



Grand Council R & SM of Ohio

November 2022 NEWSLETTER

Most Illustrious Companion Michael L. Terry
Grand Master

As we approach this Thanksgiving holiday season, we must stop to acknowledge those things that we are most thankful for.

We must be thankful for our health and well-being. Not all Companions are as fortunate and we need to take a moment to reach out to them and let them know that we are thinking of them.

We are thankful for the friends and acquaintances that we have made in this great fraternity.

We are thankful for the great liberties that we enjoy in this great Country thanks to the individuals currently and in the past that have insured our freedom.

We are thankful for our fellow Companions that are always there for us.

We are thankful for our families that are always there for us and make our lives so meaningful.

And finally, we are thankful for the Great Architect above for making every day possible and allowing us to make the best of it.

I personally want to thank all of the Companions and wish everyone the happiest Thanksgiving.

Michael L. Terry
Grand Master
Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Ohio

Companions, it was pleasant to see how many Companions came to the Grand Assembly in October. We missed those who had other commitments and hope to see all of you at next year's.

We have begun the Inspection season and we are glad to see the Companions who are traveling to assist at other Councils and support the new officers' work. The need for help has increased in recent years and it is gratifying to see that you are living examples of our Grand Illustrious Master's theme of "Together We Can Grow". By helping keep the local Council experience vital, we can be an example of Cryptic Masonry to the new Mason. It is important for us to reflect the worth of our organization, to attract new Companions to our Rite.

State-wide, we received a boost in membership with the York Rite Festivals that took place throughout the State. The personal candidate experience is important in all of the York Rite Bodies, but there remains a place for the Festival in the timetable of some candidates.

Most of us would agree that being the candidate is the best route for the messages to implant themselves in our hearts. Please take an active part in assisting the transport of candidates to receive their Royal Arch Degree, so that they may be able to receive our Cryptic Degrees. This can be difficult if the Inspections are set early and the Chapters cannot process candidates through the system quickly enough.

Please consider having a member of your Council present some form of education at each meeting. It could be about his interests, hobbies, or about Masonic research. Everyone has a talent and a story to tell. Members are eager to hear about something other than bills, minutes, and communications.

*R. Wesley Webber
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Ohio*

I would like to thank the companions of Ohio Grand Council for the honor of being elected to the office of Principal Conductor of the Work. I am looking forward to my next step in the Grand Council line and the opportunity of meeting many more companions of this Great State of Ohio and other jurisdictions. I would like to thank the companions of the 4th Arch for the friendship and work they have given me as their Arch Inspector and a line grand officer. I would like to congratulate RI Scott Nave for being appointed the 4th Arch Inspector, I am sure he will enjoy this new adventure. As I write this, he and his lady, Jody, are on the Holy Land pilgrimage with companion Dave Snyder and Duane Kemerley.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master's theme this year is "Together We Can Grow." To grow our Councils, companions as we get together in our Lodges and Chapters, take time to talk about Cryptic Masonry. Discuss how it fills in some of the gaps in our Masonic, Capitular and Commandery degrees and orders, the discussion with Hiram Abiff. How and why the deposits recovered in the Royal Arch degree were important. The Cryptic degrees are the degrees of preservation.

As we rapidly approach Thanksgiving this year, I am thankful that we can finally assemble again as brothers and companions in our lodges and councils. I am thankful for the families and friends we have. I am thankful for the freedoms and peace we as Americans enjoy and take for granted which in other countries is not allowed. I am thankful for all the service personnel, veterans, first responders and medical personnel that have given themselves to provide these freedoms and health we enjoy.

Jim Sutherin
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Ohio



Arch News

Greetings from the 2nd Arch, where we are abuzz with excitement under the leadership of recently elected and installed Most Illustrious Grand Master Michael L. Terry, who is from our own Arch. We are very-much looking forward to continuing to support him in all his endeavors.

Our Inspection season begins very soon, and I hope to see many friends (new and old) out supporting the Councils in our Arch. We also have a few “combined Degree” Inspection dates this year, where two Councils hold their Inspections back-to-back at the same location to confer both the Royal Master Degree and Select Master Degrees. I am hopeful that this will not only increase the camaraderie amongst the Companions from across several Councils as they come together, but should also allow for extra assistance filling parts, particularly helping with the GIBLITES.

On Saturday, December 3, 2022, the 2nd Arch is honored and excited to host a Reception honoring M.I.G.M. Michael L. Terry and his Lady Samantha. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Findlay, Ohio, with Social Hour at 5:30 P.M., and dinner at 6:30 P.M.. Reservations are due to V.I.C. Dennis Wilhelm (dennyjoan@yahoo.com, 419-204-8492) by November 18, 2022. A block of rooms is available at the Country Inn & Suites (419-422-4200) under “Grand Council R. & S.M.” for \$89 per night plus tax. There is also a Hospitality Room being planned as well, for both Friday and Saturday evenings. Please make plans to join us for an unforgettable evening of Cryptic Masonry fun, food and fellowship.

