.00
Grand Recorder's Travel	890.00
Grand Recorder's Internet Service	555.00
Grand Recorder's Rent	535.00
Grand Recorder's Office Supplies	1166.73
Grand Recorder's Postage Reimbursement	791.69
Insurance and Bond	257.00
Printing	1697.16
General Grand Council Cryptic Masons Int. – Per Capita	992.00
Annual Assembly Expenses	1300.00
Regalia	3332.47

Flowers	-	75.00
State Filing Fee		20.00
Widows Expense Grand Session		1301.24
Youth		300.00
CMMRF		1210.00
Triennial Expense		1295.17
Triennial Hospitality Room Expense		3500.00
Transfer to General Savings Account		3000.00
Transfer to Ritual Fund		770.00
Transfer to Endowment Fund		1371.41
Checks Purchased		134.60
Service Charges & Returned Items		73.43
Reversing of Voided Check No. 1847		11.50
Dues Cards		<u>561.41</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$28,129.56
Bank Balance June 1, 2014		\$40,994.99
Deposits June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015		22,721.87
Disbursements June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015		<u>28,129.56</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE May 31, 2015		\$35,587.30

RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENT

Bank Statement Balance June 1, 2015
Fifth Third Bank, Washington, Michigan

CASH ASSETS OF GRAND COUNCIL MAY 31, 2015

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TOTAL ASSETS

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Total Special Funds May 31, 2015	\$ 8,955.35
Total Endowment Funds May 31, 2015	<u>\$ 81,241.48</u>
Total Assets May 31, 2015	\$140,215.41

CONCLUSION

I would like to thank the Companions of this Grand Council for allowing me to serve as your Grand Recorder. A special thanks goes to the present Grand Officers, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's and Recorder's of this Grand Council for their patience and understanding during this past year of service.

To Most Illustrious Grand Master David G. Boring, I would like to thank you for allowing me to work with you. I hope that I have assisted you to make things as easy as possible.

To the Recorder's of this Grand Council, I hope that the changes that have been made this past year have made your work as a recorder easier. We will continue to work on the Annual Returns to make them easier. The electronic filling of the return has help, at least at my end. This Grand Office will continue to work on programs for all of our Recorders. We are and will be committed to better communication between the Grand Office and all of the Recorders.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
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 Finance be referred to the Finance Committee and that all other matters herewith discussed and not specifically referred to a Committee, be approved.

Grand Council of Michigan R&SM 2015-16 Budget		
	Year ending 5.31.16	Change from Previous Budget Year 2015
REVENUES		
Grand Council Dues and General Grand Dues	\$ 11,000	\$ (800)
Endowment Income Distribution	900	600
Revenue Totals	11,900	(200)
Transfers:		
5/3 savings account	2,000	(905)
Lord Abbett general fund	650	(350)
Lord Abbett Triennial fund	-	(2,250)
Total decrease of accumulated net assets	2,650	(3,505)
DISBURSEMENTS		
Grand Masters Apron	300	-
Replacement of Grand Officer Aprons (8 @ \$300)	-	(2,400)
Replacement of Grand Assembly Companion Aprons	-	(1,500)
Past Grand Master's Jewel	300	-
Grand Captain of the Guard Apron Case	130	30
Arch Deputy Expenses	-	-
Insurance and Bonds	300	-
subtotal	1,030	(3,870)
Grand Master's Allowance	1,200	-
Grand Master's Visitation Allowance	900	-
Grand Master's Stationery	-	-
Grand Treasurer's Allowance	300	-
Grand Treasurer's Office/Phone/Postage	200	-
Grand Recorder's Allowance	600	-
Grand Recorder's Travel Allowance	900	-
Grand Recorder's Office Expenses	1,500	-
Grand Recorder's Internet Service	660	0
Grand Recorder's Rent Allowance	535	-
Grand Recorder's Postage Expense	600	35
Grand Officers subtotal	7,395	35
Annual Call and Programs	500	100
Reprint of By-Laws	-	(470)
Publication of annual proceedings	300	100
subtotal publication and printing	800	(270)
Annual Grand Assembly Expense	1,400	100
Widow's Expenses	1,000	1,000
Flower for Triangle	75	-
subtotal Annual Grand Assembly	2,475	1,100
Youth Group Contributions	300	-
General Grand Council Per Capita (\$2.00)	1,800	800
2017 Oregon Triennial (1/3 allocation)	750	(1,500)
Other Payments Total	2,850	(700)
Total Expense	14,550	(3,705)
	Year ending 5.31.16	Change from Previous Budget Year 2015
Budget Balanced	-	(0)

Report of the Finance Committee

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

The comparative statement of financial position (balance sheet) for the fiscal years Ending May 31, 2014 and 2015 respectively, appears below:

Grand Council of Michigan Royal and Select Masons Comparative Balance Sheet (Cash Basis)

	May 31 2014	May 31 2015
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
FIFTH THIRD BANK - CHECKING ACCOUNT	40,995	35,587
FIFTH THIRD BANK - GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	5,323	8,324
LORD ABBOT FUND - #774890-1 (GENERAL FUND)	6,140	6,107
Total Checking/Savings	52,458	50,019
Special Purpose Designated Assets		
Fifth Third Bank - Ritual Savings Account	3,487	4,258
Lord Abbot #776157-7 Triennial Account	4,460	4,697
Total Special Purpose	7,947	8,955
Total Current Assets	60,405	58,973
Investments		
Franklin Income Fund	57,991	25,930
I Shares - EAFE -	11,991	0
Raymond James Bank Program #36347687	12,965	22
Capital World Growth & Income		14,612
Principle Global Diversified Income fund		20,437
Thornburg Investment Income Builder Fund		20,240
Total Investments	82,950	81,241
Total Assets	143,355	140,215
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Net Assets		
Net assets beginning of year	126,726	143,355
Increase (decrease) in Unrestricted net Assets	7,234	(1,431)
Increase (decrease) in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	9,396	(1,709)
Net Assets, End of the Year	143,355	140,215

PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO CRYPTIC LAW

The following change to Grand Council Law is hereby Submitted:

Amend Article X, Section 2 (a), PER CAPITA AND ASSESSMENTS

As now reads in pertinent part:

Section 2(a), PER CAPITA AND ASSESSMENTS (1980, 1984, 1996, 2004, 2008)
Each chartered Council and each Council U.D. shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of four dollars (\$4.00) for each Super-Excellent Master greeted during the yearly period ending with the 31st of December. Each chartered Council shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) for each Super-Excellent Master on its rolls as of the 31st of December of each year, excluding the Recorder, life members, honorary members, members whose dues have been remitted and those greeted during the year.

Be changed to read:

Section 2(a), PER CAPITA AND ASSESSMENTS (1980, 1984, 1996, 2004, 2008)
Each chartered Council and each Council U.D. shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of four dollars (\$4.00) for each Super-Excellent Master greeted during the yearly period ending with the 31st of December. Each chartered Council shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) for each Super-Excellent Master, ***plus any per capita and assessments levied by the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International***, on its rolls as of the 31st of December of each year. Recorders, life members, honorary members, members whose dues have been remitted and those greeted during the year shall be exempt from the Grand Council Per Capita.

Rational:

Currently, the Grand Council has been paying the per capita to General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International out of our General Fund. As the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International is raising its per capita, we cannot continue this practice.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM
Warren Caruss, PMIGM
Donald L. Himes, PMIGM

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The Proposed Amendment to Cryptic Law was then moved by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Robert O. Troutman to accept the changes to the Cryptic Law Book as proposed, 2nd by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Michael J. Jungel.

The Ballot was then called; with a total sixty nine (69) of ballots cast, Sixty two (62) ballots were for and seven (7) were against. The motion was then passed by more than a two thirds majority.

2015 REPORT OF THE ENDWOMENT COMMITTEE

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

The financial data relating to the Endowment's holdings is included in the Grand Treasurer's Report.

The Committee wants to thank each Companion who donated to the Endowment Trust over the past year. Your past and continued support is greatly appreciated.

This Committee has tried various fundraisers over the years with limited success. A more direct appeal to estate donations, memorial donations, and larger, one-time contributions would increase the contribution rate by affording more options for giving. Because the Endowment Trust is intended for use in general operations, this is a perfect focus for fundraising activities at the local level.

In the end, every little bit helps toward reaching our goal.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Seyferth, RIGPCW, Chairman
Ryan J. Groat, IGCC
David A. Roberts, IGS

Report of the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

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

Wow! What a ride! It's only been 3 short years, but here we are. I have had the best time traveling about the state and seeing old friends and making new ones, as well as traveling to our neighbor jurisdictions. Last fall was the Triennial in Buffalo as well as the Ohio Grand Session. As of this writing I've just returned from Indiana for the second time in two months, once for General Grand and just now from Indy's Grand Session. I can't say it enough times to the Companions coming up the line to travel and visit our Cryptic Companions wherever they may find them.

I want to thank MIGM David Boring for all of his time and attention spent on keeping me in the loop on everything that's been happening with him throughout the state. He has worked with me as well as all the other Past Grand Masters to make sure that I've been given all the opportunities to be up to speed and for that, I am truly grateful.

As you all are aware, we have some challenges that lay before us as the Royal and Select, but as I heard a Most Worshipful Grand Master from another jurisdiction say recently, perhaps these challenges should be regarded instead as opportunities; opportunities to grow our membership instead of watching it slowly decline. A good example of this is the Strawberry Festival held this past April in Mason, where 28 newly greeted Royal and Select Masons joined our Ranks; Opportunities for growth seem to be happening in the western central part of the Upper Peninsula as well, which we welcome with open arms. Opportunities to teach the lesson of sincere repentance found in the Royal Master Degree and of redemption nestled deep in the Select Master Degree, and of course, the great lesson of Fidelity in the Super Excellent Master Degree; Opportunities to tell the complete story of Hiram Abiff, that can only be garnered in the Royal and Select!

Yes, yes, I know...For all of you who are reading this, I'm preaching to the choir. So, let us now take that which we have learned and grown to love in Cryptic Masonry and take it to our fellow Brothers and Companions who have yet to come to know the joy of that which we hold dear to our hearts so well...

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward James, RIDGM

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**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:

2014 and thus far 2015 have been extremely difficult personally and professionally. My Mother-in-Law passed away the Sunday after the Grand Session (many will remember Naomi only attending the Grand Banquet - on our Anniversary - and then leaving to be with her mother) and my Father-in-Law passed on New Year's Day 2015. Each required meaningful end of life care which dominated our lives for the past 3 years. On the tail of these events, I came down with a severe respiratory infection that lasted over 3 months. With a business reaching its 5-year mark last August and the associated struggles of reaching that hurdle, I have not, unfortunately, been able to travel as I would have liked.

