



Grand Council R & SM of Ohio

November 2022 NEWSLETTER

Most Illustrious Companion Michael L. Terry
Grand Master

Companions,

As we are working through this busy inspection season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the hardworking Cryptic Masons out there that help keep their Councils working and thriving.

You are the cornerstones of our great Fraternity. I do hope that you have had an opportunity to work with your Chapters and Commanderies to get out into your area Blue Lodges and promote these great York Rite bodies. We only need to plant that seed of further Light. Once that Light starts growing, we must nurture it to allow it to continue to grow. This must not be overlooked and is where some Councils can sometimes struggle but is vital for success. You must always make that new Companion or maybe even a less active Companion feel welcome and needed.

As I have traveled this great state, I have met many of these hardworking Companions and I have also come across many young officers, that the Light of Masonry still gleams brightly. This continues to fill me with the hope that our Fraternity will continue for generations.

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



Arch News

Greetings from the 2nd Arch, where we are happy to be actively supporting Most Illustrious Grand Master Michael L. Terry in his Travels, who hails from our Arch.

Our Inspection season is a little more than half over, and it is clear that the Companions whom I have encountered in my travels have worked very hard, not just on their Ritual work, but also on all of the other details that enhance our experience as Cryptic Masons, such as including our Ladies as much as possible.

Findlay Council #50 took on the Super Excellent Master for its Annual Inspection Degree, and did quite well. Kudos to them for “trying something a little different” within our Arch.



Findlay Council #50
Officer Installation
(June 9, 2022)

This year, our Arch has scheduled several Inspections with two Councils conferring a Degree each back-to-back, one right after the other, on the same date and location, and the Companions have given it positive reviews. By “doubling up” on Inspection days, this not only allows Candidates to receive both their Royal Master and Select Master Degrees before leaving for the day, but it also allows for more Companions to be on hand to assist to fill in with parts (such as Goblites). Also, it seems to have encouraged some Companions to come out since they can basically attend 2 Inspections in a single morning/evening, which frees up a date on their Calendars. We plan to keep doing this in the 2nd Arch for the next several years.

On Saturday, December 3, 2022, the 2nd Arch was honored to have hosted a Reception honoring M.I.G.M. Michael L. Terry and his Lady Samantha in Findlay, Ohio. Thank you to all who helped make it a success, including Illustrious Companion Joe Bowman and his lady Marcia, from Saint Marys Council #81, whose Hospitality Room was one of the “best ever” according to many who attended.



Reception for
M.I.G.M. Michael L. Terry
& his Lady Samantha

I am thrilled to say that I had the privilege to serve as Guest Inspector at Bryan Council #101's Inspection back on Saturday, November 19, 2022. I also had the privilege to serve as Inspector at Springfield Council #17's Inspection on February 1, 2023. It is always good to get out and see the Companions of Cryptic Masonry, and it is nice to see how other Arches handle their business. Thank you to all of the Companions for the kindness and courtesies extended to me and the Office I represent in my Travels. You sure know how to make a guy "feel at home!"



Lima #20 & Van Wert #73

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Inspection of Urbana Council #59, on Saturday, February 25, 2023, in the Select Master Degree, Opening at 7:30 PM. This is the home Council of M.I.G.M. Michael L. Terry, and we expect a large crowd to support him.



Urbana #59

On the following day, Sunday February 26, 2023, at 2:00 PM, you are also invited to the Dedication of the Secret Vault of Franklin Council #14, located at 916

Linden Avenue, Piqua, Ohio 45356. Many Grand Officers will be in attendance, and we would love to see you there!

There will also be a 125th Reconsecration performed at Saint Marys Council #81 on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 2:00 PM, located at 111 S. Front St., Saint Marys, Ohio 45885. This will be held after the Annual Inspections of both Delphos Council #72 and Saint Marys #81 (both being held at Saint Marys, Opening at 9:00 AM), and after a lunch with the ladies by R.S.V.P.. If you are interested in this lunch, please contact Illustrious Companion Joe Bowman of Saint Marys Council #81, at (419) 733-0863 (cell) or jcbowman@ohiolink.net by mid-March at the latest.

