



# Council News and Views

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**Grand Council Officers 2011-2012**

Left to right, (front): Bobby G. Campbell, Grand Recorder; William R. Eagle, Deputy Grand Master; Douglas A. Habegger, Grand Master; Robert K. Rhinehart, Grand P.C.W.; Robert R. Rettig, Grand Treasurer. (rear) Matthew J. Schetter, Grand Sentinel; Richard J. Amlung, Grand Conductor of Council; Lynn B. Alexander, Grand Capt. Of Guard; Edwin G. Herrick, Grand Steward; and David A. Mourer, Grand Marshal.

## **Habegger Installed Grand Master at Columbus Annual Assembly**

Douglas A. Habegger was installed as the Grand Master of the Grand Council at the annual grand assembly October 2-4 in Columbus.

More than 300 attended the grand banquet Monday evening celebrating the conclusion of Pat C. Lively's term leading 10,000 Ohio Cryptic Masons. The event was in the Columbus North Crowne Plaza hotel featuring a Western Ranch reception Sunday evening. Official opening ceremonies were Monday morning, as about 30 out-of-state visitors were welcomed. Also present were Grand High Priest James W. Himmelright, Grand Commander John R. Clime, Eminent Prior William D. Stratton and George C. Sellars, General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, Int'l. About 50 other Ohio grand officers were greeted by Grand Master Lively.

Charles A. Brigham II represented Scottish Rite Deputy for Ohio William R. Powers, Jr, Grand Lodge Orator

Steven Cokonougher brought greetings from M.W. Grand Master Bradford A. Goebel, who arrived later.

Monday afternoon's schedule included a school of instruction and conferring of the Order of the Silver Trowel.

Additional reports were given at the Tuesday morning session. Credentials chairman E. Glenn Arnold reported that 368 companions registered, along with 106 ladies. All 98 councils were represented. As each delegate registered he received a 48-pg. Roster of Council leaders and 48-pg. booklet of committee reports and Grand Master's address.

Following installation of officers and presentation of awards, the session closed at 11:30 a.m.

## **Kalahari is Site of 2012 Assembly**

The 2012 Annual Grand Assembly will be October 7-9 in the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. Dias officers and Recorders will receive details in July.

## **Diabetic Kids Send Thank You Letters for Council Camp Funds**

Many touching letters have been received in the Grand Council office from diabetic kids who were able to go to camp last year because of the generosity of Cryptic Masons. Grand Council officers presented checks totaling \$62,000.00 to the six diabetic camps in Ohio last month to cover their enrollment. This was the 43<sup>rd</sup> year that the Grand Council has presented checks.

Funds were raised by companions in a number of ways including dinners, displays at stores, and contributions at events. Many companions enclosed a DKF check with their dues.

Camps which benefitted were Camp Ho-Mita-Koda (Newbury-Cleveland); Camp Hamwi (Columbus); Camp Ko-Man-She (Dayton); Camp Korelitz (Cincinnati); Camp Berry (Findlay); and Camp Libbey (Defiance).

The Third Arch led by raising \$17,349, passing up last year's leader, the Seventh Arch, which took second place this year. The Fourth Arch has surged into third place.

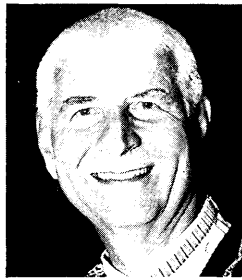
Council leaders in each arch were: 1-Toledo 33; 2-Findlay 50; 3-Lebanon 134; 4-Ashland 128; 5-Kinsman 76; 6-Hock-Hocking 39; 7-Windermere 113; 8-Cuyahoga Falls 144; and 9-Marietta 78.

## **Anointed Kings Confer Order of Silver Trowel on 42**

The Order of the Silver Trowel was conferred on 35 Illustrious Masters, two Past Masters and five distinguished guests at the grand assembly.

Reelected to serve were Francis F. Brown, Illustrious King; Larry E. Byrd, Prince of the West; James B. Parker IV, Prince of the South, Burke A. Cumbie, Treasurer/Scribe; Edwin E. Jackson, Prince of the Court, and Thomas D. Branscomb, Captain of the Guard.

