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COME SOAR WITH US! 184th Annual Grand Assembly Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio

Most Illustrious Companion Rusty and Lady Pat are looking forward to greeting you on Sunday, October 6th at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North as Council Masons and their ladies gather to celebrate the conclusion of the 2012-2013 "Let Freemasonry S.O.A.R." year.

Registration hours on Sunday will be 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Vesper services will be held at 6:00 p.m. The evening will conclude with a reception from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. for our members and their ladies.

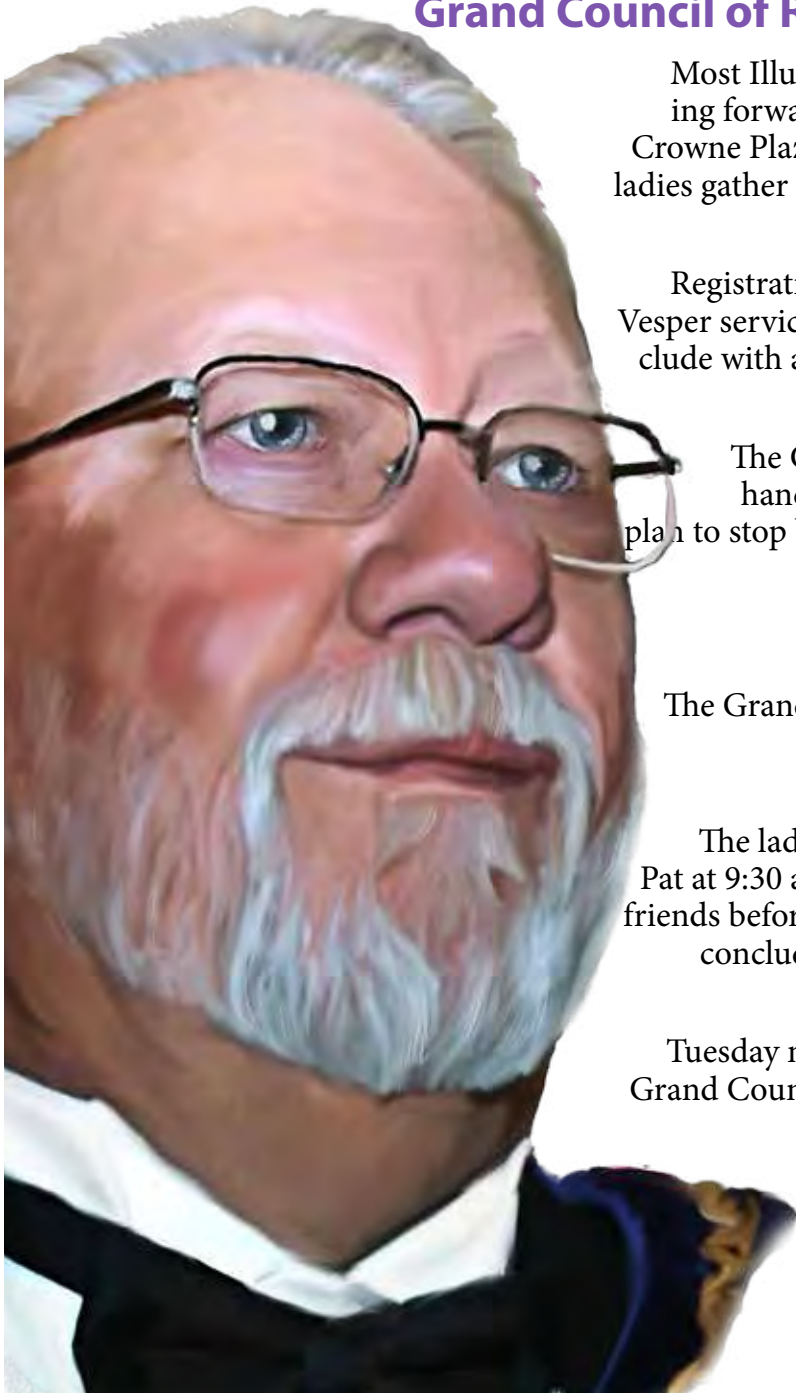
The Grand Council officers and their ladies will be on hand to greet and visit with you in Cafe Eagle. Please plan to stop by and have some snacks and some great conversation with friends, new and old. The Arch hospitality rooms will be open at the conclusion of the reception.

The Grand Council Session will open Monday morning. A School of Instruction and the Silver Trowel Degree are scheduled Monday afternoon.

