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Greetings Companions All:

I have a few notes for you. This issue has 10 pages. The last 2 pages, have the new section with the Youth Group messages. On Page 8, is a Seven Degree Day, sponsored by the Dennis F. Brawn No. 65, York Rite Sovereign College in Gaylord, Michigan. This Seven Degree Day is to be held in Traverse City, Michigan on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Dennis F. Brawn No. 65, York Rite Sovereign College, is doing this for Traverse City Chapter No. 102 and Cadillac Chapter No. 103 R.A.M. and the Traverse City Commandery No. 41 K.T.

I did not have the space to tell you where R.E.C. Mike Roberts, Grand Scribe, found his information. He reported that the information was found in the Royal Arch Masonry's Educational Committee's site. It follows the history of how Royal Arch came to Michigan.



This picture is from R.E.C. Carl J. Peterson, Grand Captain of Host. The newly installed W.M. Louis A. Arreola, P.M. of Grayling Lodge No. 356, received his Royal Arch Master's Pin from R.E.C. Carl J. Peterson. R.E.C. Carl is the only Royal Arch Officer with all of his regalia on. Nice job to all the Grand Officers who took the time to present pins this year. The Grayling Lodge No. 356 asked for an escort from the Sir Knights of Cheboygan Commandery No. 50. Some of the Sir Knights are pictured above.

Fraternally Yours,  
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### March Triple Tau

Recently I attended a lodge meeting for the conferral of a degree. I was greatly disappointed. There were no sideliners and some of the officers were not present. To make matters worse the officers who were present were not prepared and stumbled through their parts. I'm sure you can imagine what the candidate must have thought.

This type of conduct by a lodge, or any Masonic body, is totally unacceptable and disrespectful, not only to the candidate but to the fraternity as well. I fear we are slipping to a new low if we are not careful.

So, what's going to become of this "new member"? He petitioned the Fraternity, I'm sure, with great expectations, he paid good money for his degrees and is not receiving what he has petitioned and paid for. How would you view his Masonic future at this point?

How many times have we heard "the candidate is the audience". He is the one we must take the greatest of care of to impress. He is our future. He is the one we want to spread the word of how great our fraternity is. He is also the one we want to petition our Chapter, Council and Commandery and be an active member therein.

We, each one of us, must do a better job, individually and as Masonic bodies, to take particular care for those who come to us seeking light. We cannot take for granted the future of Masonry. Remember, "We only get one chance to make a first impression". Let it be a positive one our candidates will remember for a life time.

Fraternally,

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**Secretary's Scribbles**

So, we have managed to make it through another month and what a month it has been. I feel sorry for the members that spent the monies to go to Florida for the winter this year. The weather this month has been to say the least unbelievable. The seven-degree day in Flint was pleasant, but Caro was crazy. I have never been to Caro in February with a lot of snow temps hanging around zero and a twenty mile an hour wind. This year, sun shining, no wind and the temps bouncing around sixty degrees. This is Michigan so I am not sure just what to expect for March. If it comes in like a lamb, tradition dictates that it will leave like a lion. Which leaves April and the worst ice storms I have ever lived through accrued in April.

Enough about the weather, now for a shameless commercial from the Grand Secretary. I am planning to have the annual reports out by mid-March, which means if you have Exalted new members and have not sent me their information you will not have current dues cards printed for them. There is a form on the web site for monthly activities, or you may send me an e-mail with the following information in it for each member Exalted.

Name, Address, Home Phone No., Cell Phone No., Spouse's Name, E-mail address, Birth Place, and Birth Date. Along with this information I need when the petition was read, voted upon, and when he received the four degrees. All this information is placed into his record and will be used in the future for life membership or in some cases family history. I receive request for information on family member's membership in this body for any number of reasons and without it we cannot provide the answers to the family.

Mark your calendars for May 6, 2017. Traverse City Chapter and Commandery are planning a four degree and all order day. There is a flyer in this publication and on the web site to advertise this event. This looks to be a great event and a fun day. The chapters in the north will not have to travel down state for a change.

You will notice that we have added another page to the Triple Tau. This edition is the first to have our youth groups place an article in this publication. This will give them a chance to reach a larger audience for their events, along with giving some a better view of just what our youth groups are all about. I for one am looking forward to reading what they have to say, as most of us are far removed from the energy they have and the ideas that they wish to put forth. We as an organization support the youth, and this is one way of doing it. I hope that armed with the information that they will be putting forth, about their events we will be better able to support and attend their events, along with supporting their Chapters, Bethels, and Assemblies.

Think Spring!!!