The  
Grand  
Master  
Says



I hope that all of our companions had a wonderful holiday. Our grand officers have been traveling the state and report that the State of the Rite is in good shape and improving. There seems to be a renewed excitement that is invading our Councils. We are seeing younger members shoring up our ranks. We are hearing of Councils that are doing more. It seems that the program that the Grand Council adopted a few years ago is beginning to show progress. We have learned that a good idea can't be realized in one grand term but takes many years.

I am happy to report that your Grand Officers have been working together to make policies that everyone can agree with and pledge to follow for many years to come.

We are questioning things that we never thought that much about before. This is your Grand Council and your Inspectors work for you. If you would like to make suggestions contact him as so that he can bring it forward. It is important for us to know and understand what our companions want.

*You never touch someone so lightly  
as not to leave a trace*

My theme this year is "You never touch someone so lightly as not to leave a trace". I thought this might be a good time for me to explain how I came up with this theme. A couple years ago I found myself at a circle of friendship as we all have. I stood there thinking about some of the companions that used to form this circle. I thought of how those individuals influenced me and my companions. They were ordinary people that taught a lesson in life. Now the tough part was to come up with a saying that would relay that thought to all of you. For that I can thank my wife.

Freemasonry has survived centuries by one thing and that is brotherhood. It all boils down to the future of Masonry that rests on the friendships and impressions that we form. We leave a little of ourselves with everyone we meet. Make sure that impression is

positive and not negative. At this writing we still have 65 inspections and almost all of the Super Excellent Master Degrees.

Winter is now here and the weather is bound to deteriorate. Please remember that if you need to cancel an inspection, contact your inspector. He is the only one that can cancel an inspection. It is not easy to cancel as he needs to contact a lot of people and he usually doesn't have a lot of time to do it. Although we don't want to cancel for trivial reasons, we do not want to endanger our companions.

I have enjoyed meeting so many of you and renewing old acquaintances. Your hospitality has been second to none. It doesn't matter where I go in this great state I find companions whose pride shows through. Many Councils are working hard on the Grand Master's Award. Don't be left out. I hope your travels are safe and we will see all of you at Kalahari in October, 2012.

*Douglas A. Habegger  
Grand Master*

**Masonic Youth Leaders  
Address Grand Banquet**

About 300 attended the annual Grand Banquet Monday evening where York and Scottish Rite leaders brought greetings along with M.W. Grand Master Bradford A. Goebel.

Youth group speakers included DeMolay State Master Council Robert W. Laing, Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor Holly Lovingshimer, and Miss Ohio Job's Daughter Elizabeth Harrington.

Diabetic Kids Administrator Ross R. Black introduced 12-year old Anna McLean, who described her exciting Camp Hamwi experience.

Banquet ceremonies ended by 9:00 p.m. to allow time to visit the hospitality rooms sponsored by the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh, and Ninth Arches.

**Findlay Holds Reception for Hauptert**  
Findlay Council and the Second Arch are holding a reception honoring Arch Inspector Jerome A. Hauptert in the Findlay temple Jan. 22 at 2 p.m.

Hauptert counseled with PGM's Richard L. Harless, Jim J. Buckinham, and Howard L. Lambert Dec. 29 in a Second Arch tradition at the Maid-Rite restaurant.



Retiring Grand Recorder Merlyn E. Meredith passes the Grand Council records over to Grand Recorder Bobby G. Campbell.

**Campbell Succeeds Meredith  
As Grand Recorder**

Past Grand Master Bobby G. Campbell of Adoniram 131 was elected Grand Recorder October 4, succeeding P.G.M. Merlyn E. Meredith who became Grand Recorder following the death of George. R. Fitez in 1986. After commuting to Columbus for several years, Meredith moved the office to Euclid. Records and reports were converted to computer and communication accelerated during his 25 years in office. The files and equipment were moved to Dayton in November. The new address of the Grand Council is P.O. Box 751538, Dayton 45475. Phone (937) 260-4523. Email [grohiorism@yahoo.com](mailto:grohiorism@yahoo.com)

**Springfield Aids Temple**

Springfield Council 17 presented a huge \$12,000 check to the Springfield temple for needed repairs recently. Making the presentation to Ray Short, Executive Director were Trustee Herbert L. Clonch and Illustrious Master David S. Needles.

