



# Council News and Views

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Arch Adjutant Ronald L. McComas wheels a resident to the fieldhouse for hot dogs and hamburgers at the York Rite Ohio Masonic Home Day picnic August 5.

## Diabetic Kids Go To Camp Courtesy of Council Masons

It was another banner year for the Diabetic Kids Fund as Council members worked to raise funds to assist children to attend special diabetic camps.

Companions sold products, maintained interstate rest stops, sponsored dinners, solicited at Wal-Mart and other stores, and found many other ways to help the Kids. The I.R.S. recognizes the fund as a 501(c)(3) charitable fund and donations are tax-deductible.

While the amount raised did not reach the record results of last year, it still exceeded those of previous years.

The Grand Council Charity and Benevolent committee will meet Sept. 13 to review the year and allocate funds to the various camps.

Last year Council Masons gave \$16,000 to Camp Ho-Mita-Koda (near Cleveland), \$15,000 to Camp Hamwi (Columbus); \$ 10,000 to Camp Ko-Man-She (Dayton); \$9,000 to Camp

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## Third Arch Announces Grand Reception Oct. 27

The Third Arch, home of Deputy Grand Master Bobby G. Campbell, has announced a reception for the Grand Council officers Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Dayton Mall Holiday Inn in Miamisburg. The duet plate dinner will be \$30. The social hour will begin at 5 p.m. with pre-dinner ceremonies at 6:15 p.m. Checks should be made payable to the Third Arch and sent to Michael Smith, 1219 Sherwood Forest Dr., West Carrollton 45449. Room reservations at \$79 plus tax may be made to the hotel (437) 434-8030.

## Leaders Resource Course Completions Top 300

Over 300 Cryptic Masons have now completed the Cryptic Leaders Resource Course chairman James E. Richards announced last month. Enrollments now number 432. The Seventh Arch reached 95 completions as Woodward Council 118 took it as a team project following its April meeting. The Fourth Arch has 66 completions. Certificates are being distributed to the graduates of this open book study of the Grand Council.

## England Cryptic Leaders to Attend Annual Grand Assembly

An interesting addition to the Grand Assembly will be the attendance of two leaders from the Grand Council of England and Wales. David S. Pratt is the District Grand Master for the Yorkshire District. He will be serving as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Ohio near the Grand Council of England and Wales.

Michael A. Richards is a Past District Grand Master for the East Midlands.

## Metro Parks Speaker to Entertain Ladies at Brunch

Stories of "Common Animals of Ohio" will be related at the ladies brunch Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. at the grand assembly. Mixing humor with little know facts, she talks about the animals roaming the Cleveland Metro Parks. The brunch is open to all ladies, but advance reservations are required.

## Independence Beckons Cryptic Masons for Grand Assembly September 30-October 2

Grand Council delegates will head for the Independence Holiday Inn for the annual Grand Assembly Sept. 30-October 2. The top-rated hotel has been a favorite gathering place for Masonic activities at the intersection of I-77 and I-480 over the years because of its extensive facilities and excellent service.

Registration for the 178<sup>th</sup> annual session will open at 3 p.m. Sunday as the host Seventh Arch welcomes companions and their ladies.

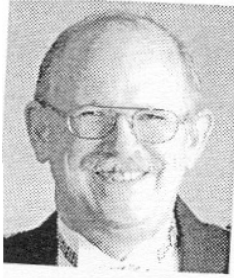
Grand Chaplain John R. Selders will conduct the traditional devotional service at 6 p.m. Sunday. Rev. Selders, the Grand Prior of the Northern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite, is noted for interspersing humorous wit in his down-to-earth messages.

The huge reception party will be Sunday evening as bobby sox will prevail in a return to Lake Wobegon. There'll be music from the 50's and 60's as Grand Council officers greet visitors and their ladies. After Niles Council No. 130 opens a Council at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Grand Master James B. Parker IV will assume the gavel for the reception of Masonic leaders including several out-of-state visitors. Grand Representatives will be recognized during the morning session. (continued on page three)



Grand Master James B. Parker IV appointed P.G.M. Robert R. Rettig Grand Treasurer to fill the unexpired term of David L. Stickel and installed him in an informal ceremony August 1.

The  
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What a great Year we have had to this point. With only 30 days remaining there is still a great deal to accomplish. Being in almost constant contact with our co-workers, Jim McDonald and Bruce Basil and of course Mike Himes any issues any of us saw have gotten instant answers. The Advocate's Program I give most of the credit for the large class of candidates all three York Rite Bodies enjoyed this past 9 months. I say that because most of the Grand Master candidates are still in the Chapter process. The Council and Commandery will not see them until this fall. Just think of it, we have not had hold over candidates in this quantity for years.

