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Greetings Companions:

Last month in January the DeMolay's Winter Fest was held in Clio. It took me awhile to figure out who was getting the cream pies. Then it hit me! That is Ritch Hitch, our Grand High Priest and Gary Paquet, Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council! These two took an awful beating. All for a good cause: The State Master Councilor's Charity. They are pictured below in all their messy glory. I bet the State Master Councilor's Charity made lots of money!



Wow! What good sports they were. Stay healthy and safe travels to everyone.

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

Upcoming All Degree Days:

Flint will be hosting an All Degree Chapter and Council Day on February 3, 2018 at the Flint Masonic Temple and Schoolcraft will be hosting one on March 3, 2018. Any Chapter or Council that has a Brother desiring "further light in Masonry" by joining the Chapter and/or Council, here's yours and/or their opportunity. Please contact Ron Siegwald for Flint or Richard Stange for Schoolcraft. Additionally, if you are interested in performing a part, there will be a sign-up sheet on our website: www.rsm-mi.org. Hope to see you there.



RICHARD HITCH **Grand High Priest**

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Lady Connie



Greetings,

This month I would like to touch on a couple procedural points. I have received many requests from Chapters to change their stated meeting from their regular night of the week to another week. Often this is due to weather, holidays, or events that would cause a low attendance. According to the Red Book, this can only be done in certain situations; “In case of an emergency causing cancellation of all civic and fraternal meetings and/or the curtailment of travel by an agency of the State or Federal government, that said cancelled Stated Convocation shall be held at the first opportunity after lifting the restrictions imposed by the State or Federal Government agency” (Red Book, Sec 219, A-2). Your by-laws may also “provide a specific alternate date for holding a Stated Convocation of the Chapter when such Stated Convocation shall fall on a legal holiday or on a day when Grand Chapter shall be in session. The membership of the Chapter shall have due notice thereof. All other Stated Convocations shall be fixed by the by-laws of the Chapter” (Red Book, Sec 219, sec A-3). Also in section 219, A-4 of the Red Book it states that a “Special Convocation may be called at the discretion of the High Priest and only for degree work, installations, trials, charitable purposes and for receiving and balloting on petitions”.

As we are fast approaching the election and installation season, I would encourage all incoming or existing High Priest to review or establish a set of Chapter by-laws. Your own by-laws can address the needs of your individual Chapter. Just remember that your by-laws must conform to the Red Book and be approved by the Grand Chapter Jurisprudence committee and the Grand High Priest.

Another big question I have received is about “All Day Degrees”. Our Red Book states in Sec 240, 1-E that “Any Chapter desiring to confer an “All Chapter Degree Day” must have the prior approval of the Grand High Priest. This will only be granted if a listing of all of the Companions who will be working in each degree and what part they will be taking is submitted with the application”. As far as York Rite Festivals where the York Rite Degrees and Orders are conferred; “shall obtain a Special Dispensation from the Grand High Priest permitting the Chapter degrees to be conferred as a part of the festival” (Red Book, Sec 240, 1-F).

I hope that the above has answered or helped to answer many of the questions that you may have regarding these particular issues.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with your ideas, complaints, question or suggestions; richhitch62@gmail.com or leave a message at 734-612-4809.

Humbly and Fraternally,
Rich Hitch,

Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan



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Secretary's Scribbles

January is over, and we are into the second month of the year. I don't know where the first month went. I attended a few lodge installations for Master's Pin presentations but for me the high light of the month was DeMolay Winter Fest. This was a lesson on how to feel very old for forty-eight hours. The youth can expel more energy in twenty minutes than I have for the forty-eight hours. Elsewhere in the Triple Tau you will find pictures of just how much respect the youth have for our York Rite leaders. They went to great length to show as much respect as they could muster. We all had great fun and money was raised for the effort.

This month we are going to be busy. The third of February Washington Chapter is hosting a seven-degree day in the Flint temple. Information is on the website. February 16th and 17th we will be in Caro for the annual meeting and George Washington Dinner. All are welcome and there is a flyer on the web. February 24th is the Tri-State Seven-degree day in Bryan, Ohio. If you have candidates, there are a number of places to take them in the next thirty days.

Paw Paw will be hosting a Seven-degree day on March 3rd and there is information on the web for their activities also. March 10th East Central meeting of the General Grands (Chapter and Council) along with Grand Encampment will hold the annual East Central meet in Ft. Wayne IN. There is a flyer on the web with all of the information pertaining to the event. At this time March is open for other activities, but can change fast, so if your chapter is planning something and you wish help, contact me now and I will get the word out to the Chapters.