Our Arch has been active in supporting the Diabetic Kids Fund (DKF), including taking part in the Findlay area “rest area fundraiser” over the Memorial Weekend, as well as having our “2nd Annual Diabetic Kids Fund Fundraiser” at the Celina, Ohio Moose Lodge, on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.. This event is being planned annually for the first Saturday in May. Last year, we had live music, raffles, prizes, food, drinks, and fun, and raised some good money for a GREAT cause – helping send underprivileged diabetic kids to camps across Ohio. We are looking forward to doing it again, and again!



Springfield #17

Also, please note the other exciting upcoming dates on your calendar:

Wednesday, March 8, 2023: Deputy Grand Master Rollout @ Saint Marys, Ohio

Tuesday, July 11, 2023: Arch Reunion, and School of Instruction @ Lima, Ohio

Sunday, August 20, 2023: Arch Picnic @ Saint Marys, Ohio

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

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

We're off to a great start in the Third Arch.

One third of our Inspections have been completed. Several of the candidates were the result of the York Right Presentations at several lodges by three companions, one each representing the Chapter, Council and Commandery.

I had the pleasure of visiting and receiving a warm welcome at Portsmouth Council #79 for their Royal Master inspection. RIC Stephen K. Carson and the companions of the 6th Arch must be working hard to advance our cause as there were six candidates who began their journey in Council. The next night, I had the privilege of inspecting West Union Council #150. Where those six candidates were advanced to the degree of Select Master.

It was wonderful to feel welcome in the 6th Arch, see the secret vaults filled, share thoughts between our arches, and see wonderful degree work.

It was my honor to meet with RIC George Moore and have him inspect Wright Council #17 in the Select Master degree and share ways to help our councils excel in their endeavors. It was also an honor and a pleasure to have MIGM Michael Terry and R. Wesley Weber in our arch.

There are several York festivals planned in the third Arch.

The week of February 27th through March 4th All Chapter degrees will be conferred by Unity #16, Victory #210, Franklin #24 Chapters at the Dayton Masonic Center.

Friday, February 3rd Two Commandery Orders will be conferred by Reed Commandery #6

Saturday, February 4th All Council degrees will be conferred Silver Trowel #141 and Reese Council #9.

Saturday April 1st All Council degrees will be conferred Blanchester, #141 and John H Campbell #147 at Blanchester.

Saturday, April 15th All chapter degrees will be conferred in the 4th district in Cumminsville#158

May the 13th All Commandery Orders will be conferred at Cincinnati #3 at E.T. Carson lodge.

Saturday, June 3rd All Council degrees to be conferred at Henry A. Weeks Council #137 at Norwood Lodge.

Saturday, June the 10th All three Council degrees will be conferred at OKI in Indianapolis, Indiana one by each state; Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana

Our candidates have several opportunities for advancement. Our hope is that this will alleviate any scheduling difficulties which occasionally come up for our candidates.

Please join us on any of these dates that we can enjoy your Fellowship as Companions.

2023 Southwestern Ohio York Rite Festival



The SW Ohio York Rite Bodies
are proud to announce the
Class of 2023 Honorees



Most Excellent Companion Ronald C. Hart Sr.
Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of Ohio
Saturday April 15, 2023



The Capitular degrees will be conferred at College Hill Masonic Temple
1650 West North Bend Rd. Cincinnati, Ohio 45224



Sir Knight Dale A. Olson KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander Knights Templar of Ohio
Saturday May 13, 2023



The Chivalric degrees will be conferred at E.T. Carson Masonic Temple
218 Ludlow Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45220



Most Illustrious Companion Michael A. Smith
Most Illustrious Past Grand Master
Royal & Select Masons of Ohio
Saturday June 3, 2023



The Cryptic degrees will be conferred at Norwood Masonic Temple
2020 Hopkins Ave, Cincinnati, Oh 45212



Breakfast will be provided at 8 AM. Degree work starts at 9 AM.