My heartfelt thanks go out to the cast members who helped with the degrees. Everyone responded quickly and participated with enthusiasm that made this job a pleasure to perform. The SEM Degree Cast lost a significant participant with the passing of Most Illustrious Companion William Seibert who played several of the major parts. The Cast also was challenged by Brian Himes not being available for Zedekiah on a couple of occasions (he was the only one who knew the part). Nonetheless, Companions John Ames and David Bartell stepped up and covered these parts well, John as Nebuchadnezzar and David as Zedekiah. Thanks to Bill and Brian for their years of "above and beyond the call of duty" service to the Grand Council, and to John and David for taking on these significant parts.

I want to thank the Companions for the privilege and opportunity to serve this Grand Council. I want to acknowledge the profound exemplification of our tenets found in the behavior of the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters and Grand Council Officers.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Seyferth, RIGPCW

REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES

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

The Foundation Endowment Trustees held their first meeting in Mt. Pleasant to organize and elect a chairman. Wayne E. Caruss was elected to serve as chairman. Our next meeting was then held at the Dimondale Masonic Temple, Dimondale, Michigan. The representative from Raymond Jones was present to discuss the diversification of our investments.

With the information that we received from the representative from Raymond James we then held several E-mail meetings discussing what was proposed. With that information we then decided to make changes in our investment strategy and divest ourselves of I-Shares-EAFE and invest a portion of the Franklin Fund.

The Following is a listing of our investments and values:

Franklin Income Funds	\$25,930.00
Raymond James Bank Program	\$ 22.00
Capitol World Growth & Income	\$14,612.00
Principle Global Diversified Income Fund	\$20,437.00
Thornburg Investment Income Builder	<u>\$20,240.00</u>
Total Value of Investments	\$81,241.00

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne E. Caruss, Chairman
Howard H. Crumit Jr.
Michael McNabb
Vernon T. Barnhart
Daniel Stewart

A motion to accept the Report of the Foundation Endowment Trustees was then made by the Chairman, Wayne E. Caruss, 2nd by Illustrious Companion James Wolfe (8), carried.

Illustrious Companion Wayne E. Caruss then nominate Illustrious Companion Howard H. Crumit Jr. for a five (5) year term on the Foundation Endowment Trustees. The four (4) year term held by Illustrious Companion Vernon T. Barnhart, who asked to be replaced. Illustrious Companion John A. Fossler was then nominated for the balance of Illustrious Companion Barnhart's term of office. A unanimous ballot was then cast for both to server their respective terms of office.

The Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations

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

The Committee has the following to report:

That on 22 October, 2014 the MIGM issued a dispensation for Hiawatha Council #65 located at 208 S. Cedar St., Manistique to change the meeting time on 11 November and 9 December, 2014 to 2:00 PM from 7:00 PM, Eastern time.

That on 20 November, 2014 the MIGM issued a dispensation for Hiram Council #14, located at 1350 Kalamazoo St., Marshall to hold their Annual Assembly for the purpose of electing and Installing Officers on 3 December, 2014 in accordance with Article VIII, Sections 4 and 5 of Cryptic Law.

That on 3 December, 2014 the MIGM issued a dispensation for George Hill Council #85, located at 301 ½ State St., Alma to move their Charter for their Assemblies for January, February, March and April to the Doig Conference Center on the Campus of Masonic Pathways, 1200 Wright Avenue, Alma.

That on 18 December, 2014 the MIGM issued a dispensation for Muskegon Council #94, located at 5425 Dowling St. to elect and install officers at the Regular Assembly of 8 January, 2015., pursuant to Article VIII, Section 5 of Cryptic Law.

That on 18 March, 2015 the MIGM issued a dispensation for Mt. Clemens Council #8, located at 22000 E. 11 Mile Rd., St. Claire Shores to move the Mt. Clemens Council #8 Charter on Thursday, 20 August, 2015, to the Doubletree Hotel Conference Center, located at One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City for the purpose of purging the Council and receiving the Grand Council Officers prior to the opening of the 157th. Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan.

That on 21 April, 2015 the MIGM informed this Committee Chairman that he was in Possession of the Charter of Lansing Council #29, located at 1125 Weber Dr., Lansing and that the Charter would be turned into the Grand Recorder within the week.

That on 21 April, 2015 the MIGM issued a dispensation for Middleville Council #94 located at 123 E. Main St., Middleville to move their Charter to 116 W. Main St., Caledonia and to change their name from Middleville Council #94 to Friendship Council #94.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward P. James RIDGM, Chairman

***Report of the Committee on Cryptic Masons Medical Research
Foundation***

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

Because you care.....

That is the motto of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation housed at the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine. Through your charitable contributions our philanthropy continues to make tremendous strides in the research of Vascular disease. They continue to be on the cutting edge of new approaches to improving the quality of life of patients through the use of adult stem cell therapy.

According to the 2014 end of year report, the financial gifts of Masonic Bodies, individuals and other organizations, CMMRF has been able to give \$3,997,298.86 to the School of Medicine for the fight against heart disease and other conditions of the vascular system. Vascular Biology is the broad approach to understanding Atherosclerosis and the circulatory system, rather than focusing on one specific component of the disease.

One of the Grand Council's long range goals is to increase the awareness of CMMRF, the donor recognition program and to support local councils in their fundraising efforts. In the fall, an appeals letter was sent to all TIM's and Recorders throughout the state informing them of CMMRF. Additionally, donation envelopes and an explanation of the donor program for individuals and councils were included.

Below is a report for Michigan:

Total contributions to CMMRF from inception: \$69,310.35

2013-2014 Contribution Comparison Results:

2013 \$1,277.00 (approximately \$.77 cents per member)

Rank: 24th of 48 states/countries/organizations contributing

2014 \$3,937.00 (increase of 203%-approximately \$2.38 per member)

Rank: 15th of 49 states/countries/organizations contributing

Donor Recognition Program:

Plaque: One Companion and one Council in Michigan received the General Grand Master's Club Certificate and Nine Arch Triangle

Terry G. Baker & Marine City #59

Ish Sodi Club Certificate and Gold lapel pin:

Gary L. Paquet Marine City Council #59

Grand Master's Club Certificate:

George Hill #85, Straits Area Council #92, Ashlar Chapter OES, Prince Edwin YRC, Doan Company and two companions-Beford 91 and Mount Clemens #8

Giblemite Club Certificate:

Leslie Council #50 and one companion from Grand Ledge #62

CMMRF Gold Coins:

\$270.00

Additionally, there were several companions who made a contribution at the 2014 Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan. As there is no way to determine who contributed and how much, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all for your support.

The committee is also pleased to see the contributions from 2013-2014 have increased. Through your continued support CMMRF will continue to improve the quality of life for so many in need. We ask that you consider making a contribution, for one never knows when we ourselves might be the beneficiary of what this research is doing.

To finish the motto.....your endowments will keep on giving.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary L. Paquet, RIGCG, Chairman
Edward P. James, RIDGM
Ryan J. Groat, IGCC

Report of the Committee on Ritual

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

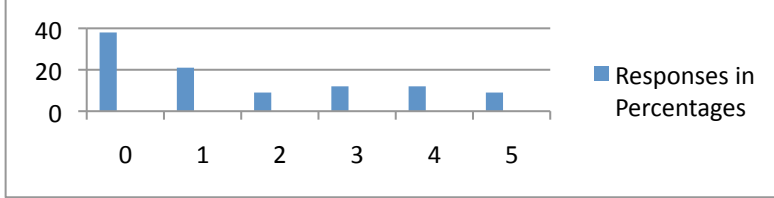
On March 3, 2014, our then RIDGM laid out his vision for his term as MIGM. Under the theme of Reconnect, Educate, Grow and Give, he challenged the Council to look into what he calls "Faux Elizabethan English." He further stated, "By the beginning of the 19th Century, both "thee" and "thou" had become virtually obsolete in Standard English. To this end, in October of 2014, then MIGM formed a ritual committee and charged them with a "search and replace" to remove all archaic pronouns, nouns and verbs as well as any errors within the ritual book.

The Ritual Committee created a short survey, sent it to each recorder of the constituent councils and asked for them to be forwarded onto the Companions. The responses to the survey are as follows:

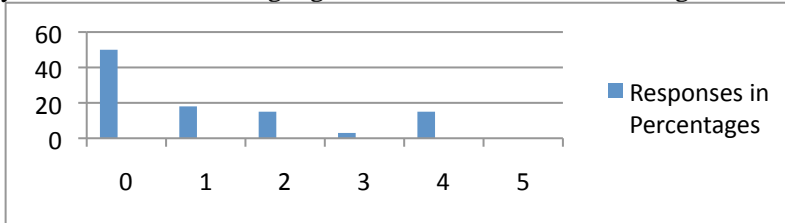
On a scale of 0 – 5, zero being not at all or none and 5 being strongly

agree or a lot, please rate the following questions.

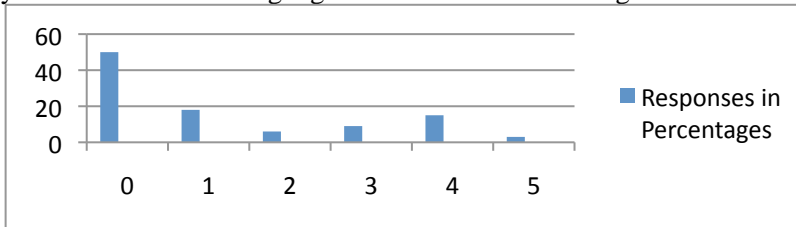
Do you feel the ritual language is antiquated and needs to be modernized?



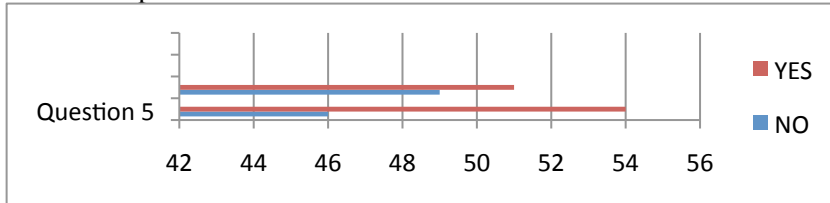
Do you think the ritual language is a hindrance to the meaning or understanding of what's being portrayed?



Do you think the ritual language is a deterrent to learning the ritual?



If the ritual language was removed and replaced with our more modern language, do you think the ritual would be less impressive?



If the ritual language was removed and replaced with our more modern language, do you think the ritual would be easier to learn?

Number of Years in Council	Number of Respondents and Councils
Under 5.....23%	a. Questions 1-3.....34 Companions
6 – 10.....11%	b. Questions 4-5.....35 Companions
11 – 20.....11%	c. Councils.....7
21-30.....29%	
30 +.....26%	

While the committee was waiting for the responses from the companions to return, a word document of the ritual was being revised. All excessive spacing, spelling and grammar errors within the current ritual book were corrected. All archaic language and phrases which include: thy, hast, thine, thee, thou hast and “ah, that is the mote in thine eye,” amongst others, were updated to today’s modern language.

