Michigan Triple Tau

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Dear Companions and All:

What a great way to start off the new year! Everyone did an excellent job getting in the articles for this month. This issue is one page too long, but I will just have to deal with it. The information was too important to leave out. There are 2 flyers about upcoming Degree Day and the Eastern York Rite Conference with a Knight of York Degree. Please remember to get your reservations in and help with the Degree Day.

Masonic Pathways still looks like a Christmas Card. There are glittered streamers and ribbons and bows. Everything is lit up at night too. Our Christmas party was wonderful. The wait staff did such a nice job getting everyone served quickly. The meal was very good. Steak and lobster tails, yum! After New Year's Day everyone helps "Undecorate" Masonic Pathways. The only draw back to helping out is that you end up wearing glitter for 3 days.

The Job's Daughters came to put on the Second Sunday of Advent. I did the slide show for them so the congregation could sing along with them. The ladies handed out peppermint candy kisses to us. Those candy kisses tasted very good.

Fraternally, Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau



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Greetings Companions! I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

The future of our fraternity relies on its membership and retention of that membership. I believe that communication, visibility, and education are the best tools we can achieve these goals. So, let's pull up our sleeves and work together to continue to grow, retain and educate our membership. By working together, we can keep achieve any goal and overcome any obstacle that may come our way. It's up to us to keep the pride, purity and permanency of the Royal Arch for future generations.

Being visible can be accomplished in several ways. We should strive to attend our local Chapters on a regular basis. By doing so we will be better informed of local events. We should also make it a point to be active within our Blue Lodges. If a Chapter has a good working relationship with its Blue Lodge those members will follow your lead. Talk to the Lodge Master about doing the red coat degrees. Do an 'Enhance the Secret' program or do a dinner to honor the newly installed Blue Lodge officers. These are just a few ideas of the many ways to be visible in your local area.

Education is always ongoing, by regular attendance in our Chapter meetings and taking part in schools a companion is sure to pick up knowledge he did not previously have. Each Chapter should also have an Education Officer to present monthly education at stated meetings. The Education Committee has put out an education book this year. Each Chapter was given a copy at Session; if you need a copy please contact me. Attend Grand Session and you will have a better idea of what programs are available to help you in your local Chapters. If you take the time to educate yourself and your Chapters you will gain respect and confidence and find it much easier to be visible and educate members. This will help us grow and retain membership in our local Chapters.

Communication is a fickle beast; with today's technology one would think it would be easy. With the large generational range of membership and different levels of activity of that membership it is not easy. The Grand Chapter does offer the following ways to help in this area:

- 1. Triple Tau
- 2. Website (send your events to Don Galway to get them on the site)
- 3. Email Blog (send you event information to any Grand Officer)
- 4. Robo Call information

We are also working on a bi-weekly email list of events going out to all who are interested. Please send your email information to Don Galway if you wish to be added when it launched off. Communication is the key. Without it, education and visibility are difficult at best. Let's all work **Together Towards Tomorrow**

Fraternally,

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Secretary's Scribbles

As we bid a due to 2018 and look to the future 2019, let us reflect on the year just passed. We have lost a number of our members along with some of our widows. We can always say a prayer for those we remember, for they will always be in our memory. We should also remember the new members that we have brought in this year. We sometimes forget that we were at one time new to the craft. It is never too late to stretch forth our hand and welcome a new Companion and is there anything I can do to help you on your journey.

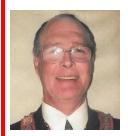
By the time this reach's your inbox we will have launched a new web site with a different look. We hope that it will make it easier for you to navigate. We will continue to update and add to it as we go along. We haven't gotten it out of the cradle yet and are already thinking of things we wish to add. If you have any suggestion, please do not hesitate to call or email me with them and we will see if we can add them in.

