

## Triad Royal Arch Chapter

The 1407th Regular Convocation

**April 26, 2012, Thursday**

Officer's attire: Tuxedos

**6:00p Opening on the Mark Master Degree**  
(Cryptic Council will also open)

**6:05 Regular Business Meeting**  
**Ballot for the Degrees:**

**Discussion on merging in with Mt.  
Vernon RAC of Needham into  
Newtonville**  
**Vote to be taken at the  
May 24, 2012 Convocation.**

**Followed by closing**

**7:00p Beef Ribs, Egg Noddles, and  
Broccoli with Tuna Sandwich  
Alternative**

**By The Sandwich Works**

**\$15.00 with reservation**

**\$20 without reservation**

**Reservations to Ill. Lincoln K. Richards  
by Tuesday, April 24th**

Email sales@asrichards.com

Those on the permanent list need not phone

**7:45p A Talk:**  
**"King Solomon's Temple Explored"**  
**(See box to right ->)**

### *Necrology*

**Companion Edmund Theodore Hodgen**

Born: Nov. 8, 1920 - Greenfield, MA

Exalted: Apr. 1966 Departed: Nov. 30, 2011

## Triad, Cryptic and Comandery Orders Calendar. Meetings at Newtonville

(unless otherwise indicated)

(subject to revisions)

Apr 16 Mon 7:00p Triad Rehearsal  
**Chapter of Instruction - RAM**

**Apr 21 Sat**  
**10:15a MA Convention of High Priests**  
**1:30p GRAC Semi-Annual Convocation**  
**Location: Mt Lebanon RAC, Milford, MA**

Apr 23 Mon 6:30p? G/D Commandery  
**Order of Malta**

Apr 26 Thu 6:00p Triad Meeting  
Merger Discussion  
Cryptic Meeting

Apr 28 Sat 8:30a? Grand Commandery  
**One Day Class** Haverhill, MA

May 21 Mon 6:00p **Chapter of Instruction - RAM**  
Dinner: 6:00p Work 7:00p Newtonville

May 24 Thu 6:00p Triad Meeting  
Election of Officers  
Merger vote **OV 7:30p**  
Cryptic Meeting  
Election of Officers **OV 8:00p**

May 31 Thu 6:00p? G/D Commandery  
**Order of the Temple**

Jun 25 Mon 6:00p? G/D Commandery  
Election of Officers

**Chapter of Instruction**  
**May 21 Mon Triad Newtonville**  
**6 pm Dinner 7 PM Work - RAM**

## First District Visitations

at 8:00p unless otherwise indicated (subject to revisions)

Apr 19 Thu Mt Vernon Needham OV  
May 24 Thu Triad Newtonville **7:30p OV**  
Jun 06 Wed St Andrews Boston **7:00p OV**

## From the East

Dear Companions,

It was again nice to see the sidelines full. The view from the East is great. I would like to thank all who attended.

A special thanks to Southard Lippincott for his work on the presentation to Lincoln K. Richards last month.

We will hold business meetings for the next two months and still have time for new membership requirements to be handled. Please get the applications into us. If you cannot deliver please mail to Robert Marco. The Officers and I have agreed upon a degree schedule for the coming year. Fall will be Chapter, January, February, and March will be Council. That will leave enough room for Commandery in the Spring.

As we heard at the business meeting it looks like the merger is in the works. I appointed a committee to handle it. And to assure continuity we will be watching the happenings closely. For that reason, to avoid any delays in the fall we may be asking the Grand Chapter Office for a Dispensation to hold a meeting in June in Needham. There will be a regular notice published and if we have candidates then we can handle them then also.

Please keep our negotiators in our prayers and May God Bless them in their endeavors for the next meetings.

Jon M. Bowdoin, EHP

The talk is: "Solomon's Temple Explored"  
By Comp. Michael S. Bickford

As Masons, we pay much attention to the construction of King Solomon's Temple, but what do you know about how it functioned? Do you know that no one but priests and Levites were allowed inside the building? Do you know that its primary function was to serve as the place where heaven and earth touched, or that its day-to-day operations revolved around the offering of animal sacrifices? Brother and Rev. Michael Bickford of Norumbega Fraternity Lodge in Newton will give a talk that explores these and other issues related to the Temple. The goal is to expand our Masonic understanding of why the Temple is seen as the epitome of human craftsmanship and construction and to gain a better understanding of what happened there in the times of both the Jewish and Christian Scriptures.