The end of February of the first week of March, I will have your Chapter dues cards to the Secretaries. Secretaries should insure that I have up-to-date rosters to insure you receive all of the correct dues cards. I would also like to have all of the member information for the Grand Chapter data base. This includes everything asked on the petition along with spouse name and member contact information. along with all degree information. Some Secretaries only send me the members name and when they were exulted. That is not enough information. It may not matter now but in the future when a member is eligible for life membership and the then Grand Secretary cannot confirm their status, some will be very upset.

I hope you have a good winter, if you enjoy winter outdoor sports, then this is your time of the year. Michigan is a great place to be for winter activities. Take advantage of this great State, there is nothing like it on earth.

Fraternally,

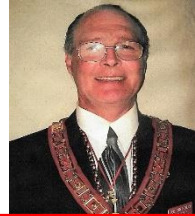
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The following membership information is being provided by the Membership Committee to assist in Membership Education and Retention and should be presented at your next regular stated meeting. Thank you for all you do for the Craft.

Before the Royal Arch Degree

Brother, you have labored long and hard in your search for truth and the secret of a Master Mason. Tonight, you shall find that for which you have so long sought.

The Royal Arch Degree is known as the summit of perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. It is founded upon the destruction of the first Temple and the building of the second. You will represent one of three Jewish captives, who by permission of Cyrus, King of Persia, make a toilsome journey from Babylon to Jerusalem to assist in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the city and Temple.

After years of captivity in Babylon, you find the Temple of Solomon in ruins, destroyed by the mighty armies of Nebuchadnezzar, as retribution for the unfaithfulness and perjury of King Zedekiah, the last King of the Jews. On your journey you will pass through several veils which represent various obstacles met by Freemasons in their advancement toward Divine Truth. You will also hear the words of exhortation of the Masters of the Veils. These words symbolize the connection between God and Moses and the spiritual exaltation of the earnest Mason, whose search for the Lost Word results to his near approach to Divine Truth. You will observe the Signet of Truth and learn of its importance.

In the Entered Apprentice Degree, you were placed in the Northeast corner; tonight, you will again find yourself in the Northeast, and by your zealous and unselfish labors you will there find that for which you have so long sought. The long-lost Secret of a Master Mason.

Fraternally,
R.E.C. Mike Roberts, Grand King

January has been a busy month for all the Grand Officers, and February looks to promise not much more of a break. Most of us have promised better communications and so we've hit the road as well as computers to make sure we stay up with those obligations. As our Grand Secretary has noted most of our future meetings and our Grand High Priest the work being done and that has been done. We need to ask a couple things of our Chapters. We need the "Master's pins Reports" sent on time as well as the "Year End Reports". It's still early but with early preparation the reports can be sent in a timely manner. So far, this year I have not received from any Chapter their candidate for the "MSA Award" or the "Bronze Award". We believe that in every Chapter in this state there are Companions more than well deserving of these awards. Somehow, they are being unfairly forgotten by their fellow Companions. A simple motion, second, vote, and 10 minutes of paper work can make one or two companions realize that their work for the Chapter over the years is appreciated. The form can be down loaded from the Grand Chapter web site or drop me a note by e-mail, by phone or write and I'll get it to you.

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Tim Bayshore, now a Royal Arch Mason, had a fine turn out for the degree work and dinner as you can see. One picture worth a thousand words. Congratulations Companion Tim.

Companions, be safe in all you do!!!!

Kent – Newaygo Chapter #38 And Hooker Chapter #73 Royal Arch Masons

Cordially invites you to a
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Honoring

Excellent Companions
J. Fred Cahoon, PHP-MSA Bronze
Kenneth J. Simmons, Sr., PHP-MSA

On Saturday April 7, 2018



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Greetings,

It's amazing that it's already February. The bitter cold has subsided, at least at the writing of this letter, and spring is truly just around the corner. As I look at the calendar, there is much happening in the coming months and I thought I'd take a moment to let you all know so you can mark your calendars.

February 3, 2018 will mark Flint's Annual All Degree Day. The Grand Council in conjunction with the Grand Chapter will be conferring all the Capitular and Cryptic Degrees starting with the Mark Master Mason Degree at 8:00 a.m. The Council Degrees are scheduled for the afternoon. If you know of any Brothers who have already petitioned a Council and has been approved to receive the degrees, let them know and please bring them. Additionally, if any Companion is interested in performing a part, especially in the Super Excellent Master Degree, let Right Illustrious Companion Gene E. Newman know. He is casting the degree and all assistance is appreciated. His contact information is on the website at rsm-mi.org. Simply click on his picture and you will have all you need. Additionally, there is a sign-up sheet on the website under calendar for you to add your name to any part you'd like to perform.