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#### Arch Inspectors

Left to right; (front) 1-Stephen C. Hill; 2-Jerome A. Hauptert, 3-Lynn B. Alexander; 4-Edwin G. Herrick; 5-Grover D. Manning II. (rear) 6-Matthew J. Schetter; 7-Thomas R. Johnson; 8-Richard J. Amlung; 9-David A. Mourer.



#### Arch Adjutants

Adjutants left to right,(front) 1-Gary T. McLaren; 2-Kenneth D. Chamberlain, Steven L. Adams; 3- Raymond W. Lewis, Jr., H. William Jones (rear) 4-Alan W. Bacon; 5-James R. Leventry; 7-Charles H. McClintock; 8-John I. Miller; 9-William E. Channell.

### Beaver Valley to Host Penn-Ohio Day

Beaver Valley Council will host the annual Penn-Ohio Day in Beaver, Pa., February 18. The Seventh Arch will confer the Royal Master degree at 1:30 p.m. followed by Pennsylvania Cryptic Masons conferring the Select Master degree at 3:00 p.m. Recorder Edward Scott promises a program for the ladies. Dinner at 5:00 p.m. is \$18.00 by advance reservation to Scott at (724) 589-0981 or Robert K. Rhinehart (330) 503-6901. The St. James Masonic Lodge is located at 1445 Market St.

### Bibles Go to Wilmington and Weeks For Membership Success

Retiring Grand Master Pat C. Lively presented the Walcutt Bible to Wilmington Council 116 for its new membership gain of 9. The Ross R. Black Bible again went to Henry A. Weeks Council 137 with the second highest percentage gain of 11.1%. Wilmington had the highest with 12%. Inspectors awarded Arch Gavel to recognize achievements of: 1-Bryan 101; 2-Delphos 72; 3-Wilmington 116; 4-Ashland 128; 5-York 115; 6-Solomon 79; 7-Painesville 104; 8-Canton 35; and 9-Marietta 78. It was the third straight time for Wilmington and Solomon.

### Award Donald Ross 20<sup>th</sup> D.S.A.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Achievement Award was presented to P.I.M. Donald G. Ross of Wilmington Council 116. The Jack L. Colglazier award went to Niles Council 130 for greatest increase in DKF contributions

### Grand Officers to Confer Select Master at Tri-State

The Grand Council officers will confer the Select Master degree at the Tri-state reunion February 25 in Bryan. The ceremony will be preceded by Indiana conferring the Royal Master degree at 2:00 p.m. The chapter degrees will begin at 8:35 a.m. followed by lunch

### Nine Earn G.M. Excellence Award

The Grand Master's Award went to nine councils for Excellence, eleven for Distinction, and four for Achievement. The Purple Quill is being presented to 74 outstanding Recorders. Sixty-four Councils had no suspensions for non-payment of dues. Twenty-two Councils are being recognized for their publications. The Arch Inspectors are presenting these certificates at council assemblies. A complete list of awards appears in the proceedings which is available from the Grand Council office.

### Mail Proceedings

The 160-page proceedings booklet was mailed in December to Grand and Past Grand Officers, Illustrious Masters, Recorders, Grand Representatives, Grand Recorders and many other Masonic leaders. A copy is available from the Grand Council office for \$2.00 postage.

### Youth Musicians Entertain

Children from the Aurora School of Music entertained Windermere companions and ladies following the December meeting.

### Announce dates for DGM Meeting in Each Arch

Deputy Grand Master William R. Eagle has announced the dates of his visit to each Arch to review his program for the 2012-2013 Ohio Cryptic year.

The first will be in the Seventh Arch March 26 in Youngstown as Buechner Council hosts the session at 7:30 p.m. following dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the ladies.

March 26 he will meet First Arch leaders at 7:00 p.m. with dinner with the ladies at 6:00 p.m.

The Eighth Arch meeting will be April 14 in the Salem Masonic temple.

Sidney Moore Council in Delaware is planning the Fifth Arch meeting April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The Grand Master has planned a 9:00 a.m. meeting in the Second Arch at St. Mary's Council April 28.