The ladies will enjoy brunch in the hotel with First Lady Pat at 9:30 a.m., leaving plenty of time to shop and visit with friends before the Monday evening banquet. The evening will conclude with the Grand Banquet and visits to the Arch hospitality rooms.

Tuesday morning will start with the annual meeting of the Grand Council Benevolent Fund, Inc., after which the Grand Council meeting will resume to complete the business of the Grand Council and to install the 2013-2014 Grand Officers.

Room reservations must be made by Sept. 14 to get the special rate, and meal reservations must be made by Sept. 16. See page 7 or www.ohio-council-masons.org for details.



A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Companions,

My tenure as Illustrious Grand Master is rapidly coming to an end. It has been a great year, and I have really enjoyed my travels around Ohio and neighboring states. Even though inspections are over and reports have been submitted, I still find myself busy. Pat and I had the pleasure of attending the

Grand Sessions of Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls this summer. We also visited Camp Ho

Pat and I have made many stops around this great state and have made many good friends. This will be a time we will always remember. As I said earlier, my "farewell tour" is coming to an end, but my travels will not stop. I look forward to seeing many of you again as I continue to attend meetings and inspections.

The 184th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of



Mita Koda, located in the 7th Arch, and left truly impressed with the camp, the kids, the councilors, doctors and staff. They are all so appreciative of the support of Ohio's cryptic masons. It made us proud of the Grand Council Benevolent Fund and the work you all do to support the KIDS.



My theme for the year was "LET FREE MASONRY S.O.A.R.", and your enthusiasm is making a difference. Many councils have had multiple candidates, and some have had candidates for the first time in several years. I congratulate everyone for their efforts.



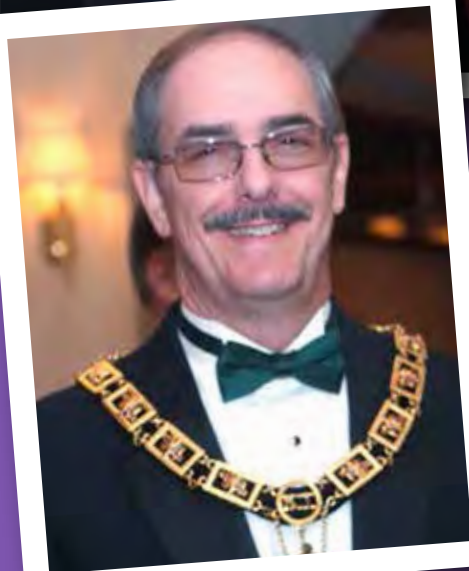
Royal and Select Masons of Ohio will begin on October 6, 2013, at the Crowne Plaza North, Doubletree Drive in Columbus. I hope you will be able to attend.

There are no words to tell you how much enjoyment you have given me this year.

I thank you all for your friendship and support. May God bless you.

Rusty

COME TO GRAND COUNCIL AND BE HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY!



*Where do you find smiles
as big as these?*

*Why, at Grand Council,
of course, where everyone
has a good time!*

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DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REPORT

As I have traveled throughout the state, I have enjoyed meeting new Companions and getting reacquainted with friends I have met

I would recommend to each Companion that, when the opportunity arises, he travel to the different Arches, Councils and multi-state meetings. The work is enjoyable to watch and the welcome you will receive from the other

Companions is priceless. During my travels, I have seen numerous Councils putting the Grand Master's program to work with much success. I encourage each Companion to keep up the good work.

As I plan for next year, I see the strengths of this and past programs and will utilize them with a few new ideas to make our Grand Council successful.



