

**December 20, 2008**

**Companions;**

**On October 4, 2008, Cindy and I attended the reception for David Bodine, State Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay in Michigan. Our Youth Groups are amazing and they deserve our support.**

**On October 25, 2008, a new Council, Traverse City Council U.D. was instituted. The Most Illustrious Grand Master with the assistance of several Grand Officers instituted the Council and installed their officers. Now they are working towards greeting enough new Super Excellent Masters to be eligible to receive a Charter. They are planning a Three Degree Day in May and hope to receive their Charter at the next Grand Assembly in August.**

**During October in my quest to visit all the Councils of Michigan I attended Livingston Council in Howell, Straits Area Council in St. Ignace, Battle Creek Council in Battle Creek, Flint Council in Flint, Niles Council in Niles, Inverness Council in Gaylord and the instituting of Traverse City Council U.D. in Traverse City. This left just one Council to visit to complete my goal. This was accomplished on November 4, 2008, when I attended Ann Arbor Council in Ann Arbor.**

**Cindy and I really enjoyed attending the joint reception honoring the three new officers in the Grand Lodge line on November 8, 2008. It was a special pleasure to be present to honor the new Grand Marshal, our very own Grand Treasurer and dear friend William E. LeVeque and his lady Angela.**

**From everyone here at the Himes House: Brian , Cindy, Christopher, Rachel and Matthew we would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year!**

**Fraternally,  
Brian K. Himes, DGM**