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Bobby G. Campbell, Most Illustrious Grand Master Delegates Elect Campbell Grand Master for 2007-2008

Bobby G. Campbell (Adoniram 131) was installed Most Illustrious Grand Master at the Grand Assembly October 1-2 in Miamisburg. Fred A. Boggs (Loyalty 146) was advanced to Deputy Grand Master, and William E. Laughlin (Norwalk 24) to Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. Robert R. Rettig was elected Grand Treasurer and Merlyn E. Meredith was reelected Grand Recorder. Robert K. Rhinehart (Niles 130) was elected Grand Sentinel. Edwin G. Herrick (Ashland 128) replaced Laughlin as Inspector of the Fourth Arch, and Johnny J. Kuhn (Bosworth 46) was named Sixth Arch Inspector. Pat C. Lively, Douglas A. Habegger, William R. Eagle, Leonard R. Johnson, Lynn B. Alexander and Richard J. Amlung were advanced.

Order of Silver Trowel Adds 48

Richard B. Jackson, King of the Council of Anointed Kings, conferred the Order of the Silver Trowel in the hotel on 33 Illustrious Masters, 5 Past Masters, and 10 distinguished guests Monday afternoon at the Grand Assembly.

2008 Grand Assembly

The 2008 annual grand assembly will be October 5-7 in the Dayton Mall Holiday Inn in Miamisburg.

Council's \$59,000 To Help Diabetic Kids Go To Camp

Delegates voted to contribute \$59,000.00 to the six diabetic camps at the official annual meeting of the Grand Council Benevolent Fund, Inc. October 2.

The Diabetic Kids Fund supported Camp Ho-Mita-Koda (Cleveland); Camp Ko-Man-She (Dayton); Camp Hamwi (Columbus); Camp Korelitz (Cincinnati); Camp Libbey (Toledo); and Camp Glenn (Findlay).

In accordance with the by-laws, Bobby G. Campbell was named President of the fund, and Fred A. Boggs Vice President.

Grand Master Rewards Masters For Meeting Goals

Nineteen Masters received plaques for fulfilling Grand Master James B. Parker's goals. They were Charles W. Rich 116; Howard Lauder milk 141; Charles L. Miller 83; David R. Rhine 128; Kenneth G. Jones 15; Rodney L. Carr 39; Johnny J. Kuhn 46; Timothy M. Reid 71; Willis R. Ridgeway 92; Robert E. Baker Sr. 58; Mark A. Rampach 104; Robert R. Childers 111; Johnny F. Manis 113; Richard H. Vilfroy 118; David S. Thompson 125; Theodore L. Puzo 145; Jesse L. Moore 80; David E. Schroder 12; and Gerald G. Pugh 78.

Seminar Features Ho-Mita-Koda

An officer leadership seminar at the Grand Assembly featured Jackie Dickson of the Camp Ho-Mita-Koda staff.

Gerber Award for Courage Goes To Two York Rite Leaders

Two York Rite leaders, Richard J. Amlung and Donald W. Owens, received the P. Dean Gerber award at Grand Lodge.

It is awarded to a Mason who shows unusual courage and a zest for life while battling a life-threatening illness.

Amlung is Inspector of the Eighth Arch while Owens is Recorder of Cincinnati Council No.1 and Master of the Second Veil of the Grand Chapter.

Grand Master Creates Council Of Research and Development To Study Cryptic Masonry

An exciting new venue has been introduced to Ohio Council Masonry by Grand Master Bobby G. Campbell.

The Ohio Council of Research and Development has been chartered and has scheduled its first meeting for Saturday, Dec. 29 in the Cuyahoga Falls Masonic Center.

The new Council has been charged to seek the history and meaning of Cryptic Masonry and to present papers which might be most interesting and valuable to Cryptic Masonry in Ohio. It is also to explore ways to make Cryptic Masonry more interesting with participation.

Grand Master Campbell has selected 27 companions to be charter members and named Norman G. Lincoln as the Illustrious Master. Other officers are Fred A. Boggs, D.M.; Paschal A. King, P.C.W.; Kermit V. Zimmerman, C.G.; Theodore M. Graybill, C.C.; William E. Laughlin, Steward; Ivan M. Tribe, Sent.; Douglas A. Habegger, Chaplain; and Merlyn E. Meredith, Rec.-Treas.

Michael A. Himes and Louis S. VanSlyck will serve as Trustees along with Campbell.

The first meeting is open to all Cryptic Masons at 3:00 p.m. followed by dinner by reservation in the Cuyahoga Falls Masonic Center, 2307 Sackett St.

At least one paper will be presented that evening which will be of special interest to those who plan to preside in their Council. *(continued on page 3)*



Richard J. Amlung receives the P. Dean Gerber medal from M. W. Grand Master Michael A. Himes at Grand Lodge October 18.