Deputy Grand Master's Program

- My theme this year is "Bee the Example". Lead by what you do and who you are. Encourage our Blue Lodge brethren and Chapter Companions to join our great organization. Reach out and let your voice be heard among your Brothers by showing them what and why you love the York Rite of Free Masonry.
- The Grand Master's Award program will continue with a couple of changes. For example, due to the importance of the Deputy Master's meeting, the points for attendance will increase to 15. Please review this form and note any other changes. The changes are designed to accentuate the points that I believe are critical to our Councils and will also give you a boost to achieving this Award.
- Statewide Sojourners Awards will continue. If you travel to all nine arches for Inspections and obtain the proper documentation from the respective Arch Inspector, you will receive a complementary dinner at the Grand Council Banquet. Additionally, because I believe that the ladies are an important part of a strong Council, if your lady meets the same requirements listed above, she will also receive a complementary dinner.
- The Council Man of the Year and Distinguished Achievement Award programs will continue.
- One of my main goals this coming year is to begin to update the history of the Grand Council. In order to accomplish this task, it will be necessary for every subordinate council to update their history. We have lost Councils to closing in the past and, in some cases, with the Council went its history. We want to prevent any more loss of our history so please update your history now.
- I encourage Companions to go to their Blue Lodges and Chapters to explain the Importance of York Rite as an integral part of Blue Lodge. When you give the York Rite Story, explain to the Brethren that you asked for more light in Masonry and that it is the continuation of the path to further light in Masonry. Also explain to them what you really enjoy about York Rite and how it has changed your life. Why does each of us keep coming back to York Rite?
- We all know by now that the CELL educational course is free, but to sell it, explain the importance of how it teaches about the Code, degree work, and fine print and also helps us to understand the importance of the Cryptic Rite.
- Your Arch Inspector will be checking your records at Inspection for the names of each Advocate and what report was given at each of your meetings. He will file in his Inspection report whether this is done and what kind of success your Council has had. Remember: "If not you, then who? If not now, when?" We must all work hard to get our replacements in place and trained to continue our Fraternity.
- I strongly encourage programs at your meetings. If you have 10 active members at your Council, you will have 10 different programs. Remember, everyone can give a short talk about work, hobbies and other interests. These 10 active members have family, friends and acquaintances that can also give programs. Keep the program to no longer than 15 minutes at your meetings so the Companions will be encouraged to keep coming back.
- Encourage your ladies to be with you by having a dinner before your meetings and let them listen to your programs. Every Council in the State that includes their ladies is very successful.
- We know that it the Diabetic Kids Fund is an important part of the lives of the kids who are able attend camp because of our support. All too often, we know these facts but just neglect to act. Please support them with your donation of time and funds.
- I encourage each Companion to give serious thought to participating in the Organ Donor Program. Not only does it help save lives, but it also helps make lives better. Remember, it could be your or a loved one that benefits from this program.
- I will also be introducing a special "Example" Award: When I visit your Council during the next year, I will be honoring one of your members. He will be escorted, introduced and given a special pin. With the help of your Arch Inspector, I will select one of your members that exemplifies my concept of "Be the Example". He will be someone who perhaps always attends meetings, or someone who always greets guests and new members. He could be the guy that helps with or brings refreshments, or helps set up or tear down. He may be the member who will never be Illustrious Master or even hold an office. But, he will be, in my opinion, one of the unsung worker bees that hold your Council together and make it more enjoyable to come to meetings.

FROM THE GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK...

Greetings Companions and welcome to another great year for Cryptic Masonry. I thank all the Companions and Councils for your support and help at the Grand Council session. Congratulations to the new officers of the councils throughout Ohio. I look forward to visiting many of you this ensuing year.

Companions you should always be proud of the fact that you are part of the one of the best and friendliest Masonic organizations in the State of Ohio. In addition, what a pleasure it is to have the Grand Illustrious Master, MIC Rusty Eagle continuing to work hard to keep it that way.

You had another outstanding year with contributions for the Grand Council Benevolent Fund. It is always with great pride that each Companion and Council of Ohio continually give to such a worthy cause. Just remember by sharing your contributions, some KID will learn to live with this disease. Congratulations and on behalf of the "KIDS" - thanks to ALL and keep up the excellent work.

I also thank all the Companions and Councils for your support and help in your Inspections and Reviews. I am

especially proud of all Councils that not only do outstanding ritual work but also attend to the small print of the ritual. So far It has been my great honor to observe that your portrayals are second to no one when conferring the degrees for a candidate. Please support your candidates by continuing this great work.

Companions, I encourage each of us to step up to the Grand Illustrious Master's focus on supporting the telling of the York Rite Story and take an active part in the Advocate Program. Please remember his theme "S.O.A.R." which indicates that all Masonic Bodies need to work together - "Share Our American Rite". Please keep this in mind as you present the "American Rite" story in your Masonic Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters.

If we show new Masons, and Royal Arch Masons, that we indeed are part of the American Rite, then I am confident that our membership will grow with quality Companions.

Companions, thank you again for all the work you do, the outstanding leadership shown by each of you and the fun exhibited by all. I look forward to seeing you in your councils,

Grand Recorder's Notes

It is hard to believe that nearly two years have passed since I accepted the Grand Recorder's position. We have been extremely busy in the office this past year as we continue to improve the membership data program and to attempt to help the Council Recorders with their various requests.