Lunch and commemorative booklet will be provided to all attendees. Voluntary donations are appreciated to help offset the cost of lunch and refreshments

If any York Rite bodies have candidates in need of completing their degrees, we invite you to bring your candidates. We encourage the use of the Tri fold York Rite petition for new candidates

For additional information or questions regarding the 2023 YRF, please contact Dave Howe

2023 York Rite Festival Chairman at 513 885-6339 or email at dshowe@cinci.rr.com

Greetings from the 4th Arch,

The 4th Arch has already held seven of its eight Council's inspections, and the degree work has been exciting and excellent! Each of the Council's should be proud of themselves, as the Companions have demonstrated MIGM Michael L. Terry's theme "Together We Can Grow" through their ritual work, communication prior to inspections, and fellowship at the pre-inspections, inspections, and refreshments.

I have enjoyed the individuality and ingenuity displayed within the parameters of the ritual displayed by each Council. We all need to remember: There is often more than one "right way" to do something.

I hope you can join us in the 4th Arch for the following:

7:30pm, Tuesday, March 14, 2023 Upper Sandusky Council #98 Royal Master Degree Inspection

7:30pm, Wednesday, April 26, 2023 SEM Degree in Sandusky, with Norwalk Council #24, Sandusky Council # 26, & Bellevue Council #82

7:30pm, Friday, May 5, 2023 SEM Degree in Mansfield, with Marion Council #22, Clinton Council # 47, Mansfield Council #94, & Upper Sandusky Council #98

10:00am, Saturday, May 20, 2023 SEM Degree, Ashland Council #128, to be followed by the Deputy Master's Meeting at 1:00pm (note: Ashland has a tradition of having a great breakfast before the SEM and lunch before the Deputy Master's Meeting)

Scott O. Nave
4th Arch Inspector

Greetings from the 7th Arch,



Congratulations to Geneva Council on their successful inspection on February 28. Our Grand Illustrious Master Michael Terry made the trek out. We had two candidates from Conneaut Council. It exemplified together we grow with Woodward Council having their stated meeting at Geneva (they both meet at the same time). Woodward Council just edged Conneaut Council out for the traveling award.



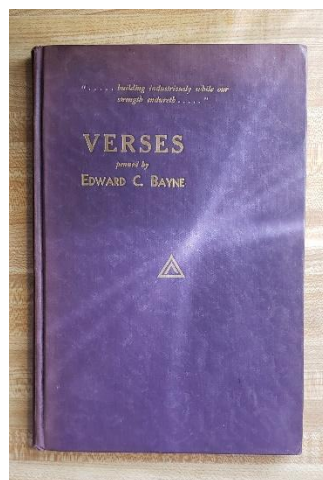
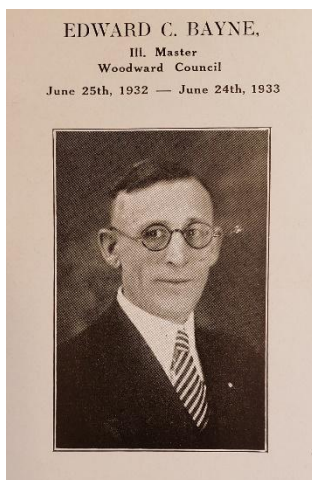
Congratulations to Ross Black Council #251 for winning the traveling award at Painesville Council's inspection on February 20th. MIC John Hall was the guest Inspector being the Arch Inspectors home Council.

Warren Council #58 and Beuchner Council #107 won traveling awards at each other's inspection on February 18th. It was amazing how both councils came together to have successful degrees with last minute medical and family conflicts leading to last minute fill-ins.



At Elyria Council on January 18th we were pleased to have the Grand Illustrious Master and the Deputy Grand Master with us celebrating Ross Black Council winning the traveling award.

Woodward Council was presented a copy of a book of poetry written by one of their Past Illustrious Masters. He became stricken with a painful disease that was unable to be diagnosed and lived his last several years at the Ohio Masonic Home. While there he wrote this book of poetry which was sent to his council recorder who in turn published it. The book was found by a researcher in Massachusetts and return to the Grand Council of Ohio who sent it to Woodward Council. Attached is a picture of Edward Bayne, PIM, his book and one of his poems.