Since there were only 35 Companions that responded to the survey, it was determined that it would be impossible to extrapolate from this data an accurate opinion as to the direction the Companions wanted the Ritual Committee to take. Therefore, it was determined not to pursue any ritual updates at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Gary L. Paquet, RIGCG, Chairman
 David L. Seyferth, RIGPCW
 Ryan J. Groat, IGCG
 Harley D. Ridgeway
 John A. Fossler

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

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

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

The Michigan Grand York Rite Committee cordially extends an invitation to hold the One Hundred Fifty Eight Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan on August 18, 2016, at the Doubletree Hotel, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, Michigan 48708. The Michigan Grand York Rite Sessions will be held from August 16 through August 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brian K. Himes, PMIGM, Chairman
 Larry A. Inscho, PTIM
 Harry A. Walbridge, PTIM

Investigative Report from the Committee on the Condition of the Rite

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

On April 21, 2015, MIGM David G. Boring arrested the Charter of Lansing Council No. 29. In accordance with Article XII Section 8 Forfeit of Charter, it is the responsibility of the Committee on the Condition of the Rite to complete an investigation and assessment of the matter.

Questions to be answered:

Did the Most Illustrious Grand Master act in accordance with his powers?

Did the Most Illustrious Grand Master determine a judgment in accordance with the Grand Council of Michigan By-Laws?

Article V: Powers of the Grand Master, Section 2 Specific Powers:

When the Grand Council is not in session, the Grand Master has power to execute the following functions of his office:

Subsection (d): Arrest the charter or suspend the Master of any council in this jurisdiction until the next annual Assembly of Grand Council and to revoke such an order at pleasure; provided that there is just cause for such action.

Report:

In our investigation, it was determined, through the records of the Grand Recorder, that Lansing Council No. 29 has not paid their per capita dues since 2012. Additionally, they have not completed an annual report since 2013, did not have representation at the 2014 Grand Assembly nor have they, from all indications, conducted a legal meeting since December of 2013. Numerous officers including the Grand Recorder, Arch Deputy from Arch #4 and Most Illustrious Grand Master have tried to set up a time to meet, discuss the situation and come to a resolution that would maintain the viability of the council or provide the foundational procedure for the officers of the council to meet to discuss potential consolidation with another council within the region. All of the correspondence has met with little or no response; e-mails are not responded to, phone calls are not returned. The members of the council have made no indication that they are interested in maintaining Lansing Council No. 29.

After consultation with the Arch Deputy of Arch No. 4, Wayne E. Caruss, two members of Jurisprudence, Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM and Stephen R. Striggow, PMIGM, Deputy Grand Master, Edward P. James and Grand Recorder, Anthony M. Chamberlin, it was determined that there was no other alternative than to arrest the charter. Most Illustrious Grand Master then executed the recommendation on April 21, 2015. The charter, jewels, aprons and numerous unopened bank statements were then turned over to the Right

Illustrious Grand Recorder, Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM on April 26, 2015. The Grand Recorder has informed the Companions of Lansing Council No. 29 that they have been placed in Gedeliah Council until such time as a final determination can be made as to the council they will be affiliated.

Since this action was taken, the Grand Council has been trying to obtain the books of record, which include: minute book, cash books of Treasurer and Recorder, check book and all receipt stubs, its seal, other property belonging to the council and any remaining financial assets. To date this has been met with no cooperation. There has been no correspondence from the members of the council or its leaders regarding these documents and because of this, have not been determined, obtained nor who has current possession.

Article XII Chartered Councils, Section 8, Forfeit of Charter

Any council under this jurisdiction which shall fail to assemble for the period of one year, or fail to be represented at the Grand Council for two years in succession, or fail for the same length of time to pay its per capita to the Grand Council, or fail to abide by the minimum fees and dues established by Grand Council, shall be placed on a probationary status on the order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

In consulting with the Right Illustrious Grand Recorder, it was determined that then Most Illustrious Grand Master Bart A. Porter did not take any action regarding section 8 to place Lansing Council on probation. During this period of time, when a decision from the MIGM could have been made, he was extremely ill. His powers of authority had not yet been transferred to Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master David G. Boring until it was apparent that the MIGM was too weak to perform his duties. As we all know, the MIGM passed away. While it was a difficult time for the Companions throughout the state and in particular the Grand Council, the transition was smooth. However, the timetable in determining all the actions taken or not taken by then MIGM Porter regarding issues appertaining to the By-Laws or individual councils was undetermined.

With all this said, even though Lansing Council No. 29 was not officially placed on “probationary status,” the Committee on the Condition of the Rite finds the action taken by the Most Illustrious Grand Master David G. Boring to be fair, impartial and correct within the purview of his authority as Most Illustrious Grand Master and within the By-Laws of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

The argument to not justify the action would be to say that Lansing Council No. 29 was unaware of any potential action taken against them based on the fact that section 8 of Article XII was not followed. It is incumbent upon each council to act within the confines of the By-Laws which each Thrice Illustrious

Master vows to uphold. Each council receives notification from the Grand Recorder about the annual report, per capita dues, requirement to have representation at the Grand session. Based on the actions or inactions by the members of the council prior to and since the arresting of the charter indicates that there was no other recourse other than that which was taken.

Therefore, it is the recommendation from the Committee on the Condition of the Rite that the decision by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to arrest the Charter of Lansing Council No. 29 be upheld.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Gary L. Paquet, RIGCG Chairman
 Edward P. James, RIDGM
 Ryan J. Groat, IGCC
 Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM

Report of the Committee on the Condition of the Rite

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

In looking at the data from our Grand Recorder regarding membership, it is abundantly clear our membership is decreasing. At the time of this report, there is only one council that has yet to file an annual report and therefore the data is not final, regardless of this fact, the trend of decline is unmistakable.

Total Membership 2013 -1508

Total Membership 2014 – 1439 Life Members – 337

Deceased	50	Greeted.....	46
Transferred Out.....	4	Transferred In.....	3
Demitted.....	10	Restored.....	1
Withdrew.....	23	Total.....	50
Suspended.....	33		
Total.....	120		
Loss.....	120		
Gain.....	50		
Net Loss.....	70		

Additionally, according to the 2014 Annual Report, there are four councils that are reaching a critical number of less than twenty Companions in their membership. These include:

Hiram 14 – 18 members
George Hill 85 – 17 members
Bedford 91 – 15 members
Sunrise 93 – 19 members

Even though their numbers are decreasing, much to their credit, they continue to persevere.

With regret, on April 21, 2015, MIGM David G. Boring arrested the Charter of Lansing 29. It became apparent that they were unable to sustain their Council. They had not filed an annual return since 2013, nor had they paid their per capita since 2012. From all indications, they had not held a legal meeting since December of 2013. The Charter, jewels, aprons and unopened bank statements were handed over to the Grand Recorder on April 26, 2015. The members have been notified that they have been placed in Gedaliah Council 1858 effective April 21, 2015.

While the numbers in recent years has not fluctuated much, the number of Masons seeking further light in Masonry by joining Royal Arch, Council and Commandery is low. Of the total number of Masons in Michigan, approximately 10% become Royal Arch Masons. Of this 10%, 60% become Sir Knights and only 45% become members of Council. Too many of our Master Masons are missing out on the beauty of the council degrees and not completing the journey to understand the full allegory of Hiram Abiff.

It is imperative that we as Cryptic Masons do a better job of informing our Brothers of the Council. Encourage them to seek more light in Masonry beyond the degree of Master Mason and that the messages of duty, friendship and fidelity portrayed within the degrees of the council continue to build upon the foundation of each member's personal temple.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary L. Paquet, RIGCG, Chairman
Edward P. James, RIDGM
Ryan J. Groat, IGCC
Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM

2015 Report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievance

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

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances wishes to report that the Most Illustrious Grand Master, David G. Boring, received no appeals or grievances 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.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Seyferth, RIGPCW, Chairman
Gary Paquet, RIGCG
Ryan J. Groat, IGCC
Kenney L. Lenfestey, PMIGM
Donald L. Himes, PMIGM

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Most Illustrious Grand Master, It has been our pleasure to have attending the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Assembly, several Most Illustrious Companions of Sister Jurisdictions and Honored Guests and it has been a custom of this Grand Council to grant Honorary Memberships, I therefore move (Right Illustrious Grand Recorder) that the following Most Illustrious Companion of Sister Jurisdictions and Honored Guests be made Honorary Members of this Grand Council:

Most Illustrious Companion, Michael C. Stoner
Most Illustrious Grand Master of Indiana

Most Illustrious Companion, John M. Pratt
Most Illustrious Grand Master of Wisconsin

Most Illustrious Companion, Lynn B. Alexander
Most Illustrious Grand Master of Ohio

Most Illustrious Companion, Larry E. Raglan
Most Illustrious Grand Master of Illinois

Most Illustrious Companion, George H. Gifford
Most Illustrious Grand Master of Ontario

2nd by Illustrious Companion Corey F. Curtiss, carried.

2015 York Rite Golf Committee Report

The Annual York Rite Golf Outing at the Gladwin Heights Golf Club in Gladwin was held on Sunday, July 19, 2015. Once again, the weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day to spend on the links. Banner sales were down from the previous year with 74 sold but we did have one more team of golfers than last year.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st Place Team: Ted Hall, Barry Chapman, Phil Knapp, and Bill March. \$60.00
 2nd Place Team: Gail Winn, Loren Winn, Shirley Melby, Peter Roback \$40.00
 Longest Drive (men); Mike Cooper \$20.00
 Longest Drive (women); Shirley Melby \$20.00
 Closest to the pin: Didn't record name \$20.00
 Challenge Hole #7: No winner
 Challenge Hole #13 No winner
 Fewest Putts: Team of Ridgeway, Hayden, Cromartie and Simons \$40.00
 Putting Contest: Not held

The committee thanks all those who participated in this year's outing and also those volunteers who made the trip to Gladwin to help out.