January is going to be a slow month for me and the craft, unless you have degrees scheduled and have not sent them to me for the newsletter. Send them to me and I will print them and send them to all of the Chapter secretaries. I will say at this point that our young men in DeMolay will be holding their annual Winter Fest in Flint the weekend of January 18-20th. It is as much fun for the advisors as it is for the young ladies and young men that attend. Lady Sherry and I will once again be manning the DeMolay and More Store, and it would be my great pleasure to liberate you from some of your cash for some fine ware to show your support for our youth. Now for my shameless plug. If you have sons or grandsons that may have an interest in joining DeMolay, come and spend the day (Saturday) with us and let them enjoy the activities. We will provide them lunch and dinner. No strings attached, all that I ask is if you are coming that you call me at the office or on my cell with their name, so we have a head count for the hotel. The hotel is the Holiday Inn Flint- Grand Blanc Area 5353 Gateway Centre. Just off Hill Road East of I-75. If you are coming plan on spending the day. We have activities for the adults. IE: games cards, and good conversation.

Lady Sherry and I wish the Happiest of New Year and a Joyful year to follow.

Fraternally,

R.E.C. Donald L. Galway, Grand Secretary, P.G.H.P., K.Y.G.C.H., and O.P.C.



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King Solomon's Temple

Some interesting facts concerning Solomon's Temple.

- ~ Located on Mt. Moriah in Jerusalem.
- ~The site of the Temple is now the Dome of the Rock.

the 3rd holiest site in Islam.

- ~ All that is left of it today are the huge foundation stones that form the base of the Temple Mount.
- ~ Its construction is recorded in I Kings 6-8 and II Chronicles 2-4.
- ~ The cubit used for measurment in the Temple was the royal cubit, or 20.9 inches per cubit.
- ~ It measured approximately 105 feet long, 35 feet wide and 52 feet high.
- ~ The Ark of the Covenant rested in the Holy of Holies.
- ~ All blocks of stone were prepared in the quarries and placed in position using special wooden tools.

<u>The Second Temple in Jerusalem</u> <u>Zerubbabel's Temple</u>

- ~ Constructed after the return of the Jews to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity (520 BC).
- \sim Built on the same site as Solomon's Temple.
- ~ Biblical reference to this Temple is Ezra 6:3.
- ~ This Temple lacked 5 things compared to Solomon's Temple.
 - 1. The Ark of the Covenant. 2. The Sacred Fire. 3. The Shekinah (the Visible Presents of God). 4. The Holy Spirit. 5. The Urim and Thummim.

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Happy New Year Companions!

Well Companions, December has come and gone, and it was a busy month with Lodge and Council Installations, Christmas and New Year's Eve. I attended several Lodge Installations, assisted Lapeer Chapter #91 to confer the degrees on their newest Companion, attended several Christmas parties and the Christmas Observance at Romeo Commandery #6.

January is here and start of a new calendar year, with activities picking up for some Chapters, while others are dark for January and February due to the winter weather with its snow and sometimes bad driving conditions, or their snowbirds have flown to the south leaving their numbers depleted.

Winter Fest for DeMolay will be Friday January 18 through Sunday January 20 at the Holiday Inn Center on Hill Road in Grand Blanc this year. Hope some of you can make it there to show our support for our youth groups. I know that I plan to attend for part of this annual event.

As winter has officially arrived and bad cold weather has set in, I hope that all of you have prepared for winter driving. By winterizing your car such as getting the radiator hose inspected, and oil changed, getting the winter blades on the windshield wipers. Having the battery tested to ensure that you will have no problems with starting your car.

Remember to clear all the windows of snow on your and all the snow on the roof not only to keep the rear window clear but for the safety of others who may be driving behind you.

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~ The Temple was defiled by the Greek King Antiochus Epiphanes, who also plundered it.

The Final Temple Herod's Temple

- ~ In actuality a remodeling of Zerubbabel's Temple, it was completely made over by King Herod the Great.
- ~ Remodeling began around 20 B.C.
- ~ Was not actually completed until arounnd 64 AD during the reign of King Agrippa II.
- ~ Destroyed in 70 AD after Jerulsalem was captured by the Roman Army during the Jewish Rebellion. (68-73 AD



What King Solomon's Temple looks like today.



This was referenced from The Old Past Master's Masonic Almanac, AL 6006-115.

Fraternally, REC Carl Peterson, Grand King

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When you park your car for the night and you park outside, raise the windshield wipers to prevent them from freezing to the windshield. Don't forget the back-window wiper if you have one.