It has been an enlightening experience to work with the Grand Officers as they continue to peruse programs to help the Councils and Companions of Ohio. Our staff is

committed to giving them and you the very best support that is possible in your individual and group efforts. Just let us know if you need information or assistance of any kind.

I would be remiss if I did not once again thank all the Council Recorders who give so much of their time and energy to make your councils run smoothly. Please extend your thanks to them at your meetings.

Hope to see you at the Grand Council Session in Columbus in October.

— Bobby

The Companions and Ladies of the 7th Arch are cordially inviting you and your Lady to a reception in honor of

Robert K. Rhinehart and Lady Dinah

in anticipation of his election to the position of Most illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio

*November 16, 2013 • Social hour 5:30 pm to 6:15pm
Introductions and Entrance at 6:15pm
Holiday Inn • 6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio, 44131
(I-77 at Rockside Rd.)*

Choice of Chicken Marsala, Bourbon Glazed London Broil or Vegetarian plate, House Salad, Potato, Vegetable medley, Carrot or Chocolate cake

*\$35.00 per plate by reservation only.
Deadline for reservations is Nov. 9.*

Name _____ Council # _____
 Office _____ Title _____
 _____ Chicken Marsala @ \$35 \$ _____
 _____ London Broil @ \$35 \$ _____
 _____ Vegetarian Plate @ \$35..... \$ _____
 Total Enclosed..... \$ _____

Make checks payable to
Michael G. Weaver,
P O Box 1607
Warren, Ohio 44482

A block of rooms is being reserved in the name of Royal and Select Masons at \$87.00 per night plus tax. Call the Rockside Holiday Inn at 216-524-8050 no later than November 9.

Around the Arches...

FIRST ARCH

It's been a busy year for Companions of the First Arch.

We donated 90 hours to the service of the Big Shots campers at Camp Libby serving breakfasts, lunches and dinners (with one companion making and donating 15 gallons of dill pickles!) The Companions also donated 8 hours to the service of the attendee's at the Little Shots camp for younger kids with diabetes.



Among those joining the Companions at the Big Shots Camp was none other than Muddy, the mascot of the Toledo Mud Hens.

Early in 2013, M.I.C. Robert Rettig, M.I.C. Douglas Habegger, and I attended the board meeting for the Diabetic Youth Services of N.W.O. to present the checks from the DKF. The board was extremely pleased and all related how important our contributions.

Each council in the Arch also donated at least one food basket to a needy family in the neighborhood of their council meeting place.

Funding for these activities included money raised by the 600 pounds of peanut brittle that 15 companions worked together to make and each Council sold, retaining a portion of the profits for their own activities.

— Stephen C. Hill
Grand Sentinel
First Arch Inspector

THIRD ARCH

Last January, RIC Lynn B. Alexander, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and I met with Ms. Erin Crosby, Director of the Camps for the Cincinnati Diabetes Association to present a check in the amount of \$11,000 from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio.

Camp Korelitz is a week-long residential camp for children living with type 1 or type 2 diabetes, and in August, a number of companions had the pleasure of visiting. Even though it was rainy, we had an excellent tour and actually got really good information

about the camp and how it helps the kids.

The camp was held from August 4-10 at Camp Joy, a 315 acre camp site nestled in the beautiful rolling hills of Warren County in Clarksville, Ohio between Cincinnati and Dayton.

Campers enjoy meeting other children with diabetes and spending time outdoors while participating in swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, ropes courses, climbing walls, archery, and nutrition and diabetes education games and discussions. Campers are supervised 24 hours a day by doctors, nurses, dietitians, and counselors thoroughly trained in diabetes management.

— RIC Michael A. Smith
3rd Arch Inspector



FOURTH ARCH

The Fourth Arch celebrated its annual summer picnic and awards presentation on July 14 at Norwalk Reservoir. There were 60 companions and ladies in attendance.

A short Arch meeting was held and a new slate of Arch officers was elected. A special Fourth Arch Honorary Membership was given to MI Rusty Eagle.

Then, RI Ed Herrick related a unique event that occurred at Sandusky City #26's inspection. When MIGM Eagle was introduced, he was brought to the East and was given the gavel.

Instead of returning the gavel to IC Rod Zerkle, MI Companion Eagle proceeded to confer the degree on three candidates with dramatic excellence!