My hat is off to the many Councils that took the time to complete the Grand Master's Award for this year.

We are planning a Great Opening and first three days for this year's Grand Week. Sunday we will be celebrating a return to the by gone day of large classes of candidates. We have turned the corner and a trip to Lake Wobegon High for a Sock Hop will be FUN.

With summer upon us, it is Report Card time. How are we doing? Nine months are now ready for the history books and what can we say for the way we spent the time. The constituent Council year has ended. Typically not too much happens from Installation in June till October, but this year will be different. In reviewing the obvious turnaround in our Councils we have many candidates remaining to receive our Degrees and Orders. This will be a well-deserved head start on your production for the 2007-08 York Rite year.

Preparation for the M.W.G.M. Class was well executed. The follow-up has been a little slow for a number of reasons, but progress is being made. The record will show that looking at the past eleven years we placed first in almost all categories. Our measurables are: Advancements, Reinstatements, Net Change, Suspension and Demits. **Advancements:** We scored the largest number of Candidates in the past 11

years. **Reinstatements:** (42) is slightly above average. Deaths continued the projected trend. 16 Councils plussed in membership while an additional 8 showed no loss. This is a total of **25% plus and no lost Councils.** Great Job! **Total Losses** lowest in the past 11 years. **Net Change; Suspension: Non-Payment of Dues; Demits down 20%. Good Job in all the above.** The down side, and one where we need to go to work, is **Suspension: Non-Affiliation.** Here the Council and Commandery have little choice but to follow suit. Non-Affiliation means they were suspended in Chapter for some reason. But remember we are all Chapter members, so we are a part of the problem/opportunity. Suspensions for Non-Affiliation were **over a 100 higher** than we have seen in the past at least 10 years. This was a shock to say the least. Work has begun to contact all those members we have suspended to ascertain exactly why they quit, and if there is a need for stewardship and Brotherly Assistance.

For the past 10 months I have enjoyed immensely the opportunity to share my vision of our organization emerging from our wide spread decline. The results you achieved are nothing short of outstanding. Your Grand Master has increased his miles traveled to just over 58,000. We still have 95,000 potential candidates in Lodge and another 5,000 in Chapter. So you can expect, just like Jacob's ladder, the mileage will continue to climb higher and higher.

There were many expectations and deliverables set for our accomplishments. I apologize to those Councils where I was unable to bring you greeting, but I have full confidence in your Inspector and his TEAM to spread the word. We are meeting the Goals. We promised a new look at Life Membership. We will have proposals ready for your consideration in October. We promised our great Newsletter in every home. Most Councils corrected their Mailing Lists and the remaining Recorders are close to finishing.

As you enjoy your summer break, remember to pray for our Troops, their Leaders and your Council Leaders. When fall comes we need to spring back into action and keep the forward momentum going. A zero loss is now easier to get, keep up the good work.

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The Grand Recorder Observes . . .  
Council Masonry Creates  
A New Character

When a member enters the council assembly room he takes on a new character, trading his worldly title of "Mr," for that of "Companion."

Leaving his titles in the profane world behind, he humbly shares the joys and sorrows of his companions as they share his.

The formal decorum of Council Masonry sets it apart from clubs and associations.

Faith, friendship, and fidelity are identifiable in companions of the Cryptic Rite.

**The Deputy Grand Master Reflects**

As we begin a new year, with all the new challenges to come, I find myself looking forward to the many great opportunities we will have to further the Cryptic Rite in Ohio. I am very proud of the work and progress the Cryptic Rite has made this past year and I thank you for letting me represent you as your Deputy Grand Master. I hope to be able to visit with many of you at the Grand Council session this year. Cathy and I extend a personal invitation to each of you to attend the reception the 3<sup>rd</sup> Arch is having for us on October 27. Your work for and your devotion to your councils is a memory that I will always keep as I travel throughout the state.

*Bobby G. Campbell, D.G.M.*

**Otis Heads Secy-Recorder Assn.**

Joel A. Otis, Recorder of Windermere Council 113, was installed president of the York Rite Secretaries and Recorders Association August 18. William A. Channell (Guernsey 74) was advanced to First Vice President. Burke A. Cumbie (Marion 22) presided at the annual meeting in Delaware.

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