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



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While researching a topic for this month's article, I found some interesting points you can make to help recruit Master Masons into the Royal Arch. These points came from an article authored by Companion Howard Little.

The principals of masonry are to make "good men better", and any of us can become better than we are now. The York Rite bodies purpose is to further the Masons education and the Royal Arch and York Rite bodies are a source for that education. The Royal Arch will help fill in with more detail the areas not covered in the three symbolic Degrees.

As noted in Masonic history, the Royal Arch was originally part of the Symbolic Lodge, but as time went on it became a separate and independent body. When this occurred, the Past Master Degree was instituted so that the candidate could become a virtual Past Master, to be able to receive his Royal Arch Degree. Thus the degrees in Royal Arch are the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch degree. The Mark Master exemplifies how the craft were paid their wages: in that and all who labored received equal pay. In the Past Master Degree, the candidate learns how to govern a Lodge while he is seated in the oriental chair of King Solomon. The Most Excellent Master Degree portrays what was experienced in the building and completion of the temple. The Royal Arch degree is founded on the building of the second temple, and as in the Mater Mason Degree you received a substitute word until future generations should find out the "right word", which you will find in the Royal Arch Degree.

As you have read, and should already understand, with the above information, an invitation should be extended to each Master Mason who is not already a Royal Arch Mason, an invitation on behalf of your Chapter, to take this time and opportunity to join the ranks.

On another note, please take another moment to nominate someone from your Chapter for either the General Grand Chapter International, or Grand Chapter MSA award. I have sent a copy of the nomination form to at least two people in every Chapter via email. However, many of the emails bounced back. If your Chapter did not receive a copy, please contact me with information on where to email it, and I will do so. The dead line for the MSA is April 1, 2017. You can also download a copy from the Grand Chapter website.

Fraternally,

R.E.C. Rich Hitch, Grand King

The Grand Chapter, or at least Chapters, of Royal Arch Masons and have been in Michigan been an influential part of the Masonic Tradition in Michigan since April 20, 1818 when Monroe Chapter No. 1 held its first meeting at the Masonic Hall (Benjamin Woodworth's Hotel) in Detroit, Monroe Chapter No. 1 received its Charter on Feb 17, 1821.

Monroe Chapter was instrumental in St. Joseph Valley No. 2 in Niles receiving a dispensation to work. It forwarded the recommendation for a dispensation, along with \$110.00, to the General Grand Chapter on April 16th 1844. The Dispensation was granted on May 16th of that year. Their work being satisfactory, the General Grand Chapter in September 1844 granted the Charter which was made out and dated October 16th, 1844.

Jackson Chapter No. 3 located in Jackson received authority of a warrant to work from the General Grand Chapter and held its first meeting in the Odd Fellows' Hall on the thirty-first day of March 1847. At a regular convocation held on the 2nd day of December 1847, they adopted a resolution, previously approved by Monroe Chapter, declaring that in the opinion of the members of this Chapter, it was expedient and proper to form a Grand Chapter for the State of Michigan. The organization of the Grand Chapter took place in Jackson on the 9th Day of March 1848.

The first elected Officers of the Grand Chapter were: E. Smith Lee, Monroe, Grand High Priest; Czar Jones, Jackson, Dep. Grand High Priest; Nathaniel Pullman, St. Joseph Valley, Grand King; John Mullet, Monroe, Grand Scribe; William Lister, Monroe, Grand Secretary; N.B. Carpenter, Monroe, Grand Treasurer and Jeremiah Moors, Monroe, Grand Marshal. (\*\*The Grand Chapter does not have or elect a Deputy Grand High Priest or a Grand Marshal but it does however have the following elected Officers: Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Three Grand Masters' of the Veils and a Grand Sentinel.).By the end of the year 1850 Capitular Masonry in Michigan had grown to 7 Chapters and two hundred and fourteen Companions.

The Grand Chapter has continued to grow and prosper since its inception. It has always been a leader in the education and growth of Masonry in Michigan. The last Charter to be issued was presented to Sunlight Chapter No. 189 of Dearborn on October 15, 1975. Sunlight Chapter was founded as a Daylight Chapter. In 1998 it moved its Charter to Garden City.

Fraternally,

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Companions all;

Here we are buzzing along into the New Year with most of the officers carrying on the wishes of our M.E.G.H.P., and making their own plans. In making the future plans for the Arch Masons here in Michigan it is important that when your district officer visits that you take the time, either one on one or as a group to give him a heads up on your views of the necessities that may be implicated to profit not only the Royal Arch but the entire craft. One person alone with all the question and presumably the answers cannot cover all that response that needs doing in the process of moving forward.