Financial Statement

<i>Expenses</i>	
Cash Prizes Paid Out.....	\$ 285.00
Door Prizes, Raffle & Refreshments on Course.....	\$ 268.55
Plaque Update.....	donated \$ 00.00
Gladwin Heights Golf Course (for golf and dinner).....	<u>\$ 1670.23</u>
	\$ 2223.7
<i>Income</i>	
Golf Registration Fees.....	\$ 1600.00
Extra Meals (13@\$23.00).....	\$ 299.00
Income from Mulligans, 50/50, Raffle, and Other Sales.....	\$ 365.00
Donations (including prize money turned back in).....	\$ 44.00
Banner Sales (74).....	<u>\$ 1800.</u>
Total Income.....	\$ 4108.0
Subtract Expenses.....	<u>(\$ 2223.78)</u>
Net Profit.....	<u>\$ 1884.22</u>

\$1884.22 ÷ 3 = \$628.07 for each of the 3 Bodies' Charity of Choice
 York Rite Golf Committee

Steven R. Striggow PMIGM Chairman, SK Loren A. Winn PGC,
 MEC Robert E. Cooper PGHP, REC Don Galway GK, REC Carl John Peterson GM3V

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

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

Companions of the Grand Council of Michigan:.

This report tells a sad tale. Companions when you accept an appointment to an important job such as Arch Deputy, you should do your very best to fulfill the commitment you have made. Several that took on the important job of instructing and helping the councils in the state to be better, failed to perform those duties. The chart below shows which arch Deputies turned in reports for this year. I can only assume that if no report was sent in the schools and evaluations did not take place.

I can only send out so many requests, reminders and new forms. If they fall on deaf ears I can't force them to do the job they agreed to do. I guess that wearing the AD apron and jewel is all they wanted.

To those who performed their duty but simply did not turn in the report, I ask to remember the report is as important the schools. We can only judge the state of the councils by your reports.

I would like to thank the Grand Council for allowing me to serve as it's Grand Lecturer.

Respectfully submitted;
Stephen R. Striggow PMIGM
Grand Lecturer

Council	Arch Deputy	Score
Monroe #1	Newman	95
Pontiac #3	Newman	102
Nebuzaradan #6	Fossler	36
Mt. Clemens#8	Newman	94
Zabud #9	Fossler	59
Tyre #10	Caruss	88
Union #11	Newman	48
Niles #19	Foster	55
Lansing #29	Caruss	43
Leslie #50	Caruss	67
Marine City #59	Newman	99
Kalamazoo #63	Fossler	40
Hiawatha #65	Ford	56
Livingston #73	Newman	63
Straits Area #92	Ford	0
Middleville #94	Caruss	64

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

As we continue the work of this 157th Annual Assembly, let us also continue to be eternally grateful to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for his Blessings bestowed upon us as a great Masonic family. Yet the All Powerful Hand of our Supreme Grand Master has moved in the manner that we are all too familiar with. “as it is appointed unto man once to die” we realize the great sorrow that has made its presence known to many of our Companions this past year through the loss of loved ones by death.

In the Holy Bible – the New Testament, it is written in 2nd. Timothy, Chapter 4, Vs. 7 & 8, “I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.” Henceforth, there is laid up for me a “crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me” at that day. Our Grand Council Family has suffered the loss of a Most Worthy Companion since we last met. Sadly we report the loss of:

William Alan Siebert

Born: January 25, 1955

Died: January 11, 2015

He was born the son of William E. and Mary E. (Northrup) Siebert. Graduated from Southfield Lathrup High School in 1973, Albion College in 1977 and received his Law Degree from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School in 1980. Bill moved to Gladwin in 1986 and practiced law there until his death. Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Gladwin Lodge No. 397 on November 22, 1986. Served Gladwin Lodge twice as Worshipful Master, first in 1992 and then in 2014-2015. He also served the lodge for several years as secretary and had terms as a Board of General Purposes representative for the Grand Lodge of Michigan. He was an active member of the Mummies for the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Bay City. He was rewarded for his efforts in the Scottish Rite by being presented with the Meritorious Service Award in 2004. He was an active member in the Elf Khurafeh Shrine Temple.

Bill was very active in the York Rite of Masonry. Having served as High Priest of his Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Thrice Illustrious Master of his Council and Commander of his Commandery. He also served as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan in 2003. In August of 2014, Bill was elected to the Office of Scribe for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan until he stepped

down for unspecified reasons last November. He also served as head for several other Masonic organizations: North East Michigan York Rite College No. 16 (Distinguished Brother of the Purple Cross), Sunrise Council No. 418 Allied Masonic Degrees (Sovereign Master). An a member of Michigan Priory No. 22 Knight York Cross of Honour.

He is survived by his two brothers, Richard of Brighton and Randy (Beth) of Park City, Utah, one sister Sandi (Jim) Stretch of California, five nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was born a son
He matured into manhood
He was initiated into a fraternal brotherhood
and He died in the arms of his God
So Mote it be

The Michigan Constituent Council Recorders have reported a total of 48 Companions who have answered the call of our Supreme Grand Master this past year. May each of those faithful and dedicated Cryptic Masons, along with those who passed away from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions find their eternal rest at the Right Hand of the Father while we bid them a fond farewell. Well done good and faithful servants, enter thou into the Joy of Thy Lord.

Let us pray

Our Father, we know that Thy Spirit has been with us during this memorial tribute, and we pray that Thy presence may go with us as we continue our deliberations in token of our esteem for our absent brethren. May thy comfort and Thy love touch each one here, and may the broad mantle of Thy protecting care shield us and keep us ever safe. Bless us and keep us steadfast in all those virtues we so admired in our brethren whom Thou hast called and make us the instruments of Thy will, that brotherly love and peace may pervade Thy entire universe.
Amen

Respectfully submitted,
Terry G. Baker, PMIGM, Chairman
Dwight A. Humm, PMIGM
George W. H. Lyons, PMIGM
Gordon J. Karlake, PMIGM

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 Grand York Rite Committee, thank you for making the Annual Assembly a memorable event.
2. To the Distinguished Guests, we sincerely hope that you have enjoyed your stay here in our great State of Michigan, and wish you a safe journey home. It was a pleasure having you join with us in our Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.
3. To our Most Illustrious Grand Master David G. Boring, and lady Jill we thank you for your dedicated and devoted service to the Grand council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan. We wish you success in your future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM, Mt. Clemens # 8
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM, Marine City #59

**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:

Companions of Michigan,

At The Grand Council Assembly in 2014 the Companions approved the new format and changes to the Cryptic law book. In the past year the new books have been printed and distributed. This committee continues to work on updating Cryptic Law.

There is one new proposed amendment to be brought forward this year.

The members of this committee thank the Grand Council of Michigan for allowing them to serve this Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted;
Stephen R. Striggow PMIGM Chairman
Anthony M. Chamberlin PMIGM
Robert O. Troutman PMIGM

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following Officers were duly elected for the year 2015-2016

- Most Illustrious Grand Master.....Edward P. James (10)
- Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.....David L. Seyferth (54)
- Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.....Gary L. Paquet (59)
- Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer.....Brian K. Himes, PMIGM (8)
- Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.....Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM (59)
- Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard.....Ryan J. Groat (30)

Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect Edward P. James then appointed the following Officers:

- Illustrious Grand Chaplain.....Terry G. Baker, PMIGM (59)
- Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council.....David A. Roberts (1)
- Illustrious Grand Steward.....Corey F. Curtiss (86)
- Illustrious Grand Marshal.....Kenneth J. Simons Jr. (10)
- Illustrious Grand Sentinel.....Gene E. Newman (8)
- Illustrious Grand Lecture.....Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM (8)

**ARCH DEPUTIES
2015-2016**

- Gene E. Newman
- David A. Roberts
- Philip C. Smith
- Corey F. Curtiss
- Wayne E. Caruss
- Ronald B. Blaisdell, PMIGM
- Larry A. Inscho
- John A. Fossler
- William H. Ford
- Harley D. Ridgeway
- Kenneth Simons Jr.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

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

Installing Grand Master.....Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM
Installing Grand Recorder.....Donald L. Himes, PMIGM
Installing Grand Chaplain.....Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM
Installing Grand Marshal.....Dwight A. Humm, PMIGM

Following the obligation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Donald L. Himes, then presented Most Illustrious Companion Edward P. James with his Most Illustrious Grand Master’s Apron.

After the remaining Grand Officers were installed, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Warren A. Caruss installed the Grand Lecturer, Robert O. Troutman, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Arch Deputies for the Year 2015-2016.

AWARDS

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

The Cryptic Mason of the Year Award was presented by Right Puissant Companion, Ronald W. Guthrie, Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International to Illustrious Companion, Louis D. Scott Jr. from Livingston Council No. 73.

The Recorder of the Year Award was then presented by Most Illustrious Companion, Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder to Illustrious Companion John A. Fossler from Tyre Council No. 10

The Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year, Michael C. Forslund, from Hiawatha Council No. 65, and Adult Youth Leadership Award, Marliee Smiley, were named at the Grand Session earlier in the day due to their not being able to be with us at the Presentation at the Grand York Rite Banquet.

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,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM, Chairman
Robert O. Troutman, PMIGM

**GRAND COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES
2014-2015**

FINANCE

Wayne E. Caruss, (Ch)
Warren A. Caruss
Edward P. James
David L. Seyferth

JURISPRUDENCE

Stephen R. Striggow, (Ch)
Warren A. Caruss
Brian K. Himes
Robert O. Troutman

CONDITION OF THE RITE

Gary L. Paquet, (Ch)
Ryan J. Groat
Edward P. James
Robert O. Troutman

CREDENTIALS

Anthony M. Chamberlin, (Ch)
Bernard C. Kirchoff, (59)
Steve J. Eliopoulos, (8)

OBITUARY

Terry G. Baker, (Ch)
Dwight A. Humm
George W. H. Lyons
Gordon J. Karlake

ENDOWMENT

David L. Seyferth, (Ch)
Ryan J. Grout
David A. Roberts

**REVISIONS & PUBLICATION
OF CRYPTIC LAW**

Stephen R. Striggow, (Ch)
Robert O. Troutman

CAST DIRECTOR

David L. Seyferth, (Ch)

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS
2014-2015**

DIVISION AND REFERENCE

Dwight A. Humm, (Ch)
Brian K. Himes
Ronald B. Blasidell

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

David L. Seyferth, (Ch)
Gary L. Paquet
Ryan J. Groat
Kenney L. Lenfestey
Donald L. Himes

CHARTER AND DISPENSATIONS

Edward P. James, (Ch)
Gary L. Paquet
David A. Roberts

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anthony M. Chamberlin, (Ch)
Robert O. Troutman

RESOLUTION AND THANKS

Robert O. Troutman, (Ch)
Anthony M. Chamberlin

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Brian K. Himes, (Ch)
Larry A. Inscho (90)
Harry A. Walbridge (93)

RITUAL

Gary L. Paquet (Ch)
David L. Seyferth
Ryan J. Groat
Harley D. Ridgeway (10)
John A. Fossler (10)

PROTCOL

Ryan J. Groat, (Ch)
Gary L. Paquet
David A. Roberts

TELLERS

Anthony M. Chamberlin, (Ch)
George Otis (32)
Richard F. Gutowski (59)
Kenneth Simons (10)
John Hoyt (91)