March 3, 2018: Schoolcraft will be conducting its All Degree Day. Just like Flint, if you know of any candidates or wish to participate you can sign up on the website or contact Illustrious Companion Richard Stange at rstangeddi@yahoo.com.

March 10, 2018, is the East Central Department Conference. This year it will be held at the Hilton Fort Wayne at the Fort Wayne Convention Center. Information and forms can be found on the Council website. Also, the General Grand Council and Grand Encampment are once again sponsoring a York Rite Leadership Program. The program is designed to provide training in leadership skills for men looking to move into leadership positions. If you know of a Brother who would be a good candidate as a future leader of any York Rite Body, go to www.knightstemplar.org/downloads.html or by email at yrelt@comcast.net for more information.

February 17, 2018: The 98th Annual Washington Birthday Celebration will be held in Caro. The Board of Directors will be holding a meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the temple and then we will be traveling over to the dinner with the Chapter and Grand Chapter Officers. If you can make it, feel free to join us.

June 16, 2018: Straits Area Council will be hosting the annual Yooper Council. The Royal Arch and Cryptic Degrees will be conferred with the festivities of the Yooper Council to follow.

To all the Councils, if you haven't already completed your annual return, please do so. Also, include a copy of your By-Laws. If you are unable to locate them, a model can be found in the Cryptic Law Book. Just a reminder, send in your recommendations for Cryptic Mason of the Year. Even though I can only choose one Companion, I want a name from each Council. Make my decision difficult.

As you can see, there is much going on. I hope to see you at any or all events. Until our paths cross again, safe travels.

Gary L. Paquet,

Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. Masons of Michigan



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Dear Sir Knights and Ladies:

Just when I thought the Inspection season was over Monroe Commandery #19 had to cancel because of bad weather. They have rescheduled their Inspection for the evening of February 8, 2018 at 6:00. There will be no dinner and no program for the Ladies. If you have a free night I know they could use your help. Here is a chance for the Southeast Battalion to come together and support one of the Commanderies in their own Battalion.

This month I have been invited to attend the 98th Annual George Washington Birthday Dinner on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 7:00 in the back room of the Brentwood Lanes. I know in the past years there has been a growing presence of Grand Council Officers. It would be nice if Grand Commandery Officers did the same. If you plan on attending, please contact Kevin Wightman, Secretary, his email address is klwightman@yahoo.com. The cost of the dinner is \$16.00 per person and reservations must be in by February 14, 2018. The dress will be tux's or blue coats and collars. I will be in a tuxedo.

Another chance of showing York Rite Unity is attending the Flint Chapter/Council 7 Degree Day on February 3rd starting at 8:00 a.m. I know it's a long day, but it is a chance to get Companions into the Commandery. So bring your petitions along with your blue coat and collar.

The Tri-State York Rite Festival between Ohio, Indiana and Michigan will begin in Bryan, Ohio on February 24th with the Chapter and Council Degrees being conferred. It will conclude the following week March 3, 2018 in Angola, Indiana with the Commandery Orders. Contact P.C. Vernon Barnhart if you would like to attend for further information.

Finally, February 14th is Valentine's Day, one of the most important days of all. It will be a special time to recognize the Beautiful Ladies in our lives, who have supported us in our Masonic Endeavors. Make sure you show them how much we love them and appreciate everything they do for us. Take time to acknowledge our Commandery Sweethearts for their service, because without them where would our Commanderies be today?

We are approaching the midway point of winter and I hope that the flu season has not taken too much of a toll on your health. Just six more weeks and I hope to see my shadow once again. Until next month keep warm, drink plenty of liquids of your choice and don't forget to cuddle with that special someone on the 14th.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

In Unity,
 S.K. Michael Whiting, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan



DeMolay

Winterfest 2018 is now over, and everybody needs rest after a weekend filled with fun, food and fellowship. It seems that Winterfest was a big hit with the Star Wars Theme. We had Jedi Training courses, blaster training, Cantina Karaoke, Star Wars Family Feud, costumes, Nerf wars and pie tosses. The best costume went to Mom Block for her portrayal of Princess Amidala. Our Grand High Priest, Rich Hitch, pitched in and took pies for the State Master Councilor's Charity as well as Illustrious Grand Master, Gary Paquet. All the Youth groups attended, and no one seemed to complain even though the weather did not cooperate. It was an amazing weekend and the support of the Royal Arch Foundation, in sponsoring the pizza party on Friday night, was appreciated by all the hungry youth present. These events are big opportunities for Masonic support for the youth. The members of Michigan DeMolay love to see the Companions attending our events and I know that Rainbow and Jobs appreciate it as well. Michigan DeMolay now turns its attention to the Installation Season which begins in March. Please try to attend an Installation of one or more of the Chapters as they change their leadership for the next six-month term. 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, Exec. Officer of MI DeMolay