Old ideas and new ideas can be formulated by the Grand Officers at their meetings but the new ideas needed to profit the craft and each individual Chapters have different needs. These needs of the individual Chapters are what's on our agenda as we meet 6 or 8 times a year.

None of us adore the thought of a Chapter falling short on attendance, membership or communications and there are remedies to avoiding these situations, but not knowing of a problems existence, little can be done or discussed as to a resolution.

Be forthcoming with your Grand Officer. That's his job in your area for the year and if the problem can't be solved at that time the next Grand Officer will pick up on it, but don't wait until it's too late. Give us an early warning and something to work with.

Your voices don't only fall on the ears of the one you communicate to, they are brought up at our meeting for discussion.

What works for one district may very well work in yours and for your Chapter.

Communication between the districts and the Chapters themselves is essential and we are your communication carriers as well as your Secretary's.

Your secretary is of vital importance to the Chapter. He receives communication every month from the Grand Chapter and is informed of all upcoming dates as to MSA awards, all degree days, receptions, officers meetings and much more.

Remember to attend your Lodge meetings, wear your blazer, and with respect to your W. Master's work, a Brothers future in Masonry can be discussed after the meeting.

Hope that all are keeping up with your "New Year's Resolutions" and I'm looking forward to seeing & meeting with you at the future "All Degree Days".

Fraternally,

R.E.C. Carl J. Peterson, G.C.O.H.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT OF 2016-2017

26 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received from the following Chapters; 3, 5, 7, 12, 30, 31, 37, 38, 42, 47, 51, 55, 69, 73, 74, 83, 85, 91, 96, 116, 123, 125, 138, 167, 182 and 189. 50% completion rate.

28 Schools of Instruction were reported to have been conducted with the following Chapters; 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 17, 22, 26, 27, 30, 31, 34, 37, 38, 42, 47, 51, 69, 73, 85, 91, 96, 116, 125, 139, 167 and 189. 54% completion rate.

5 Inspection Reports were reported to have been conducted with the following Chapters; 12, 31, 69, 91 and 189. .09% completion rate.

Total miles travelled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of February 15, 2017 is 6,387.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louis D. Scott Jr., P.H.P.

Executive Director of District Deputy Instructors  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

### Interesting Facts about St. Patrick's Day:

~The Shamrock was used as a teaching tool for the Pagans. The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.  
~Blue was used as the color associated for Ireland because back in the day green was considered unlucky? Still today the Presidential Banner is blue!  
~ Irish flee the country. In Ireland on March 17 you'll find many public figures, musicians, and dancers have traveled abroad to work on lucrative gigs elsewhere. Politicians also travel to drum up trade.





Hello to all readers of the Triple Tau, I am a member of the Grand Ladies of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. I have been asked to submit an article from the ladies and to relay our concerns and experiences over the past and coming years.

Our duties and responsibilities increase as our mates advance to higher positions. In most cases we are not always informed by them as to the new and added responsibilities. We need to lean on each other to navigate our journey without too much stress and confusion. All of our members are very competent and eager to do a professional job and to help each other achieve our goals. Never be shy to ask for help or answers to questions that we are not sure of.

Since my husband, Don Mayville, has become involved in Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons my duties and responsibilities have slightly increased and get more so each year. Do I have questions and concerns? I certainly do, and I know I have members both new and seasoned ladies that I can approach to help me out. We must remember that we are all in this together and I know we are all willing to help each other and give us all the "Atta"-girl pats on the back. I grew up in a large family of caring and helpful siblings and feel this is the way I continue to approach this chapter of my life with my new adopted siblings. If individually we are not able to get the information and instructions that we are seeking, remember there is strength in numbers and we are here to help each other, always!

I feel very lucky to be included with a group of ladies who are concerned about each of us and willing to make us all succeed. Thank you for helping me to feel so welcomed and included and I am excited to make this journey with all of my new friends.

Fraternally,  
Lady Joanne Mayville



**RESERVE THE DATE  
May 6, 2017**

Sponsored by Dennis F. Brawn No 65 York Rite College  
For  
Traverse City Chapter 102 RAM and Cadillac Chapter 103 RAM  
And Traverse City Commandery No 41 KT  
AT  
**Traverse City Masonic Center  
13360 West Bay Shore Road  
Traverse City, Michigan**

Open at 8:00 am for the Mark Master Degree, Past Master Degree, Most Excellent Master Degree and the Royal Arch Degree

Lunch after the Royal Arch degree Approx. 12:30 pm

Lunch cost to be determined

Acknowledgement of: Presiding Grand Officers only.  
The Commandery Orders will follow the introductions.