The Grand Master Says

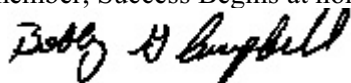
What an exciting time Cathy and I have experienced since you elected me as your Grand Master. We have already been able to visit many Arches in this great state and have been extended wonderful hospitality and friendship.

The quality of the degree work, along with the enthusiasm, work ethics and cooperation among the companions has truly been inspiring to see. I am very pleased to see councils continuing the degree work they started before the summer break. As our friends in Royal Arch Chapters advance their candidates, follow-up by our councils has been excellent. I congratulate the councils for a job well done.

Companions, thank you for your continued support of the Diabetic Kids Fund. When I met with you at the Deputy Grand Master's meetings, I asked that you increase your support of the Diabetic Kids Fund. Even if you can increase your donation only by one dollar, that dollar will greatly help. As more and more children are diagnosed with diabetes each month, the need for increasing the help provided by our Grand Council's Diabetic Kids Fund is also growing monthly. We do not want any child denied the experience of attending camp because there was not enough money available to cover the necessary fees. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

In promoting my theme for the year, I have asked the Grand Council officers to join with me and to visit and spend as much time with the individual councils as possible. Your advice and comments are always appreciated by the Grand Council officers. My companions, I believe that only with your work, your support, and your help can our Grand Council grow and prosper. For the past several years you have been given several different tools to help you manage and promote your Councils. I look forward to watching as you begin to put them to work.

Remember, Success Begins at home.



Ross R. Black to Represent Grand Council on OMH Board

Ross R. Black II has been appointed to the Ohio Masonic Home board by Grand Master Bobby G. Campbell.

A family physician, Black is Deputy Master of Cuyahoga Falls Council and chairman of the Grand Council benevolent resources committee. He will represent the Grand Council on the board.

P.G.M. Richard L. Harless was the Council representative for many years. He was succeeded by P.G.M. David L. Stickel, who passed away this year. Immediate Past Grand Master James B. Parker IV has been filling the post in the meantime.

The Grand Council supported the Home with a \$2400 contribution this year.

Delegates Approve All Legislation

All proposed legislation passed at the Grand Assembly. This included B-35, Master may sign annual report in lieu of Recorder; B-43.09, York Rite Festival Procedure; B-47.13a, Life Membership application age defined; B-65, Uniform By-Laws, amendments require Grand Master's approval; B-67.03, Standing Resolutions require Grand Master's approval; R-9.09 Council may select the two months to be dark; R-51, Recognition of Council of Anointed Kings; and ceremonies to install appointed Grand Officers were added to the installation of Grand Council officers in Section VI. The new language is printed on four pages distributed to Masters and Recorders for appending to the code.

York, Akron Receive Bibles; Inspectors to Present Certificates

Awards presented by Grand Master James B. Parker IV included the Walcutt Bible to York Council No. 115 for a net membership gain of 26 and percentage gain of 15.3%. The Ross Black bible went to Akron Council No. 80 with the highest percentage gain of 19.4%.

The Purple Quill will be presented to 65 outstanding Recorders. Fifty-eight Councils had no suspensions for non-payment of dues. Twenty-six Councils are being recognized for their publication messages. The Arch Inspectors are presenting these certificates at Council assemblies. A complete list of awards will appear in the proceedings.

The Grand Recorder Observes . . . Council Formality Sets It Apart
Freemasonry is a formal organization. It has strict guidelines for conduct. Council members take pride in their membership by being careful in speech and deportment.

As they enter the assembly room they leave "street language" behind, addressing each other as "companion."

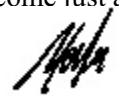
They demonstrate their respect for each other as they dress neatly with officers usually in tuxedo or even evening dress. It's a good feeling to know that you are part of an organization that cares.

Dressing up is not merely "show," it's respect. Respect for others, and for the fraternity. It tells the world that "we care."

The lessons of Cryptic Masonry gain greater attention when delivered by those who appear neat and well-groomed.

It's special to be a Council Mason.

If Council Masonry should lose its formality it would become just another club.



Elect York Rite Leaders

Garis E. Pugh was installed Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Oct. 4 and Burch E. Zehner became Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Oct. 6. Donald C. Shoemaker became Eminent Prior of Ohio Priory No.18, K.Y.C.H., Nov. 3.

Ronald L. Winnett was installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Oct. 20.

Memorials Honor Two P.G.M.

Two Past Grand Masters died during the past year. At the grand assembly Richard L. Harless delivered a memorial to Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer David L. Stickel, and Douglas A. Habegger followed with a memorial to Past Grand Master James H. Wamer.

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