Keep the fuel level at half full or more. Condensation can form on a very empty tank, also it puts less work on the fuel pump, which is one of the parts that seem to fail in very cold weather. friend run over a paper bag which contained a halfeaten hamburger. It was frozen to the pavement and when he hit it, he bent his wheel and caused a flat tire.

I keep a box for my winter driving in the back of the car with some helpful items: winter windshield wiper fluid rated for -20, a bag of cheap kitty litter to use under the wheels if I get stuck, a collapsible shovel, (which you can find at most army surplus store) if nowhere else. A pair of winter boots just in case I must foot it or dig the car out, an old but clean blanket just in case the car dies, and I have to spend some time in the car without heat. Also make sure you have a phone charger in your car, can't call for help with a dead cell phone battery. A flash light, some heavy winter gloves, a watch hat (knit wool cap) and a heavy wool scarf. Do not get caught in a break down without means to weather the cold temperature.

Lastly, drive carefully and if you are taking a long trip, make sure someone knows where you are headed and the general route you are taking, just in case something should happen.

Well my companions that's all I can think of to put in this month's article so as always, God speed and God Bless.

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Greetings Companions!

Purple, the color of a Royal & Select Mason -

The color purple has been associated with royalty, power and wealth for centuries. In fact, Queen Elizabeth I forbad anyone except close members of the royal family to wear it. Purple's elite status stems from the rarity and cost of the dye originally used to produce it

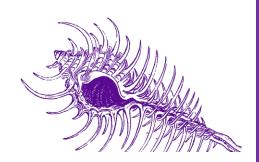


Purple fabric used to be so outrageously expensive that only rulers could afford it. Tyrian purple silk literally cost its weight in gold.

The dye initially used to make purple came from the Phoenician trading city of Tyre. Fabric traders obtained the dye from a small mollusk, Murex, that was only found in the Tyre region of the Mediterranean Sea.

A lot of work went into producing the dye, as more than 9,000 mollusks were needed to create just one gram of Tyrian purple. Since only wealthy rulers could afford to buy and wear the color, it became associated with the imperial classes of Rome, Egypt, and Persia. This dye was used in royal robes, other kinds of special ceremonial or ritual garments, or garments indicating high rank. It is hypothesized that the dye was the same dye as that which featured prominently in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem, and in the clothing of the High Priest officiating there.

MUREX



Purple also came to represent spirituality and holiness because the ancient emperors, kings and queens that wore the color were often thought of as gods or descendants of the gods.

Companions of the Council make up less than 4% of all Master Masons in the State of Michigan. You Companions, are truly the select among the Masons, and fit to wear the color of royalty within our Craft. Be proud to be a Royal & Select Mason.

We are taught, in the Cryptic degrees, the great lengths our three Grand Masters took to preserve the mysteries of our craft for future generations. The Grand Council Endowment is your opportunity to emulate their example. By contributing to the Endowment, we can preserve Cryptic Masonry and fund further value for all Cryptic Masons throughout the state. By the time this article is published we will have broken the \$1,000 mark with donations through our new Gyve program. If you are unfamiliar with Gyve please visit the endowment page on our website at RSM-MI.org and participate. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Happy New Year Companions, and congratulations to the Council officers installed last month. May the Supreme Architect guide you and your Council to higher goals and greater accomplishments.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Ryan Groat, Most Illustrious Grand Master



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Sir Knights,

Inspection season is coming to an end and your Grand Officers are proud to say that there have been many improvements in this year's inspections. On March 16th, 2019 several Sir Knights will be honored for their outstanding ritual work. These Sir Knights will also perform the Order of the Temple in Battle Creek where they will be honored. Thank you all for your dedication to improving your Commandery and the York Rite.



It is also the time of the year when we need to be thinking of nominating members of your Commandery for several Templar awards.