COLLECTORS

Terry G. Baker, (Ch)
Shawn Bashore (90)
Gene Hosington (94)
James Wolfe (8)
Daniel Stewart (54)

**FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES
2014-2015**

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Grand Treasurer
Brian K. Himes
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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL YOUTH AWARD

1984 - Russell Helmer, Jr.	Flint 56
1985 - John K. Gale*	Union 11
1986 - Milton D. Olson*	Zabud 9
1987 - Robert B. Wardell*	River Raisin 4
1988 - Eric Nyman	Hiawatha 65
1989 - Nils Jay Larson*	Inverness 60
1990 - Frank E. Russell*	Ann Arbor 86
1991 - Albert Pontious*	Pontiac 3
1992 - Earle W. Mott*	Monroe 1
1993 - Lenzy R. Lewis	Flint 56
1994 - Roland B. Birch*	Saginaw 20
1995 - Kenneth E. Smiley	Lansing 29
1996 - Vernon T. Barnhart	Grand Ledge 62
1997 - John A. Jackson	Monroe 1
1998 - Armand Cote	Marine City 59
1999 - Ms. Jo Neil Shaw	G.G.
2000 - Peter Scholtz	A.G.G.
2001 - Benjamin R. Johnson*	Livingston 73
2002 - Deborah Lawrence	Supreme Deputy Rainbow
2003 - Bill Wilder	Grand Secretary Job's Daughters
2004 - Michael D. Zirkle	Saginaw 20
2005 - Larry M. Dillon	Exe, Officer, DeMolay
2006 - Lisa & Chris Standhart	Job's Daughters
2007 - Patricia Collier	All Youth Groups
2008 - Hazel Chapman	All Youth Groups
2009 - Robert C. Kogelschatz	Marine City 59
2010 - Wayne A. Hacker	Roseville DeMolay
2011 - Maureen K. Riley	Rainbow for Girls in MI
2012 - William E. LeVeque	All Youth Groups
2013 - David D. Hutton	Monroe 1
2014 - Ronald J. Johnson	Job's Daughters
2015 - Marliee Smiley	Job's Daughters

*Deceased

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

1977 - Robert S. Grieves*	Monroe 1
1978 - Lucian F. Hunt*	Marquette 72
1979 - Howard G. Branch*	Kalamazoo 63
1980 - W. Wallace Wilson *	Niles 19
1981 - David S. Willson*	Muskegon 54
1982 - Fred G. Catrell*	Livingston 73
1983 - Elmer Harpst*	George Hill 85
1984 - Howard C. Bedell*	Inverness 60
1985 - John 1. Dull*	Bedford 91
1986 - Earl C. Quackenbush*	Ann Arbor 86
1987 - Carl H. Cull*	Flint 56
1988 - Albert F. Cronheim*	Tyre 10
1989 - Harley B. Kinne*	Grand Ledge 62
1990 - Schuyler A. Erickson*	Niles 19
1991 - Masao Kon*	Ann Arbor 86
1992 - David H. Ahearn	Inverness 60
1993 - Randy C. Richardson*	Mt. Clemens 8
1994 - Ernest C. Folkmire*	Mt. Clemens 8
1995 - William R. Cook*	Inverness 60
1996 - Terence J. Donegan*	Saginaw 20
1997 - Paul A. Duke*	Mt. Clemens 8
1998 - Robert I. Vesey	River Raisin 4
1999 - Duane V. Todd	George Hill 85
2000 - William E. Coleman*	Muskegon 54
2001 - Bart A. Porter..	Durand 38
2002 - Fred W. Deady, Jr.*	Tyre 10
2003 - Donald L. Crist *	Darius 75
2004 - Laurel J. Moffit *	Durand 38
2005 - Howard Carpenter*	Straits Area 92
2006 - Philip C. Smith	Durand 38
2007 - Thomas J. Myers	Durand 38
2008 - Wayne E. Caruss	Grand Ledge 62
2009 - Robert C. Greenwood	Mt. Clemens 8
2010 - Arthur F. Girard	Monroe 1
2011 - William H. Ford	Straits Area 91
2012 - Richard E. James	Saginaw 20
2013 - John E. Nelson	Pontiac 3
2014 - Robert Daniel Resse	Pontiac 3
2015 - Louis D. Scott Jr.	Livingston 73

*Deceased

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

1988 - Roy E. McConnell	Cadillac 70
1989 - George I. Rutherford*	Durand 38
1990 - Henry F. Schroeder, III	Marine City 59
1991 - Herbert Glassmeyer*	Northville 30
1992 - Shirley W. Curtis *	Marine City 59
1993 - James J. Vann, Sr.	River Raisin 4
1994 - Aubrey W. Carless	Hiawatha 65
1995 - Lanier M. DeLind*	Williamston 64
1996 - Frank A MacWhirter.*	Mt. Clemens 8
1997 - Thomas F. Schultz	Muskegon 54
1998 - Corbin P. Elliott.	Monroe 1
1999 - Mark Schnesk*	Hiawatha 65
2000 - Jeffrey W. Sloboda	Tyre 10
2001 - Anthony M. Chamberlin	Marine City 59
2002 - Howard Carpenter*	Straits Area 92
2003 - John T. Updike	River Raisin 4
2004 - Robert W. Trussell	Mt. Clemens 8
2005 - Louis R. Cole	Pontiac 3
2006 - Jerry Ritzert	Straits Area 92
2007 - Ivan L. Fletcher	Monroe 1
2008 - Robert E. Cooper	Tyre 10
2009 - Robert J. Siekman	Cadillac 70
2010 - John A. Ames	Mt. Clemens 8
2011 - Edward P. James	Tyre 10
2012 - Ronald W. Tamlyn	Straits Area 92
2013 - Leonard A. Boss	Straits Area 92
2014 - Michael C. Forslund	Hiawatha 65

*Deceased

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*	Northville 30
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*	Muskegon 54
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	Hiawatha 65
2009 - George K. Summey	Nebuzaradan 6
2010 - Louis D. Scott	Livingston 73
2011 - Cortland C. Rule	Adrian 18
2012 - Arthur F. Girard	Monroe 1
2013 - Robert A. Schaeffer	George Hill 85
2014 - John A. Fossler	Tyre 10

*Deceased

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
Held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel
5700 E. 28th St., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546
August 21, 2014**

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 Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5700 E. 28th St., Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 21, 2014 at 3:20 PM.

Present were: President David G. Boring, Vice President Edward P. James, Treasurer Brian K. Himes, Secretary Anthony M. Chamberlin, and Director David L. Seyferth, Absent: none.

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

David G. Boring	President
Edward P. James	Vice President
Brian K. Himes	Treasurer
Anthony M. Chamberlin	Secretary
David L. Seyferth	Director

Vice President Edward P. James moved that the Minutes of the One Hundred and Fifty Fifth Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held in Lansing, Michigan, August 15, 2013, be approved as printed in the 2013 Annual Proceedings, Seconded by Treasurer Brian K. Himes, carried.

Treasurer Brian K. Himes moved that the Bills, pertaining to the Annual Assembly just completed, and the operation of the Grand Council be approved and paid. Seconded by Vice President Edward P. James, Motion carried.

Treasurer Brian K. Himes 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 Anthony M. Chamberlin, Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Annual Board of Directors will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City, Michigan 48708 on August 20, 2015, following the Installation of Grand Officers and the Arch Deputies.

No further business to come before this Meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes, seconded by Vice President Edward P. James motion carried, Closed at 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Anthony M. Chamberlin, P.M.I.G.M.
Grand Recorder

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 13, 2014**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons held at the Quality Inn, St. Ignace, Michigan on Saturday September 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was called to order by President David G. Boring at 10:00 AM. An opening prayer was then given.

The Roll Call of Officers was then called: President – David G. Boring, present; Vice President – Edward P. James, present; Treasurer – Brian K. Himes, present; Secretary – Anthony M. Chamberlin, present; Director – David L. Seyferth, present. Others that were present: Wayne E. Caruss, Warren A. Caruss, Dwight A. Humm, Gary L. Paquet, Terry G. Baker, Corey Curtiss, Stephen R. Striggow, Ryan J. Groat, Donald L. Himes and David A. Roberts.

SICK AND DISTRESSED:

Right Illustrious Companion David Seyferth's, mother in law passed away and our condolences were then given to David.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of August 19, 2014 were distributed and approved as distributed.

The Treasurers Report was then called; Treasurer Brian K. Himes then distributed his reported. He then moved that his report be accepted as printed, 2nd by Director David L. Seyferth, carried.

He then gave an accounting for the 2014 Grand Session. That the Grand Council was under budget again largely due to the fact that Scottish Rite did not send a representative. If they had that cost would have been an additional \$300.00 per group. The total refund was \$236.56.

BILLS:

The Recorder then distributed a list of Bills that were paid and money's that the Grand Recorder received during the last period. It was then moved by the secretary and 2nd by Director, David L. Seyferth, carried.

SURETY BOND:

The Secretary reported that he is still waiting for a reply from our insurance carrier.

CRYPTIC LAW BOOK:

The amendments to the Cryptic Law Book were approved at the Grand York Rite Session in August 21, 2014. Most Illustrious Companion Boring then complemented the Committee on the Cryptic Law Book on a job well done.

The Secretary then informed the Board of Directors that the index will be done by Past Most Illustrious Companion Robert O. Troutman. When this is completed the new Cryptic Law Book will be printed. The next question is how many to be printed. After discussion it was then decided to print 150 copies and that if more are needed in the future they will then be printed. The cost to the membership was then discussed. After much discussion it was decided to charge \$20.00 per copy. The new Cryptic Law Book will be 5 ½ X 8 ½ in a three ring purple binder.

ENDOWMENT TRUST TRUSTEES:

Chairman Wayne E. Caruss informed the board of directors that the money still needed to be moved. That the Trustees will be meeting to discuss the placement of the money.

CHARTERS:

Letters will again be sent to the Recorders of all councils to inform them that if their charter is in poor condition either fading out, water damage or just too bad of shape to even read what is on it. The Charter can and will be replaced at no charge to them.

TRADE MARK FROM ILLINOIS:

No Change

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL:

With Michigan be in charge of the Hospitality Room at the General Grand Session in Buffalo, New York in September 2014. Chairman Brian K. Himes reports that he has located a Sam's Club and Party supply stores to purchase the needed supplies for the Hospitality Room. That there will be four (4) other Hospitality Rooms that will be set up by other individuals running for Grand Offices. In addition to this, we, the Grand Council of Michigan will be opening the General Grand Session on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. \$2,000.00 was donated from the Triennial Fund for the Hospitality Room. The proposed amendments to the by-laws of General Grand Council were then distributed and discussed.