JUST A MEMBER

Would you have a lot of fun

Just join any lodge

Forget all the vows you make

And all its duties dodge

Don't be an active member

Or one who would be missed

Be satisfied you have a card

And your name is on the list

Don't attend the meetings

And mingle with the flock

Spend your time somewhere else

But criticize and knock

Don't visit any of the brothers

That you know are sick

Leave that for the faithful few

While you talk about the clique

But if you would have lots more fun

This I would advise

Do your share with the faithful few

And never criticize

Never miss a meeting

In all take an active part
Though it's just a fill in
Fill in with all your heart
Don't be afraid to try the work
Though in eloquence you are shy
It is practice that makes perfect
You'll find as time goes by
When you have served with all your zeal
And have your honors won
A drone no more you'll ever be
Being active is too much fun
And when at last old father time
Has called you home to him
Those left behind will speak so kind
And say, we sure miss good brother Jim.

Fridays in Lent are a special time at Lakewood Masonic Temple. Their annual Lenten fish fry has returned from 4:30 to 7:30 PM for \$16 a dinner. Live music and building tours are available. This is a terrific fund raiser for the Masonic bodies and their foundation to support the building.

Please also look for a picture of the Aurora School of Music's live presentation at Windemere Council on May 4th at 2 PM in our next newsletter. This is open to all and promises to be an enjoyable afternoon concert.

Greetings from the 8th Arch,

Inspection season is well under way and we have had opportunities to GROW new and old friendships by traveling our Arch and being TOGETHER.

Akron Council #80 and Cuyahoga Falls Council #144 will have their inspections together on March 18th at the Kenmore Masonic Temple in Akron, OH. Following the inspections there will be a lunch and then they will hold a Table Council for all. The degree work will start at 9:00am. The cost of the meal is \$15 and commemorative mugs for toasts will be sold for \$10. All monies collected for the sale of the mugs will go to the Diabetic Kids Fund. Please RSVP for lunch and the Table Council to IC Patrick Smith (econpat@hotmail.com, 330-592-5837) or IC Joshua Grove (joshua_grove@hotmail.com, 330-701-2193).

On March 7th we held our Quarterly Arch Meeting and Right Illustrious R. Wesley Webber presented his Deputy Grand Master Rollout. We had some delicious pies to top off the evening.





*Jesse Pertee
8th Arch Inspector*



Pictured above: Grand Council & Grand Lodge Officers at Franklin Council's Consecration Ceremony at their new apartments

Pictured below: The Companions and Ladys of Blanchester Council #14 at their Annual Christmas Party hosted by their Recorder, IC Kermit Zimmermann and his wife, Sue



Grand Recorder's Notes

Companions,

With the Inspection Season being one half over, the Office has been a busy place to work the past couple of months. I have enjoyed reading the reports from your Inspectors and keeping up with the activities of your Councils. We have also had an increase in sales of code, officers manuals and rituals, all of which is very

good news as it means the entire state is working for the Cryptic Rite. I congratulate you on improving your knowledge about the Grand Council of Ohio.

As a reminder to all Recorders of Ohio Councils, please send in your advancements and losses before the end of March. I will be printing dues cards at the end of March and want to include all new members with them.

Bobby G. Campbell
Grand Recorder

Ohio Council of Anointed Kings

The Council of Anointed Kings present the Order of the Silver Trowel Degree for Grand Council is This degree is conferred upon Illustrious Masters to further their education. If you have not had the opportunity to receive this degree, Please consider taking part in the Degree at the September Grand Council Session in Dayton this year. The application will be in the packet for Illustrious Masters that will be sent for Registration for the Grand Council in September.

If you are a Past Illustrious Master who never received the degree, you are welcome to participate. Information and an application for Past Illustrious Masters who would like to receive the degree can be obtained from stevechill@aol.com Recorder for the Council of Anointed Kings. There is a Certificate, membership card, and a Silver Trowel Pin that are presented to all who participate in the ceremony.