The Cambridge temple will be the site of the Ninth Arch meeting May 4 at 7:30 p.m. with dinner with the ladies at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies are invited to dinner at 6:30 p.m. previous to the 7:30 p.m. meeting in the Fourth Arch in the Bucyrus temple May 25.

The tour concludes June 29 with a 7:00 p.m. meeting at Lebanon in the Third Arch. The Sixth Arch date has yet to be announced.

While the dias officers are expected to attend, all companions are welcome Eagle explained.

Dinner reservations should be made with the Arch Inspector at least a week in advance.

### Executive Committee Names Outstanding Council, Officers

Wauseon 68 was named the Outstanding Council. Frederick C. Memmer (Canton 35) was announced as the Outstanding Master, Paul Sands, (Bigelow 7) Outstanding Recorder; William M. Berry (New Carlisle 143) Outstanding Treasurer.

Dwight D. Damschroder (Fremont 64) Outstanding Cheerleader; Christian A. King (Wauseon 68) Outstanding Council Leader; and Heather Noss (Zanesville 12) Council Lady-of-the-Year.



#### **Appointed Grand Officers**

Left to right: John A. Busic, Historian; Christian A. King, Musician; Thomas F. Logan, Jr., Assoc. Chaplain; Richard L. Farris, Chaplain; Ronald E. Cashen, Aide; David E. Webb, Aide; Q. V. Reese, Photographer.

#### **Set 2012 Annual Grand Meetings**

The Grand Chapter will meet October 10-11 in Dayton under the leadership of Grand High Priest George M. Shell. Grand Commander August C. Holzer, Jr. has scheduled the Grand Conclave for October 12-14 in Kalahari.

#### **Plan Alzheimer Facilities**

Thomas A. Stofac, the new C.E.O. of the Ohio Masonic Home, explained his vision for future years at the grand assembly.

Timothy B. Strawn, President of the Ohio Masonic Home Endowment Foundation, explained the capital campaign to build Alzheimer facilities at Medina and Waterville.

#### **Band Entertains Ladies**

The Blue Brothers Tribute Band was featured at a ladies' luncheon Monday afternoon at the grand assembly.

#### **C.E.L.L. Program Changes Include new Website.**

C.E.L.L. chairman Caid McKinley has been busy updating the new website [www.cellcourse.info](http://www.cellcourse.info). The website can also be accessed by a link on the Grand Council's website.

Companions can now print the courses off the website and mail them to the C.E.L.L. chairman for grading or download the MSWord version, type in the answers, and email the courses for grading. A redesigned certificate will cover all three courses.

There now is no fee for the courses.

#### **Councils Urged to Send News Of Interesting Activities**

News & Views welcomes information from Councils and Arches about their unusual, interesting and exciting programs and activities.

While space is limited in this 4-page publication primarily featuring Grand Council activities, it also serves to share activities between Councils and Arches to help them increase attendance of their members. Photos of activities, companions doing something other than staring at the camera, should be limited to three individuals and identified.

Send information to [ohiorsm@aol.com](mailto:ohiorsm@aol.com).

#### **Hill Directs School of Instruction**

A school of Instruction was directed by Arch Inspector Stephen C. Hill at the Grand Assembly.

#### ***From the Grand Recorder's Desk***

Since you elected me to serve as your Grand Recorder, I have had one of the busiest times of my life. I greatly appreciate the patience and forbearance you have extended to me since October. My personal thanks to each of the Council Recorders and Grand Officers for your help, your support and your understanding during this transition time. I also wish to thank M.I. Comp. Merlyn E. Meredith and his office staff for their assistance and help over the past three months.

I am pleased to report that the Grand Council records and office equipment have been moved from Euclid to Dayton. We hope to be settled into a good working routine shortly and we will strive to continue to provide the same high quality assistance and service you have received from M.I.Comp. Meredith and his staff during his tenure as our Grand Recorder. Please feel free to call or email us your concerns and needs, we will do our best to assist you. I look forward to working with each of you as we strive together to maintain and improve the Grand Council of Ohio.

*Bobby Campbell*

#### **Preble Meeting in Camden**

Preble Council 135 is temporarily meeting in the Camden Masonic temple due to a fire at Eaton.