It is truly an honor and privilege to serve the Companions, and I look forward to the future. As MIGM Michael L. Terry’s theme says: Together we can GROW!

*George E. Moore
Grand Marshal,
2nd Arch Inspector*

Greetings from the 4th Arch. I'm the newbie, and am still in the learning process as an Arch Inspector. Thanks to all those who have offered and given me ideas and help in my growth as Inspector. The fellowship and guidance is truly appreciated, and always welcomed.

This summer, the 4th Arch was filled with activities. Our 4th Arch family picnic on July 10th featured great food (If you know me, that's why food came first on the list, LOL), hospitality, and camaraderie for all present. Many Companions also participated in helping transport senior citizens and individuals with walking disabilities at the Norwalk Raceway on several occasions during the summer. The Companions who participated enjoyed helping and meeting people from all walks of life from all over the United States and Canada. This was a great community outreach, which also served as a great fundraiser for the 4th Arch and the Diabetic Kids Fund. This event was organized by the previous 4th Arch Inspector and current PCW R.I.C. James A. Sutherin, and I plan to continue in his footsteps. Thanks to all the Companions who participated!

I'm looking forward to a great year, with two pre-inspections already performed, and my first inspection tonight in Mansfield. Please join us in the 4th Arch at the Inspections and SEM Degrees as listed on the "State Wide" yearly calendar as presented by our Grand Recorder, P.I.G.M. Bobby G. Campbell.

Scott O. Nave
4th Arch Inspector

Our 7th Arch had the opportunity to customer service with Royce Protective Services at the Tri-C Jazz fest at Public Hall in July and the Medina County Fair in August. I would congratulate the 46 companions and lady's who helped with these fund raisers which raised nearly \$4000 for our diabetic kids fund. Congratulations to the Lodges of Ashtabula County for sponsoring a day at the Ashtabula County Fair.

This allowed them regular announcements on the PA system as well as a booth along the main avenue where information about freemasonry and

appendant bodies were handed out. This resulted in several petitions being handed out and it is hoped that several of the lodges will have candidates as a result of this endeavor leading to future York Rite candidates.

I would like to congratulate Beuchner Council #107 and Warren Council #58 for having a successful outdoor SEM in August.



Windemere Council #113 opened Grand Council at Kalahari Resort on October 2, 2022 where we celebrated the completion of MIC David Weimer's year as Grand Illustrious Master. I am proud to acknowledge the recognition of all of our councils in the 7th Arch who received the Grand Master's Award of Excellence.



Several councils have been fund raising. Ross Black Council #251 had their 2nd annual pierogi sale.

Painesville council #104 has been doing assembly work for a local firm. Our 7th Arch association has started a 50/50 raffle. Each Council and the officers have tickets.

Our Arch also was recognized by Camp Ho Mida Koda at their Backback Bivuoac fundraiser.



Congratulations to Elyria Council on receiving our 7th Arch Traveling Award at Lakewood Council #125's inspection on November 2nd, 2022.



Congratulations again go to Beuchner Council #107 on having a combined awards program with St. Johns Commandary and Youngstown Chapter where companion Nick Yurcek was presented his 70 year recognition in all three bodies on November 7, 2022. Over 100 companions and ladies celebrated this achievement with a dinner in his honor.



Grand Representative from Italy Appointed

On October 31, 2022, we had the great pleasure to have a visit from the Grand Representative of Italy. Our Illustrious Grand Master, MIC Michael L. Terry, PMIGM Michael A. Smith and myself met with the Right Illustrious Grand Chaplin, Giuseppe Neglia at the Grand Council Office in Dayton, Ohio. Most Illustrious

Companion Terry presented him with a commission appointing him as the Grand Representative of Italy near Ohio.

Right Illustrious Companion called the Illustrious Grand Master of Italy, MIGM Alessandro Pusceddu and we had a very pleasant conversation with both. They both invited us to their Grand Assembly next year with information to follow. Afterward over dinner, RIC Neglia informed us of some of their Grand Council operations and the differences and similarities of our separate Jurisdictions.

Bobby G. Campbell
Grand Recorder

Grand Council of Ohio Overview of the 2022 Annual Assembly

The 193rd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Ohio took place on October 2-4, 2022 at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio.

The Assembly began on Sunday night with a meet and greet hosted by the Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion David G. Weimer and lady Laura. After the meet and greet the companions and ladies enjoyed hospitality in the various Arch hospitality rooms.

