

I congratulate the newly installed officers for this Cryptic Year. Many of you have taken offices and need rituals. The rewrites and corrections have all been made. The ritual is now being formatted to a manageable size and will be sent to the printer soon thereafter. I apologize for taking so long but we want this ritual to be one that Companions can use easily, so that there can be no excuse for not learning our beautiful ritual and lessons.

On another note I invite you to join the Grand Council as we prepare to go to the various Council Festivals across the state. Contact PMIGM George Lyons if you are interested in taking a part in the Degree Work. We are always looking for talent.

We just completed a Three Council Degree Day on January 10<sup>th</sup> in Pontiac. I want to say thank you to all who participated or just came down and watched The Degree. Other Degree Work scheduled for the year is as follows: February 7<sup>th</sup> Flint, March 7<sup>th</sup> Kalamazoo, April 18<sup>th</sup> Detroit, April 25<sup>th</sup> Mason, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Traverse City, September 12<sup>th</sup> Howell and October 9<sup>th</sup> Northville. I haven't heard anything about when and where Youper Council will be, but the information will be coming soon I'm sure.

Your Servant As Always,

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