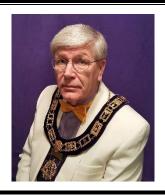
The first award is the Grand Commanders Service Award. This award can be given in each Commandery to a Sir Knight who goes above the call of duty for your Commandery. Every Commandery has a Sir Knight who is worthy of this award. The Grand Commanders Service Award may be given to a Sir Knight more than once as long as he will not have received it more than once in five years. Nominations for this award should be sent to REPGC Cortland C Rule Chairman of the Grand Commander Service Award. 4725 Gorman Rd. Palmyra, MI. 49268

The second award is the Meritorious Service Award. This award is an award that can be presented to any Sir Knight of your Commandery who a Sir Knight for a minimum of five years and has never held the office of Junior Warden or any office above that office. Does your Commandery have a Sir Knight who fits these criteria and who gives your Commandery everything he has to help keep things functioning? Only five Sir Knights of Michigan are eligible to receive this award each year. Please search your Commandery and nominate someone for this honor. Nominations for this award should be made in writing and turned in to the Grand Commander no later than February 15, 2019 for consideration.

The third award is the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. This award is presented to one Sir Knight of Michigan each year who has worked hard for several years to uphold the tenants of our Order. This is a very prestigious award, please do your best to select someone from your Commandery who deserves to be considered for this award. This award will be presented at the Round Table Banquet in August of 2019. Nominations for this Award must be submitted in writing to the Grand Commander no later than February 15, 2019 to be considered.

It is my hope that all Commanderies will participate in nominating Sir Knights for these Templar Awards.

Love one another and we will Build this Grand Commandery "One Good Sir Knight at a Time" SK Shawn M Bashore KCT, R. E. Grand Commander





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Companions All:

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season, nestled in the warmth of family and friends. Many faith walks enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate their faith and devotion to deity regarding their special day and look forward to the coming new year and what it has to offer. As the New Year approaches, it is this sense of new beginnings that I wish to share with you today. It has become the age-old cliché that the New Year requires us to make resolutions to do grand things in the coming year, such as losing 30 lbs. exercising 3 or more hours a day, working harder for that big promotion at work, giving large portions of our resources to charity and so on and so forth. These are worthy ideals, but somehow the execution often doesn't always match our resolve. Maybe it's because we set grand goals that sometimes are loftier than our time and resources allow. There is no doubt that we all live very busy lives these days, what with our careers, family responsibilities, faith-based endeavors, Masonic commitments and the like. Perhaps working toward more attainable goals is the key. Maybe we should focus on smaller attainable goals that we can fit into our schedules such as eating healthier with moderate exercise, learning to work smarter rather than harder at work, and be more selective in our charitable giving where are donated dollar goes farther than with other charities. In our Masonic lives, tell ourselves that I will learn one new part in our ritual this year, maybe two or three instead of trying to digest the whole book. In this way we can still measure a level of success and be at peace with all the things that vie for our time in our daily lives. Balance is not always easy to attain, but a worthy goal to aspire to.

Starting in January and continuing the 2nd. Wednesday of each Month, I will be hosting a forum on ZOOM called "Grand Governors Night Out" for one hour beginning at 7:30 pm. I will be sending the information out to all the Secretaries and Governors of the 12 Colleges in Michigan along with the event code to use. This will be a chance for all Companion Knights to go online with me and my Deputies and discuss the YRSCNA and how we can make our Colleges in Michigan have the best experience possible and to share ideas. I hope we can continue to grow our Colleges and make it an exciting challenge in our Masonic experience.

Also, I don't want to forget to remind everyone about our State Ceremonial at The Detroit Temple on March 30, 2019. What an exciting experience and opportunity to come together as a State and witness this extraordinary event. Please see the flyer posted in this edition of the Triple Tau for details.

As always, have fun, safe travels and most importantly, enjoy the ride!

Edward James, Grand Governor of Michigan, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

ATTENTION

M.E.C.'s, M.I.C.'s and Companions All!

The Seven Degree Day that was supposed to take place on February 2, 2019 in Auburn Hills has been changed. Although we had inquiries from Chapters who had Candidates, no Chapters were willing to volunteer to put on the Degrees. If the Seven Degree Day is to continue next year on the east side of the state, we need Chapters to step up and take on one of the Degrees.

INSTEAD

You are invited to bring your Candidates that need their Royal Arch Degree and those that need the Council Degrees to Auburn Hills to a 4 Degree Day in Auburn Hills.