MIC Stephen C. Hill
Recorder of the Ohio Council of Anointed Kings

Ohio Cryptic Education Learning and Leadership

The Cryptic Education Learning and Leadership Program continues to receive completed CELL exams from Companions. 4 companions are currently in various stages of completion. There are 3 segments of the program. Each segment of the program takes about one week to complete. As a companion it is necessary for you to have a copy of our current Grand Council Code, a current Ritual for RM SM and SEM and a copy of the Officers Manual. These are available from the Grand Recorder. During the last 12 months Companions from 7 different Arches have completed the Program,

The program can be taken on line which sends the completed exam directly to the Cell Chairman, or you can print a PDF file from the Grand Council website. Once it is complete, send it to the Cell Chairman. Upon receipt it will be reviewed, and if your results are satisfactory, your Certificate and pin will be sent directly to you. If there is interest in your Arch, discuss it with your Arch Inspector and a Cell workshop can be planned for groups of 10 to 25 Companions.

*MIC Stephen C. Hill
Cell Chairman*

Diabetic Kids Fund

Prior to the discovery of insulin in 1921, a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes was a death sentence. Children with diabetes progressed from initial symptoms to diabetic ketoacidosis, coma, and death within a matter of days or weeks. The discovery of insulin changed that, but it was necessary that these children begin a lifelong commitment to insulin management, diet control, and monitoring of their glucose levels. The eye, kidney, vascular, and nerve complications of diabetes are worsened by poor glucose control. Newer technologies, including continuous glucose monitoring and “closed loop” insulin pumps have made much better control possible and has reduced complications. Still, the life of a diabetic has many restrictions. In 1929 Dr. Henry John decided that young diabetics needed

some time at camp where they could be with others with the same problem and learn how to better manage their diabetes. He started Camp Ho Mita Koda, which is located east of Cleveland, and is probably the first diabetes dedicated camp in the world. Today, children are affected by both Type 1 (insulin dependent) and type 2 diabetes. There are about 64,000 new cases of Type 1 diabetes in the U.S. each year. There is an epidemic of Type 2 diabetes among youth. In 2001 the incidence of Type 2 in youth was 0.34 per thousand population. In 2009 it was 0.46, and by 2017 it was 0.67 (nearly twice the 2001 level.) Type 2 diabetes is associated with obesity and is more common in minority populations.

The Grand Council, through the “Diabetic Kids Fund,” helps diabetic kids by sponsoring camperships at seven different camps throughout Ohio. The cost of a campership varies, but it can be from \$500 to \$750. The Diabetic Kids Fund can subsidize these camperships or sometimes cover the cost entirely. The camps are run by several different administrative agencies, and Grand Council works with each of them. The subsidy is in the form of a single check presented to the camp administration after we review the activities and numbers of served kids. Camp services vary from full camp activities for 3 weeks to day camp activities for one week, and the support does vary with the level of activities and number of kids served.

The camps are:

Hamwi: Columbus area

Ho Mita Koda: Cleveland area

DYS: Toledo area

Ko Man She: Dayton/Bellefontaine area

Korelitz: Cincinnati area

Ohio River: Portsmouth area

Diabetes Institute: Athens area (with O.U.)

The Diabetic Kids Fund is supported by our Councils. Sadly, a recent review showed that more than 60% of our Councils did not contribute anything to the DKF. Please consider supporting this very worthy cause.

Remember that organizations that hold raffles or games of chance for funding need to contribute half the proceeds to a charitable purpose (a 501-c3.) If you have such an organization in your area, let them know of the need and they may be glad to help. Kroger also has a “Community Service” program. You can easily link your Kroger account WITHOUT AFFECTING YOUR FUEL POINTS. A portion of what you spend will be devoted to this charity. Of course, we hope that you will select the Grand Council Diabetic Kids Fund.

Thank you for your past support of the DKF!

*Gary L. Nicholson
Chairman*



H. Jeffery Shaw, Kahleffa of the ARABIC CLUB of Dayton presents a check for the Diabetic Kids Fund to M.I.C. Bobby G. Campbell on Jan. 11, 2023

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
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Grand Marshal: Rt. Ill. Comp. George E. Moore	Grand Sentinel Rt. Ill. Comp. Scott M. Russell

If you know of anyone who is not receiving the email notifications from the Arch or anyone you would like this newsletter to be sent to, please contact the Grand Secretary and he will add their name to the mailing list.

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

Fraternally,

Michael L. Terry
Grand Master

Bobby G. Campbell
Grand Recorder