PROBLEM COUNCILS:

The Grand Recorder reported that Lansing Council No. 29, are thinking about consolidation. That the Most Illustrious Grand Master needs to set up a meeting with Lansing Council to find out exactly what needs to be done in this matter. Their 2013 Annual Return has not been received by the Grand Recorder.

At our August 19, 2014 Board of Directors meeting it was brought up to have the SEM Degree twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Further discussion is needed.

Most Illustrious Companion boring then talked about the following Committees:

Ritual Committee:

They are working on a questionnaire to be sent to all of the councils asking about any changes that they think needed to be done it the ritual. Chairman, Gary L. Paquet, to report back to the Board of Directors at a later date when information becomes available.

Protocol Committee:

This is a new committee to establish protocol for the Grand Council.

The Stroller Suit was then discussed as the proper attire for the Grand Officers. It was then noted that the Stroller Suit can be purchased in Canada, known as a funeral directors suit.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then informed the Grand Marshal that no collection of money will be done for a gift for the Most Illustrious Grand Master this year.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors a motion was then made by Vice President, Edward P. James and 2nd by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes to close the meeting, carried.

A closing prayer was then given and the meeting was then closed at 11:37 AM. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Friday, April 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Quality Inn, St. Ignace, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 10, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons held at the Quality Inn, St. Ignace, Michigan on Saturday April 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was called to order by President David G. Boring at 9:00 AM. An opening prayer was then given by Vice President Edward P. James.

The Roll Call of Officers was then called: President – David G. Boring, present; Vice President – Edward P. James, present; Treasurer – Brian K. Himes, present; Secretary – Anthony M. Chamberlin, present; Director – David L. Seyferth, present. Others that were present: Wayne E. Caruss, Warren A. Caruss, Dwight A. Humm, Gary L. Paquet, Terry G. Baker, Corey Curtiss, Stephen R. Striggow, Ryan J. Groat, Donald L. Himes, Kenneth Simons Jr., Gene E. Newman, James M. Kiefer, David A. Roberts, Cortland C. Rule, Stephen Vining, Fred Berry, Robert Crotty, Melvin Easterday and Steve J. Eliopoulos

DEATH:

The Secretary then reported the death of Past Most Illustrious Companion William A. Seibert on January 11, 2015. A moment of silence was then given in his memory.

SICK AND DISTRESSED:

Most Illustrious Companion Warren A. Caruss reported that he is cancer free. Illustrious Companion Wayne E. Caruss is doing well. Right Illustrious Companion David L. Seyferth has been suffering from an upper respiratory infection. Wife of Most Illustrious Companion Chamberlin, Julia, is doing well after knee replacement.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of September 13, 2014 were distributed and approved as corrected.

The Treasurers Report was then called; Treasurer Brian K. Himes then distributed his reported. He then moved that his report be accepted as printed, 2nd by Secretary Chamberlin, carried.

BILLS:

The Recorder then distributed a list of Bills that were paid and money's that the Grand Recorder received during the last period. It was then moved by the secretary and 2nd by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes, carried.

CRYPTIC LAW BOOK:

One copy of the new Cryptic Law Books has been sent to all of the Recorders and given to all of the Grand Officers. They were also sent to all of the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters. They will be available from the Grand Recorder for purchase at a cost of \$20.00 plus shipping and handling.

GRAND OFFICERS – PAST GRAND OFFICERS FUND

In the past the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers have donated money to pay for one night and the meals for the day of Grand Session for our Sweethearts. With the number of Sweethearts attending our Grand Session the cost is rising to the point that we are not collecting enough money to pay the expenses for them. With this information a motion was then made by Vice President, Edward P. James to make this a line item on our 2016 budget, 2nd by Director, David L. Seyferth, carried. We thank all of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers for funding the fund over the past years.

ENDOWMENT TRUST TRUSTEES:

Chairman Wayne E. Caruss informed the board of directors that the Trustees meet at the Strawberry Festival. That the Trustees will be meeting to discuss the placement of the \$13,000.00 into a fund.

CHARTERS:

Letters will again be sent to the Recorders of all councils to inform them that if their charter is in poor condition either fading out, water damage or just too bad of shape to even read what is on it. The Charter can and will be replaced at no charge to them.

TRADE MARK FROM ILLINOIS:

No Change

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL:

The amendments to the by-laws of General Grand Council were then discussed. With the increase of per capita per member to be paid to the General Grand Council from \$1.00 to \$2.00 this year and next year to \$2.50. We need to have legislation to cover the per capita to General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International. This could be a line item added to our Annual Returns under Assessments. But legislation is needed. A discussion was then held and legislation was then proposed. This legislation will now be recommended to the body at our Grand Session in August. The added cost of per capita will be handled by the Finance Committee with the budget.

Further discussion was then held as to why we continue to stay in General Grand Council. If we decide to withdraw we will need legislation to do that. Other than supplying the Most Illustrious Grand Master with a plaque for his service, Cryptic Mason of the Year jewel and pin and the Youth Award what have they given back to the Grand Council? If the legislation fails, there may be further discussion about withdrawal.

We have received a refund of \$3500.00 for the hospitality room at General Grand Council. \$1500.00 of that is to be returned to Mt. Clemens Council No. 8 as their portion of the returned refund.

PROBLEM COUNCILS:

The Grand Recorder reported that Lansing Council No. 29, has not sent in their 2013 Annual Return and their 2014 Annual Return is also not returned to the Grand Recorder. A discussion was held as to what action is to be taken. The decision to pull the charter was then made and to place the membership in Gedaliah Council No. 1858. The Most Illustrious Grand Master will contact those members interested and pickup the charter and whatever he can of the belongings of the council.

There are at the present time two councils that have membership problems. They are Zabud Council No. 9 and Bedford Council No. 91. The recorder for Zabud resigned due to the membership not attending the meeting of the council and the lodge building is in need of repair, no heat for two years, the bathrooms are not working and other problems. The council has discussed consolidating. Bedford Council membership stands at 15.

At our August 19, 2014 Board of Directors meeting it was brought up to have the SEM Degree twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Further discussion was held with on solution.

Middleville Council No. 94 has change its name to Friendship Council No. 94 and have move to R. C. Hathaway Lodge No. 387, 116 W. Main St., Caladonia, Michigan 49316

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors a motion was then made by Vice President, Edward P. James and 2nd by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes to close the meeting, carried.

A closing prayer was then given and the meeting was then closed at 10:30 AM. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at the Doubletree Hotel, Bay City Michigan, time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 18, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons held at the Doubletree Hotel, Bay City, Michigan on Tuesday August 18, 2015 at 7:15 PM.

The meeting was called to order by President David G. Boring at 7:15 PM. An opening prayer was then given by Vice President Edward P. James.

The Roll Call of Officers was then called: President – David G. Boring, present; Vice President – Edward P. James, present; Treasurer – Brian K. Himes, present; Secretary – Anthony M. Chamberlin, present; Director – David L. Seyferth, present. Others that were present: Warren A. Caruss, Dwight A. Humm, Gary L. Paquet, Terry G. Baker, Corey Curtiss, Stephen R. Striggow, Ryan J. Groat, Kenneth J. Simons Jr., Gene E. Newman, George W. H. Lyons and Michael Whiting.

SICK AND DISTRESSED:

Most Illustrious Companion Charles T. Myer's Wife, Jeri, passed away on April, 2014.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of April 10, 2015 were distributed and approved.

The Treasurers Report was then called; Treasurer Brian K. Himes then distributed his reported. It was then moved by Secretary, Chamberlin, that his report be accepted as printed in the Advance Proceedings, 2nd by Vice President James, carried.

BILLS:

The Recorder then distributed a list of Bills that were paid and money's that the Grand Recorder received during the last period. It was then moved by the secretary and 2nd by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes to pay the bills, carried.

CRYPTIC LAW BOOK:

One copy of the new Cryptic Law Books has been sent to all of the Recorders and given to all of the Grand Officers. They were also sent to all of the Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters. They will be available from the Grand Recorder for purchase at a cost of \$20.00 plus shipping and handling.

TRADE MARK FROM ILLINOIS: No Change

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL:

With the increase of per capita per member to be paid to the General Grand Council from \$1.00 to \$2.00 this year and next year to \$2.50. We have legislation to cover the per capita to General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International to be brought before the body at this Grand Session. This will be a line item added to our Annual Returns under Assessments if the legislation passes.

PROBLEM COUNCILS:

There are at the present time two councils that have problems. They are Zabud Council No. 9 and Marquette Council No. 72. Zabud Council No. 9 has discussed consolidating with Bedford Council No. 91. Further discussion is needed as more information is gathered. Marquette Council No. 72, they have not returned their 2014 Annual Return or per capita for 2014. We understand that they have had no legal assemblies for some time. Right Illustrious Companion, Gary L. Paquet will be directed to contact both Doug Wolfe and Ron Hill to discuss the problems and attempt to return with the 2014 Annual Return and per capita. Most Illustrious Companion William E. LeVeque could also be contacted for his assistance in this matter.

After much discussion it was then recommended that Marquette Council No. 72 be placed on probation for violation of Cryptic Law. A motion was then made to recommend to the Most Illustrious Grand Master for 2015-2016 year to place Marquette Council No. 72 on probation by the Secretary Chamberlin and 2nd by Director Seyferth, carried.

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Further discussion about the finances of Lansing Council No. 29 where then held. Illustrious Companion Corey Curtiss was then asked to contact the former Treasurer for Lansing Council about closing out the checking account and have a check issued to the Grand Council of Michigan in that amount and to see if any of the council's books, records and seal could be found and returned to the Grand Recorder.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors a motion was then made by Treasurer, Brian K. Himes and 2nd by Vice President, Edward P. James Treasurer, to close the meeting, carried.

A closing prayer was then given and the meeting was then closed at 7:50 PM. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Quality Inn, St. Ignace Michigan, at 10:00 AM .