The business session of the 193rd Annual Assembly began on Monday with the required quorum of the 82 Ohio Councils in attendance. The Grand Officers were introduced as well as the 13 Past Grand Masters from Ohio in attendance for this Assembly. Visiting dignitaries from the jurisdictions of Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Ontario, Delaware, General Grand Council and Prince Hall Royal and Select Masters of Ohio were introduced and all were made Honorary Members of the Grand Council of Ohio. In attendance were William Snyder, G. Thomas Taylor and David Grindle from the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, International. There was an informative presentation by MI Gary Wyne regarding the CMMRF. Committee Reports were then presented in a fine manner and all legislation was quickly addressed for this session. The annual election of officers was conducted and Rite Illustrious Companion Michael L. Terry was elected the Grand Master for

Ohio for the 2022-2023 year. Lunch was provided for Men and Ladies with entertainment during the lunch. After lunch, the Order of the Silver Trowel was conferred on all current and past Illustrious Masters. For those not eligible for the Order of the Silver Trowel, a School of Instruction was conducted which reviewed fine points of the ritual and code. Both events were well attended by the Companions.

The Grand Banquet was held at the Kalahari Resort Monday night and was a delicious meal with 170 companions and ladies in attendance. During the banquet there were presentations from representatives of our youth organizations (Rainbow Girls, Jobs Daughters and DeMolay). We also heard from Scottish Rite NMJ, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Masons of Ohio and the Grand Lodge of Ohio. After the banquet the hospitality rooms were then available for additional networking.

On Tuesday, October 4th the annual meeting of the Grand Council Benevolent Fund took place with a review of the fund and distribution of the funds to the Diabetic Kids Camps for 2023.

After the annual meeting, Grand Council was resumed for the purpose of unfinished business and installation of officers. The officers for 2022-2023 were installed in proper form. The 194th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Ohio will take place in Dayton, Ohio on September 14-16, 2023.

Ohio Council of Anointed Kings Report

The Council met on Tuesday October 3rd at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky Ohio. There were 27 candidates for the Order of the Silver Trowel. The Degree was presented at 1:30 P.M.. The cast did an excellent conferral of the ritual, with the candidates receiving a very good degree. That day we presented their permanent Dues cards. We are now in the process of creating their Certificates, and Pins which will be presented by the Arch Inspectors after the first of the year. The New officers for the Council were elected and installed. They are:

King	Paul E. Hammmond
Prince of the West	Richard Amlung
Prince of the South	Stanley Kopp
Scribe Treasurer	Stephen C. Hill
Prince of the Court	Steven L. Adams
Captain of the Guard	Ronald T. Drebert

The business of the Council was conducted with the approval to pay the bills, the presentation of the current inventory, and the approval for new ribbon collars for the officer jewels.

The Prince of the West made a motion to elevate James B. Parker to Secretary/Treasurer EMERITUS. After a second, the Motion Passed.

Next year the Order of the Silver Trowel will be presented at the Grand Session in Dayton. It is the plan of the officers to try to contact as many PIM's who have not received this degree and offer them the opportunity to become members of Ohio Council of Anointed Kings.

Stephen C. Hill
Recorder/Treasurer

Council of Research and Development

Companions, after an absence of many years, I am proud to announce that the Grand Council will be reinstating the Council of Research and Development for the companions of the State of Ohio.

The council is open to any council member in good standing. The purpose of the Council of Research and Development is to research the Cryptic Rite, to prepare and present papers on their findings, to prepare interesting programs for

the council to present, and also to attempt to find development programs to help the Councils grow.

We are currently in the final stages of getting this program going and will be making a formal announcement in the first quarter of 2023 regarding membership process and submission procedures.

The formal announcement will be made via the Grand Council website. If you have any questions in the meantime, please direct them to me at msmithrsm@gmail.com.

Michael A. Smith
Past Most Illustrious Grand Master

Ohio Cryptic Education Learning and Leadership Update

There are currently 4 Companions who are in various stages of completion for the CELL Program. The Scores are improving and it is evident that the companions are spending more time in searching the resource materials for the answers.

The Arch Inspectors are working on establishing CELL courses in their respective Arches. This is an excellent way to build fellowship while learning how to use our resources which include the Code of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio, The Officer Manual, and the RM-SM-SEM rituals.

It is interesting that all of us still have room to learn more about our Grand Council. When this is coupled with an opportunity to be with Companions from our Arch who we may have never met, the experience is wonderful.

I look forward to being at one of the upcoming CELL Courses as well as meeting Companions.

Stephen C. Hill
CELL Chairman

2022-2023 Grand Officers

Grand Master: M. Ill. Comp. Michael L. Terry	Grand Deputy Master: Rt. Ill. Comp. R. Wesley Webber, Jr
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work: Rt. Ill. Comp. James A. Sutherin	Grand Treasurer: M. Ill. Comp. Robert R. Rettig
Grand Recorder: M. Ill. Comp. Bobby G. Campbell	Grand Captain of the Guard: Rt. Ill. Comp. Stephen K. Carson
Grand Conductor of Council: Rt. Ill. Comp. Ronald L. Myers	Grand Steward Rt. Ill. Comp. Darrell E. Reed
Grand Marshal: Rt. Ill. Comp. George E. Moore	Grand Sentinel Rt. Ill. Comp. Scott M. Russell

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To Council Illustrious Masters and Secretaries; please share this information with your Council.

Fraternally,

Michael L. Terry
Grand Master

Bobby G. Campbell
Grand Recorder