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Michigan Rainbow
Back to the Future

On Saturday, February 3, 2018, Michigan Rainbow is going Back to the Future. It is our Alumni Day. The current Grand Officers will Open and Close our meeting that day. Grand Officers from many years past (I believe the oldest one served in 1966) will be doing the Initiation parts that day.

The Rainbow Ritual has undergone several revisions over the years and it will be interesting to see how each Officer presents the Ritual as she knew it in days past. I'm sure our current Rainbow Girls will have a few giggles.

Another part of this meeting will be the report of the membership as of December 31, 2017. Rainbow, along with the other Masonic Youth Organizations, need new members. We need help not only from our girls and our alumni but each adult. If you know a young woman in her teenage years, please put her in contact with either a Rainbow Assembly or a Jobs Bethel. DeMolay is also seeking new members.

The weekend of January 12th saw the Masonic Youth spending time together at DeMolay Winterfest in Flint. It was a cold, snowy weekend with miserable roads but there was a great time together inside. The theme was Star Wars, and everyone had a great time. It was good to see our youth having fun together.

Please come and join us on February 3 in Flat Rock. Please be on the lookout for a teenager to join one of our Orders.

Fraternally,
Maureen Riley, Supreme Inspector



MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL

Happy winter from Michigan Job's Daughters! Although...as I'm writing this, it doesn't feel much like winter, as there were thunderstorms here in Grand Rapids this morning, but I'm sure winter will be back tomorrow. Ahhh,...Pure Michigan!

We continued to be very busy in the month of January, as this is one of our two installation months. We have travelled near and far to support our sister Bethels, and witness the changing of the Bethel Officers. There has been good food, good fellowship, and lots of good fun!

We also attended the DeMolay Winterfest this month, and had the opportunity to raise some funding for our favorite charities, by having pies thrown at us. There was a lot of good food, good fellowship, and good fun! Are you sensing a pattern here?!? We are definitely the children of Masonry!

Upcoming Events:

February 10th at 3:00 p.m. Michigan Job's Daughters is hosting an "All-Masonic Honoring" at the Detroit Masonic Temple, followed by dinner at the Allen Park Masonic Temple, [17212 Ecorse Rd. Allen Park MI 48101](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Allen+Park+Masonic+Temple/@42.281111,-83.781111,15z). Please contact Stephanie Pratt for reservations and/or information [313-445-8193](tel:313-445-8193) or goblue2539@yahoo.com.

March 10th Michigan Job's Daughters is hosting an event "Multi-State 2018" at the Bay City Scottish Rite Consistory, where we will host daughters from other jurisdictions surrounding the Great Lakes region, to come together to honor our Founder, Ethel T Wead Mick. The daughters of 5 different states will perform a ceremony honoring Mother Mick. Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m., followed by an OPEN meeting. Please contact myself for information and/or reservations. Terri Brower [989-400-1920](tel:989-400-1920) or terri.c.brower@gmail.com.

Save the DATE! April 14th We will be holding a Grand Bethel Exemplification at the Clio Masonic Temple, in Clio MI. Details to follow when they are confirmed.

Save the DATE! May 5th We will travel to Menominee, Michigan where we will host a reception for our Grand Bethel Honored Queen, recognizing and honoring her success throughout this year, and her amazing journey in Job's Daughters. Details to follow when they are confirmed.

I would like to leave you this month, with the photo collage below, and the words of Liliy's mom, Marjorie Giese: **"Strong women build each other up! Blessed that LilianAlaine has so many Strong women guiding her along the way."**

All of Michigan Job's Daughters have been very blessed to have had so many wise and strong women to guide them through their journeys.



Pictured in the photo collage:

Top left - Mom Judy Lengyel, Past Grand Guardian - with LilianAlaine Giese, Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Top Right - Liliy watching the girls of the Bethel exit after the Ceremony of the lighted Cross

Bottom left - Mom Dianna Hampton, Past Bethel Guardian - with Liliy

Bottom right - Mom Marilee Smiley, Past Supreme Guardian - with Liliy

Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Brower, Vice Grand Guardian
Michigan Job's Daughters