His work was so exemplary that Arch Adjutants Al Bacon and Caid McKinley, awarded MI Eagle the John P. Miller/Robert W. Case Dramatic Award for outstanding ritualistic performance in the Select Master Degree.

What an honor the Fourth Arch Companions in attendance and the three new Select Masters had!



Companions of the Seventh Arch were on hand to help out at the Medina Fair.

SIXTH ARCH

Last year, Athens Council #15 and Hocking Council #46 had their combined Annual inspection. This is the third time the councils have combined inspection where the hosting council presents the Select Master and the visiting council presents the Royal.

The goal was fellowship and this year we had it in spades.

MIGM Eagle's Sojourners program, combined with the support of each council involved, brought the number in attendance to the highest point that I've seen in my tenure as Arch Inspector.

Athens Council hosted the night and started it out right with a fantastic dinner prepared by Athens Chapter 175 OES. Fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.

PMIGM Roger C. Gaul was the inspecting officer and addressed the 59 companions in attendance with a grand welcome as the inspections commenced, and proceeded with some of the finest degree work we have seen.

We were honored to be visited by many Grand officers including MIGM William "Rusty" Eagle. However we were honored more by our newest Cryptic Masons Chad Christopher Kopenski and Chris Lovett.

IC James Alloway, Athens Council and IC Rodney L. Carr are to be commended for their leadership and congratulated for their fine degreework. Seeing work like we saw that night and the friendship and fellowship proves that Ohio is the home of the Royal and the Select.

— RIC Matthew J. Schetter
Sixth Arch Inspector



As RIC Michael A. Smith and IC John P. Pience look on, Companion Harry Ernest Muirhead of Springfield Council #17 receives his 50 year pin from MIC William R. Eagle.



Richard Roe, Ill. Master of Marietta Council, and Ninth Arch Inspector David Mourer, are shown here with Companion and Sir Knight Edward B. Hanna who received his 50 year awards for all three York Rite Bodies at the Annual Corn Roast of Marietta Commandery #50.

Grand Council Ticket Order Form

Return by September 16th to the Grand Council office.

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Please print for accuracy. If ordering tickets for other companions, list their names on an attached sheet.

Comp. _____ Council _____ No. _____
 Title _____ Lady _____
 Address. _____ Phone (____) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 E-mail _____

For confirmation, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Quantity		Amount
_____	Monday Ladies Bruch (9:30 a.m.)	@ \$20.00 ea.. \$ _____
_____	Fellowship Luncheon for Companions	@ \$20.00 ea. \$ _____
_____	Grand Banquet — Center Cut Pork Chops	@ \$30.00 ea. \$ _____
_____	Grand Banquet — Chicken Roulade	@ \$30.00 ea.. \$ _____
_____	Grand Banquet — Grilled Atlantic Salmon	@ \$30.00 ea. \$ _____
_____	Grand Banquet — Vegetable Lasagna	@ \$30.00 ea.. \$ _____
_____	Tuesday Breakfast for Companions and Ladies	@ \$18.00 ea. \$ _____

Make check payable to Grand Council

Check No. _____ Total \$ _____

For Hotel Reservations...

Call the Crowne Plaza Columbus North at 1-614-885-1885 select option 2, and tell that the reservation is for Grand Council to qualify for the special rate of \$89 per night plus tax. Specify whether the reservations are for Saturday (10/5), Sunday (10/6), or Monday (10/7).

Grand Council Unveils New Endowment Program

The Past Grand Masters have been working hard on a replacement for our old life membership program. That program was halted because economic times caused it to be no longer feasible.

Legislation will be offered that we may be able to offer the new Endowment Program as early as this October, 2013.

The PIGM's have been consulting with our Financial Advisor so that this program will be viable for many years to come.

We will be able to offer a one-time pay of \$800 or spread it out over 3 years at \$267 per year. If you choose the three year option, you would still be responsible for your dues until it is paid in full. The program will be similar to Grand Lodge. We have included an application so that you may be one of the first to purchase your endowment.

Highlights for the plan include Endowment Membership which will follow you as member not the member's Council. In other words if you want to demit from a Council you can take your Endowment Membership to your new Council. If you belong to more than one Council you can choose which Council will be the recipient.

Endowed Membership Application Grand Council R&SM of Ohio

Select Option: One-time fee \$800.00 plus 1 year of dues
 \$267.00 for 3 consecutive years plus dues

Check No. _____ Date _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Middle Name _____

Address _____

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Council Name _____ Number _____

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