10:00 am	The Grand Chapter will do the Royal Arch Degree
12:00 pm	Lunch will be served at Noon (\$10.00 fee)
1:00 pm	Pontiac Council #3 will do the Royal Master Degree
1:45 pm	Durand Council #38 will do the Select Master Degree
3:30 pm	The Grand Council will do the Super Excellent Degree

Lodge doors will open at 9:00 am for coffee and donuts.

Please let Mike Whiting know if you will be attending and how many Candidates you will be bringing. Email: mikewhiting@webtv.net or call him at 248-722-4413.

Please contact me as soon as possible so we can make the final preparations to make the day a success. I will send out flyers when I get your input.

Fraternally, Mike Whiting

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Please make sure this gets sent out to all the Grand Officers,

Secretary's and Recorders

York Rite Sovereign College of North America Michigan State York Rite College – Order of the Knight of York Ceremonial and Companion Knight Conference



Saturday, March 30, 2019

Held at the Detroit Masonic Temple, 500 Temple St., Detroit, Michigan



Registration is 9:00 am
Order of the Knight of York Conferral is 10:00 am
Held under the courtesies of Detroit York Rite College No. 1.

Please contact CK Jack Mengel at jhmengem@comcast.net or phone (734) 347-2858

For Order of the Knight of York and Lunch Registrations.

Please make all lunch reservations no later than Friday, March 22nd.

All Colleges are welcome and encouraged to bring any Candidates who have been invited by their College to be created Companion Knights to this special Conferral of the Order of the Knight of York. The Order Conferral will take place In the Commandery Asylum.

Lunch to be held at 12:15 pm with the Companion Knight Conference Beginning at 1:30 pm. Afternoon Conference will be held in the Tudor Room.

Afternoon Conference will feature Comments by the Grand East of Chapter, Council and Commandery as well as a short leadership presentation by Grand Lodge. Historical and educational presentations will be given by the Deputy Grand Governors of the YRSCNA of Michigan.

Evening dinner will follow at the Traffic Jam & Snug, Located at 511 W. Canfield St., Detroit (7 blks. From the Temple down 2nd St.)

Overnight accommodations have been arranged for Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30. Please make your reservations at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, Detroit/Troy by calling (855).516.1092 located at 225 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI 488083. Special Rate will be \$119 per Night plus tax. Cutoff date is March 15, 2019.

Please mention "York Rite College" for the special rate.

Hospitality room will be open Friday, March-29 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm



DeMolay Of Michigan

Vince D'Aguanno, Executive Officer

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Greetings:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas or holiday season. December saw the State officer team going to Alma to start the process of sorting our regalia and getting the storage space set up. It will still be an ongoing process to have everything inventoried and then cleaned but it will be worth it in the long run. December was Lodge Installation season and Michigan DeMolay was out in force, attending sponsoring bodies Installations and doing Honor Guards. The young men of DeMolay appreciate the things their sponsors do for them and are always willing to return the favor.

The State Master Councilor attended the Reception for the State Master Councilor of Ohio and presented him with a couple of gifts, the first was a Michigan State Master Councilor shirt and the second was a University of MICHIGAN shirt. That did not go over very well with the Buckeye crowd, but it was all in fun. One of the best parts of being in DeMolay is the friendships that are established with not only the members in your Chapter or Jurisdiction but with members from other Jurisdictions.





The State Officer Christmas party was a fun event with a gift exchange and plenty of food. Now all attention is turning to Winterfest. Winterfest will be held in Flint at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center on January 18-20, 2019. This year's theme is "Wizarding Winterfest", a Harry Potter theme and will include costumes, Dragon riding, Quidditch and other fun and games. This is the big fun event for the DeMolay year and we look forward to having a big turn out from all the Masonic Orders. The Companions would enjoy Winterfest as all the youth groups have a great time. Maybe, you could team up with a youth for a game or even volunteer for the charity pie toss.