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM
Secretary

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APPENDIX

2014 ABSTRACT OF RETURNS																										
Council Name	Council Number	2013 Membership	SFM Greeted	Restored	Dual Membership	Deceased	Life Membership	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Suspended	Demitted In	Demitted Out	Withdrawal	2014 Membership	Gain	Loss	Dues Remitted	Per Capita	SFM Fee	Life Membership Fee	Withdrawal Fee	Special Fee	Demit Fee	Amount Paid	Amount Due	
Monroe	1	161	7	1	0	5	49	0	0	8	0	0	2	154	0	7	1	1115.5	28	0	15	23.1	0	1216.1	1181.6	
Pontiac	3	62	3	0	0	1	12	0	2	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	2	506	12	15	0	9.3	0	542.3	542.3	
River Raisin	4	56	4	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	58	2	0	4	483	16	0	0	8.7	0	507.7	498.15	
Nebuzaradan	6	32	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	287.5	0	0	0	4.2	0	314.55	290.95	
Mt. Clemens	8	86	6	0	0	3	35	0	0	2	0	0	0	87	1	0	0	506	24	0	0	13.1	0	539.05	539.05	
Zabud	9	21	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	1	1	115	0	7.5	0	3	0	129.5	125.5	
Tyre	10	54	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	51	0	3	0	460	0	0	0	7.65	23	490.15	490.15	
Union	11	39	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	37	0	2	0	345	0	0	0	5.55	7.5	358.05	358.05	
Hiram	14	21	0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	3	0	115	0	0	0	2.7	0	117.7	117.7	
Adrian	18	35	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	1	38	3	0	0	287.5	24	7.5	7.5	5.7	0	324.7	332.2	
Niles	19	49	1	0	0	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	47	0	2	0	287.5	4	0	7.5	7.05	0	305.45	305.45	
Saginaw	20	51	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	4	45	0	6	0	460	4	0	30	6.75	0	554.25	500.75	
Lansing	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10.5	0	509	520.5	
Northville	30	74	1	0	0	5	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	4	2	506	4	0	0	3.9	0	149.5	164.9	
Jackson	32	28	0	0	0	1	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	26	0	2	2	161	0	0	0	7.2	0	487	482.7	
Durand	38	49	1	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	1	1	471.5	4	0	0	0	0	427	427	
Lislie	50	62	2	0	0	4	20	1	0	1	0	0	0	60	0	2	2	402.5	8	7.5	0	9	0	427	427	
Muskegon	54	36	1	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	0	2	0	287.5	4	0	7.5	5.1	0	300.25	304.1	
Flint	56	72	0	0	0	3	26	0	0	3	0	0	0	66	0	6	1	437	0	0	0	9.9	0	469.9	446.9	
Marine City	59	42	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	40	0	2	2	322	0	0	15	6	0	343	343	
Grand Ledge	62	29	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	2	0	287.5	4	0	0	4.05	0	288.05	295.55	
Kalamazoo	63	37	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	35	0	2	3	241.5	0	0	0	5.25	7.5	317.53	263.55	
Hiawatha	65	42	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	1	356.5	0	0	0	6.3	0	362.8	362.8	
Cadillac	70	40	1	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	37	0	3	0	391	4	0	0	5.55	7.5	438.7	438.7	
Marquette	72	33	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	2	299	0	0	0	4.8	0	292.3	303.8	
Livingston	73	72	1	0	0	2	6	0	0	2	0	4	2	63	0	9	3	598	4	0	15	9.45	30	633.45	656.45	
George Hill	85	21	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	2	17	0	4	0	126.5	0	0	15	2.55	0	144.05	144.05	
Ann Arbor	86	37	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	0	2	2	241.5	0	0	7.5	5.25	0	234.3	219.3	
Thumb	90	36	4	0	0	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	2	37	1	0	0	333.5	16	7.5	15	5.55	0	377.55	377.55	
Bedford	91	18	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	15	0	3	1	115	0	0	7.5	2.25	0	124.75	136.25	
Straits Area	92	50	4	0	0	4	7	0	0	3	0	0	2	45	0	5	1	368	16	0	15	6.75	0	489.5	417.4	
Sunnise	93	18	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	1	0	0	172.5	8	0	7.5	2.85	0	190.85	179.2	
Middleville	94	28	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	0	1	0	276	0	0	0	4.05	0	250.15	254.2	
Gedaliah	1858	20	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1511	46	1	0	51	336	3	4	33	0	10	23	1438	32	11362	184	45	173	213	75	11790	12019.8	12019.8			

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SUCCESSION OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Year, Name, Residence When Elected, and Remarks

- 1858 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867.
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 1860 FRANCIS DARROW; Pontiac. Died April 11, 1873.
 1861 JOHN CLARK, St. Clair. Died February 19, 1876.
 1862 DAVID BURHAM TRACY, Detroit. Died February 19, 1906.
 1863 EDWARD A. ELLIOT, Detroit. Died November 15, 1880.
 1864 GARRA BENJAMIN NOBLE, Detroit. Died February 9, 1897.
 1865 DAVID BOVEE, Coldwater. Died July 19, 1900.
 1866 SEAMAN L. DART, Coldwater. Died February 8, 1883.
 1867 WILLIAM SHERMAN EDWARDS, Hillsdale; Died May 19, 1913.
 1868 JOSEPH THAYER HAYDEN, Hillsdale. Died April 24, 1898.
 1869 CHARLES HIRAM PUTNAM, Hudson. Died May 15, 1895.
 1870 OLIVER LYMAN SPAULDING, St. Johns. Died July 30, 1922.
 1871 EBENEZAR SPRAGUE, Lyons. Died January 2, 1892.
 1872 HENRY SHAW NOBLE, Monroe. Died October 23, 1908.
 1873 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880.
 1874 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880.
 1875 MORTIMER MANSFIELD, Coldwater. Died December 20, 1883.
 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 HUDSON, 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.

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- 1898 CHARLES MILAN NORTON, Lansing. Died September 3, 1919.
1899 GEORGE DUDLEY SMITH, Muskegon. Died September 1, 1916.
1900 RICHARD ALDEN CATTON, Detroit. Died January 9, 1903.
1901 ITHAMAR TITUS SMITH, Hudson. Died June 13, 1926.
1902 BRYON CULVER HILL, Jackson. Died April 15, 1905.
1903 JOHN HAMPDEN KINGSLEY, Manchester. Died September 1, 1940.
1904 DALLAS DOW ALTON, Fremont. Died August 9, 1947.
1905 BAYARD ALFRED CHURCH, St. Louis. Died April 29, 1944.
1906 ARTHUR HAMILTON McCLOUD, Detroit. Died October 10, 1917.
1907 FRANK OSCAR GILBERT, Bay City. Died November 26, 1929.
1908 CHARLES HENRY PATTERSON, Jackson. Died June 1, 1948.
WILLIAM WENTE, Honorary, Manistee. Died February 25, 1915.
1909 EMORY TOWNSEND, Saginaw. Died October 18, 1933.
1910 WILLIAM PRICE PERRY, Hillsdale. Died December 26, 1923.
1911 JOHN NICHOL, Ionia. Died August 31, 1928.
1912 FRANK POMEROY WILCOX, Detroit. Died July 1, 1931.
1913 LOU BARNEY WINSOR, Reed City. Died November 8, 1936.
1914 JOHN HOMER McCALLUM, Sault Ste. Marie. Died Oct. 25, 1918.
1915 HORACE SHELDON MAYNARD, Charlotte. Died Sept. 2, 1917.
1916 CLARENCE A. HOWARD, Three Rivers. Died November 27, 1922.
1917 FRANK VINTON HALE, Pontiac. Died October 13, 1924.
1918 CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE, Grand Rapids. Died Oct. 12, 1936.
1919 FRANK SCADDEN, Crystal Falls. Died September 6, 1929.
1920 H. BURR LEE, Petoskey. Died May 27, 1951.
1921 ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR, Pontiac. Died March 21, 1933.
1922 HOWARD EDGAR SLOCUM, Corunna. Died December 2, 1957.
1923 WILLIS VIRGIL CAPRON, Flint. Died June 9, 1924.
1924 CHARLES WADE MIXER, Hastings. Died November 11, 1934.
1925 WILLARD B. OAKES, Lansing. Died May 17, 1929.
1926 NEIL EDWIN REID, Mount Clemens. Died May 4, 1956.
1927 DANIEL WILLARD McMILLAN, Detroit. Died August 31, 1938.
1928 JOHN PALMER WOOD, Lakeland, Florida. Died March 30, 1947.
1929 EDWIN JESSE MacMILLAN, Grand Rapids. Died Oct. 30, 1938.
1930 JAMES STEPHEN POTTER, Hillsdale. Died Dec. 23, 1954.
1931 ORON JOHN RICHARD BURY, Ann Arbor. Died Sept. 29, 1944.
1932 ARTHUR EDDY WEST, Kalamazoo. Died April 22, 1941.
1933 ARTHUR EDDY WEST, Kalamazoo. Died April 22, 1941.
1934 JOHN E. CLARK. Died September 15, 1972.
1934 WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSTON, Leslie. Died June 6, 1948.
1935 FRED A. YOUNG, Dowagiac. Died April 23, 1980.
1936 WILLIAM ALOYS BILZ, Spring Lake. Died April 12, 1940.
1937 CLAUDE EZRA FURGASON, Lansing. Died February 4, 1939.
1938 WILLIAM CLIFFORD WHEATON, Elk Rapids. Died Dec 17, 1962.
1939 SAMUEL RYERSON WILDE, Saginaw. Died June 15, 1956.
1940 ARCHIE KIDFORD ADAMS, Iron Mountain. Died March 16, 1950.
1941 HOLLIS J. COLYER, Pleasant Ridge. Died June 4, 1967.

- 1942 HAROLD P. WILLIAMS, R.F.D, Otisville. Died June 2,1967.
1943 MARK C. CARPENTER, Glendora, California. Died Feb. 12, 1965.
1944 JOHN D. RIGG, Hillsdale. Died May 23,1965.
1945 RUSSELL J. HAMMOND, Lake City. Died December 16, 1984.
1946 FRANK J. MEISTER, St. Petersburg, Florida, Died Jan. 30, 1960.
1947 SAMUEL E. BALLANTINE, Detroit. Died August 5, 1948.
1948 DONOVAN L. DYER, Ann Arbor. Died August 24, 1961.
1949 WILLIAM E. DORAN, Flint. Died January 3, 1976.
1950 JOE RICE, Tecumseh. Died October 15, 1965.
1951 CHARLES H. SINCLAIR, Cadillac. Died October 5,1968.
1952 LLOYD E. KNAPP, Lansing. Died October 20, 1976.
1953 DONALD D. BOUDEMANN, Kalamazoo. Died December 24,1979.
1954 CLYDE G TOWNSEND, Pontiac. Died March 15, 1964.
1955 RUSSELL H. KIKSTADT, Clearwater, Florida, Died December 6, 1990.
1956 CLIFFORD A. TAYLOR, Spring Lake. Died December 29,1966.
1957 ARVIDE R. NORTH, Mason. Died May 25, 1984.
1958 CHARLES D. LOGSDON. Zephyrhills, Florida, Died Nov. 24, 1989.
1959 RAYMOND M. CARLSON, Okemos. Died September 17,1972.
1960 JAMES VAN WAGONER, Saginaw. Died September 7, 1975.
1961 WILLIAM H. HARMON, Cheboygan. Died October 22, 1977.
1962 JOSEPH H. MURRAY, Kalamazoo. Died August 14, 1967.
1963 ARTHUR N.ROZELLE, Brooklyn. Died March 5, 1986.
1964 WALTER S. PATTISON, Muskegon. Died August 7, 1965.
1965 ROYCE E. CURLIS, Sault Ste. Marie. Died June 1, 1997.
1966 EARL E. PETTIT, Williamston. Died November 30, 1979.
1967 KENNETH I. PENBERTHY, Royal Oak. Died March 6,1988.
1968 CHARLES PHILO SHEFFIELD, Grand Rapids. Died June 17, 2004.
1969 LELAND C. DENNIS, Pontiac. Died October 16, 1985.
1970 WARREN G. MAJOR, Centreville. Died July 13, 1998.
1971 WANG-JUITING (RAY) LIVINGSTON, Boulder, CO. Died April 18, 1995.
1972 ROBERT S. SPENCER, Lakeland, FL. Died October 31, 1985.
1973 RICHARD GLEN DEANE, Flushing. Died September 18, 1992.
1974 JOHN LONGO, Winter Haven, Florida, 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, Died March 21, 2012
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. Died February 10, 2013

