

Greetings Companions All:

Your Grand Recorder's Office is already assembling the 2008 Annual Return Packets which will be in the mail near the end of October.

No new changes, other than the forms have been enlarged to fit standard 8 ½ X 11 sized sheet paper. The costs of printing, plus the downsizing of every sheet of the present forms is cost prohibitive. The delegates of the Michigan Grand Council, as well as the General Grand council voted to increase the Per Capita Tax of both, and that increase will be reflected upon the forms.

I urge our Council Recorders to start compiling the required information as soon as you receive the forms. Especially the Directory information, when you're Council has elected the 2009 Officers, SEND ME THE INFORMATION ON THE FORM PROVIDED. I was still receiving directory information in May and June. That causes a terribly delay in producing the new directory's.

The 2007/2008 issues of the printed proceedings (MIGM Seitz year) are coming together. It is my intention to have that to a printer several months earlier than last years.

With the consolidation of Darius Council No. 75 into Hiawatha Council No. 65 and Traverse City Council UD, our Grand Jurisdiction still consists of Thirty-five Councils.

Your Grand Recorders Office is operating within its designated annual budget and I see no immediate financial adjustments, at least until the copying machine cartridges and postal fees go up again.

As I continue to shed some of these seven secretarial duties that are incumbent upon me, I'll be able to devote still more faithful and dedicated service to this Grand Council. I appreciate the support of the Companions in re-electing me to this most important office, and I stand ready to aid and assist you, the Recorders, of this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Grand Recorder