DeMolay Of Michigan

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Michigan DeMolay is on the move with membership as several Chapters have almost doubled their membership. Remember if you have a son, nephew, grandson or know of a young man between the ages of 12-21 ask any of the State Officers or any Advisor for a petition. We will get in contact with the young man and his family as soon as possible to answer their questions about DeMolay. Please try to attend any of the up-coming events and show these remarkable young men that the Masonic Family is willing to support them. If there is anything that Michigan DeMolay can do to help support any of the works of the Companions, please let a State Officer know or contact the Executive Officer.

Fraternally,

Vince D'Aguanno, Executive Officer of Michigan DeMolay Any questions about Michigan DeMolay: E-Mail: daguannov@comcast.net





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Happy New Year!

Michigan Job's Daughters was very blessed this holiday season to be able to continue with our "Pay It Forward" projects!





We were very excited to take over the first Sunday of Advent Service at the DOIG Chapel at Pathways. Pastor Steve very graciously stepped aside and let us come in and lead the service. He even gave the choir the day off, and let the girls do the singing, and they performed an Advent play for the residents as well. It was a very rewarding experience! We then headed over to the home of Bob and JoNeil Conley, for our 6th annual "family Christmas picture".

Our "official" Pay it Forward project was to collect donations for the Paws with a Cause service dogs, and we had a special guest speaker from that foundation come and do a presentation on how the dogs are trained, and the selection process for dogs AND their humans.





Several of our Bethels were blessed to receive \$100 grants for specific "Pay It Forward" projects, and I was thrilled to be able to attend and participate in some of them this month. Bethel 20 in Genesee made blankets for the Foster Closet, Bethel 30 in Grand Blanc adopted two families in their community, Bethel 23 in Walled Lake collected personal and cleaning supplies for a homeless shelter. More projects will be coming soon!



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Grand Guardian

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One of our members even wrote a personal grant, and received \$100 to provide gloves for the kids at her sister's elementary school, who don't have them to wear for recess. Rainey also did a pop can drive, and added an additional \$130 to her grant, and purchased and presented the gloves herself. We are very proud of Miss Rainey, from Bethel 20! She is a very special and giving young lady!



Some of you may remember from last month's article that we made almost 300 scarves at one of our sleepover events. This month, Miss Liliy, our Pay It Forward Ambassador and I went out to Veteran's Park and into the city of Grand Rapids to distribute the scarves for the homeless. We were pleasantly surprised to find that someone else had had a simliar idea, as several scarves were already hung, in addition to some coats, hats, and gloves.

We are thrilled that our "Pay It Forward" project is gaining momentum, and is growing outside of our own organization! Please feel free to share with us, when you do your own random acts of kindness!

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Brower, Grand Guardian Be the Change YOU Wish to See in the World!



Mrs. Maureen Riley

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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Michigan Rainbow

As I'm writing this, it is eight days before Christmas and the Christmas cards aren't done and the presents are not wrapped, but Michigan Rainbow had a marvelous Christmas Party just a short week ago. 100 Rainbow and Eastern Star Counterparts gathered at the Jackson Coolidge Masonic Temple in Michigan Center. There was lots of hugs and laughter while we opened presents, played games and ate lots of delicious pasta. And, of course, Santa was there and Krissy, Lillith and Paula were there to welcome him. During the party, we raised

over \$700 for this year's charity "Wish Upon a Teen".



Now we get to enjoy Christmas and New Year's with our families. In the meantime, all the year-end paperwork is being completed and a new calendar year begins.

January 12th will be our first Grand Officer Exemplification of the year and it is sponsored by the Rainbow Dads at the Wayne Masonic Temple. It is always exciting to see what the Dad's come up with and this year will be no exception since the theme is "Crowns and Glitter". As much fun as that will be, what is even more special is that we will be welcoming two new members on that day. What a special way to start the year. Please contact Bob Otte for reservations if you would like to attend the luncheon and then the meeting. We would love to have you.

The very next weekend will be DeMolay Winterfest in Flint. I know some of the girls and Rainbow adults will be joining our Brothers for a fun-filled weekend. I know that it is a fun weekend, however, there is very little sleep to be had. Contact Vince D'Aguanno for more information.

I hope you all had a safe and fun-filled New Year's and are ready to begin a renewed season of Masonic travels.

Fraternally, Maureen K. Riley, Supreme Inspector