- 1989 ROBERT PAUL BISHOP, Flint. Died June 16, 1991.
- 1990 GEORGE W. H. LYONS, Shelby Twp.
- 1991 MICHAEL LOUIS STELLUTE, Concord. Died September 6, 2009
- 1992 ERNEST BERRY, Trenton.
- 1993 JEFFREY KEITH BURK, Gaylord.
- 1994 MICHAEL JAMES JUNGEL, Vicksburg.
- 1995 KENNETH DEAN CHANDLER, Mason. Died July 27, 2013
- 1996 CHARLES EDWARD STEWART, Monroe, Died April 10, 2012
- 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, Died May 8, 2011
- 2002 WILLIAM EUSTACE LE VEQUE, Wetmore.
- 2003 WILLIAM A. SIEBERT, Gladwin.
- 2004 TERRY GAYLORD BAKER, Marysville.
- 2004 MICHAEL WHITING. Pontiac.
- 2005 KENNEY L. LENFESTEY, Brighton
- 2006 WARREN A. CARUSS, Lansing
- 2007 HENRY L. SEITZ, Stephenson, Died August 3, 2011
- 2008 ANTHONY MARTIN CHAMBERLIN, Marysville
- 2009 BRIAN KURT HIMES, Eastpointe
- 2010 STEPHEN R. STRIGGOW, Holly
- 2011 DWIGHT A. HUMM, Midland
- 2012 ROBERT O. TROUTMAN, Eastpointe
- 2013 BART ALLEN PORTER, Owosso, Died June 5, 2014
- 2014 DAVID G. BORING, Grosse Pointe Park

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2015 ASSEMBLY
 THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF
 THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

The Seventy First Annual Assembly of the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was opened in due form at the Doubletree Hotel, Bay City, Michigan on August 20, 2015, at 4:35 PM by the Thrice Illustrious Master Michael Roberts. A warm welcome was extended to all members and guests.

A moment of silence was held in memory of T.I. Companion William A. Siebert, TIM, who passed away on January 11, 2015.

It was moved and seconded that today's class be named in honor of M.I.C. William A. Siebert. The motion was carried.

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

Robert D. Reece, Jr.	Pontiac Council No. 3
Robert D. Crotty	Mount Clemens Council No. 8
Kenneth J. Simons, Jr.	Tyre Council No. 10
Philip C. Trytko	Niles Council No. 19
James T. Groat	Northville Council No. 30
George M. Otis	Jackson Council No. 32
Stephen D. Vining	Jackson Council No. 32
Ronald C. Siegwald	Flint Council No. 56
Brian H. Wilcox	Marine City Council No. 59
David F. Mackenzie	Kalamazoo Council No. 63

Larry J. Palmer
Steven R. Davidson
Eugene C. Hoisington

Howell Council No. 73
Straits Area Council No. 92
Friendship Council No. 94

The following Companions were elected to receive the Order but were unable to be in attendance.

Shawn M. Bashore Thumb Council No. 90
Brent M. Ferns, Sr. Sunrise Council No. 93

The prologue was given by Illustrious Companion John D. Landis, from Northville Council No. 30. 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 Michael Roberts
King David Michael Roberts
T.I. Senior Warden Philip Smith
T.I. Junior Warden James M. Kiefer
T.I. Steward Larry A. Inscho
T.I. Chaplain David W. Dossette
T.I. Recorder/Treasurer Brian K. Himes, PTIM
T.I. Sentinel Corey F. Curtiss

1st. Herald Gary Leach
2nd. Herald Gene E. Newman
3rd. HeraldHarley D. Ridgeway
4th. Herald Richard Hitch
5th. Herald Stephen R. Striggow
6th. Herald Edward P. James
7th. Herald John Updike
8th. Herald Steve J. Eliopoulos
Prologuizer..... Stephen R. Striggow

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 Michael Roberts called to order the Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters for the business of the Council.

Thrice Illustrious Master Michael Roberts congratulated the newly made Thrice Illustrious Masters and hoped that they had enjoyed the conferral of the degree.

Thrice Illustrious Master Michael Roberts called upon Robert D. Crotty the class exemplar for remarks.

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

Thrice Illustrious Master Michael Roberts 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 2014 Proceedings be approved. The motion carried.

The Recorder/Treasurer then presented the following Financial Report:

Financial Report

Balance as of August 21, 2014	\$1,600.85
Receipts from Fees (2014)	\$ 200.00
Receipts from Fees (2015)	\$ 000.00
Expenses:	
Check 1003 Brian K. Himes	\$ 100.00
Check 1004 CMMRF	\$ 100.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Balance as of August 20, 2015	\$1,600.85

It was moved and seconded to receive the Recorder/Treasurer Financial Report subject to audit. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to pay the Recorder the annual fee of \$100.00 as stated in the By Laws. The motion carried.

The Recorder had no out of pocket expenses.

It was moved and seconded to donate \$100.00 to CMMRF. The motion carried.

Election of Officers for 2015-2016

It was moved and seconded the Officers be advanced one station, and that the Recorder/Treasurer be reelected. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that Stephen R. Striggow be elected Sentinel. The motion carried.

Companion David W. Dossette was appointed Chaplain by the incoming Thrice Illustrious Master Philip C. Smith. The incoming Thrice Illustrious Master appointed the Prologuizer and Heralds, and all accepted their appointments.

2015-2016 Officers

- Philip C. Smith, No. 38Thrice Illustrious Master
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- Brian K. Himes, PTIM, No. 8 Thrice Illustrious Recorder/Treasurer
24584 Laetham, Eastpointe, MI 48021-1046, (586) 772-5582**
- Corey F. Curtiss, No. 86..... Thrice Illustrious Steward
200 N. Fairview, Lansing, MI 48912**
- Stephen R. Striggow, No. 38..... Thrice Illustrious Sentinel
545 Tenny Street, Holly, MI 48442-1533**
- David W. Dossette, No. Thrice Illustrious Chaplain
13669 Hannan Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1054, (734) 941-3056**

Prologuizer

**John D. Landis, No. 30
452 Princeton Street, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 335-7123**

Heralds

- 1st Gary Leach, No. 11 (2014)
20437 W. Outer Drive, Dearborn, MI 48124-2461**
- 2nd Gene E. Newman, No 8, (2012)
7227 Maxwell, Warren, MI 48091-3571**

- 3rd **Harley D. Ridgeway No. 1 (2013)**
9397 Ingalls Road, Belding, MI 48809
- 4th **Richard Hitch, No. 30 (2012)**
517 S. Sybald Street, Westland, MI 48186-3868
- 5th **John A. Ames, No. 8 (2016)**
17142 Wales Drive, Macomb, MI 488044-3385
- 6th **Edward P. James, No. 10 (2013)**
6361 128th Ave., Fennville, 49408
- 7th **Donald C. Mayville, No.73 (2016)**
148 Belmont Lane Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9025
- 8th **Steve J. Eliopoulos, No. 8 (2014)**
20681 Roscommon, Harper Woods, MI 48225-2203

The Officers were installed by M.I.C. Warren A. Caruss, PMIGM.

Thrice Illustrious Master Philip C. Smith thanked the installing officers and members for their confidence and support.

The Recorder then presented a Past Thrice Illustrious Masters Jewel to Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Michael Roberts.

The Michigan Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters was then closed in due form by the Thrice Illustrious Master Philip C. Smith at 5:44 PM.

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	*R. L. Hart Oldham, No. 57, Marshall
1969-70	*Floyd E. Barnes, No. 19, Niles
1970-71	*Charles W. Rideoutt, No. 54, Spring Lake
1971-72	*Walter D. Hutchins, No. 30, Wayne
1972-73	*Kai V. Kofoed, No. 10, Grand Rapids
1973-74	*Kenneth Yager, No. 60, Roscommon
1974-75	*Benjamin A. Rossin, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1975-76	*George S. Parker, No.59, New Hudson
1976-77	*O. Eugene Osborne, No. 1, Trenton
1977-78	*Earl C. Quakenbush, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1978-79	*Ralph W. Raiford, Jr., No. 86, Ann Arbor
1979-80	*Orville J. Henschel, No. 37, Constantine
1980-81	Charles T. Myer, No. 1, Trenton
1981-82	*Masao Kon, No. 86, Ann Arbor
1982-83	*Richard M. Crofut, No. 4, Trenton
1983-84	*Jack N. Shimonishi, No. 30, Detroit
1984-85	*Raymond A. McPhee, No. 23, Lansing
1984-85	*Kensell R. Goss, No. 63, Gobels (Honorary)
1985-86	*W. Wayne Stephenson, No. 60, Wolverine
1986-87	*Gorman Nicholson, No. 1, Gibraltar
1987-88	*David F. Hicks, No. 32, Brooklyn
1988-89	Ernest Berry, No. 4, Trenton
1989-90	*Kendall E. Welch, No. 3, Pontiac
1990-91	*John J. Dull, No. 9 & 91, Nashville
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
2010-11	K. Lee Yeager, No. 4, Temperance
2011-12	Donald L. Trumbull, No. 73, Pinckney
2012-13	John T. Updike, No. 4, Temperance
2013-14	Robert E. Cooper, No. 10, Cedar Springs
2014-15	*William A. Siebert, No. 20, Gladwin
2014-15	Michael Roberts, No. 4, Monroe
2015-16	Philip C. Smith, No. 38, Fenton

DEFUNCT COUNCILS

St. Clair 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

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 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
 Sandusky 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
 Manistee Council No. 46, Revoked July 21, 2011
 Lansing Council No. 28, Revoked April 21, 2015

In Memoriam

William A. Siebert

Most Illustrious Grand Master

Elected: August 11, 2003
Presided: August 18, 2004



Born: January 25, 1955
Trenton, Michigan
Died: January 11, 2015
Gladwin, Michigan



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The Honored Dead
of our
Sister Grand Jurisdictions
Year 2014

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



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