**Pre-registration by email to Paul Roggow,  
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by May 1<sup>ST</sup>**

This will include meal reservation for caterer, List of candidates and all attendees We hope that the new Companions and Sir Knights will have a better understanding of the Masonic principles they have gained thus far. In living the fundamentals of Freemasonry we can be successful in our families, in our spiritual being, in our vocation and peaceful in society.

**This type of costume will be the new look  
for Knights Templar at local parades and at  
special designated Orders of the Temple.  
Come to Traverse City to see them on  
May 6<sup>th</sup>.**



Thank You for being here and having a part  
in today's powerful experience.

Paul Roggow PGC, KCT

**Did You Know?**

Each piece of chainmail is for a specific part of the body it is to protect. For the head there is the coif, aventail, mail fringe, and a "Bishop's Mantel", for the torso, the shirt, the hauberk, skirt and breeches, for the upper arms, were the mail sleeves and mittens, for the lower limbs chausses and sabatons. Go to [www.medievaltymes.com](http://www.medievaltymes.com) to see more information.



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### March is a Good Time for Spring Cleaning

As winter is winding down it is time to think about spring cleanup, and there is no better place to start than your Council's by-laws. The Council's by-laws are a part of the duty you agree to uphold when taking an office in Council, and more especially are a part of every Thrice Illustrious Master's obligation to preserve during his term of office. Our by-laws are referred to constantly in our obligations and in the charges of our degree so, do you even have them?

Like an IT tech asking you if your device is plugged in and turned on, let us make sure we even have by-laws in place for our Council. It may come as a surprise to many, but almost half of the Councils in the State do not have by-laws on file with the Grand Recorder! Take the time to search them out and make sure they are on file with Grand Council. If you have by-laws, take a good look at what is current and what may be useful to change. Your local Council can define itself in unique ways with its by-laws. It can keep a place for your traditions and special occasions.

For instance, every year there is a flood of dispensation requests wanting changes in meeting dates in order to accommodate Christmas Dinners, open installations, and other needs of the Council. You do not need to have a dispensation if those allowances are built into your by-laws. Take the meeting time requirements, for example. Why not put a provision into your by-laws that allows (provided proper notice is given to the membership) the December meeting to be held a half-hour earlier when an open installation is occurring? The by-laws allow your local Council to carve out a method of operation that serves your Council specifically, rather than the more generic state-level Constitution or other governing regulations. Your Council may still have by-laws that are based on meeting ten times in a year, rather than the newer six times a year requirement. This is the perfect time for a view, a review, and a cleaning up of loose ends in your by-laws.

So, what if you are having a hard time finding a copy? Do not panic, this is a good time to incorporate all of those local customs and traditions so they are official and not just something "we've always done this way." Sample by-laws found in the Purple Book (Council's law book) are just a starting point.

Too often we disregard our rules and regulations for expediency, but that puts us afoul of the law instead of incorporating our style and unique practices into the law by including them in our by-laws. It is March, which gives every Council time to review its by-laws or determine it does not have any and make the changes needed for your Council and have them voted on and approved before the Grand Assembly in August.

Enjoy the Spring and enjoy the Spring cleaning!

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# No Report!



### DEMOLAY

The Order of DeMolay was founded in 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri. The Order was formed by "Dad" Frank Sherman Land, a prominent Scottish Rite Mason, with nine young men. The youth movement caught fire and quickly spread throughout the state of Missouri and the rest of the country. Originally a high school fraternity, DeMolay today is open to young men between the ages of 12 and 21.

DeMolay came to Michigan in 1921 through the efforts of "Dad" Charles Conover, a prominent Mason and a Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masonry, he was also a Past Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Michigan. "Dad" Conover was appointed the Deputy for Michigan by "Dad" Land and DeMolay came to Michigan, with the first Chapter being instituted in Coldwater, Michigan, "Dad" Conover's home town. The next two (2) Chapters were instituted following the railway, Lansing and then Saginaw. All of this occurred within a two week period. Through the efforts of "Dad" Conover DeMolay in Michigan flourished. At its peak in the 1960's there were 101 Chapters scattered all over Michigan, with over 50 Chapters in Southeastern Michigan. "Dad" Conover was the first Executive Officer, which is the head adult, in the jurisdiction of Michigan and developed Michigan State Chapter in 1924. Michigan DeMolay held its first conclave or state meeting in Grand Rapids in 1924. Michigan DeMolay was very prominent in the DeMolay movement, having the very first International Master Councilor when the International Supreme Council was created in 1967, and three International Master Councilors in the first six years of the Supreme Council. There have been four International Master Councilors from Michigan and four International Congress Secretaries. Michigan DeMolay has had three Grand Masters of DeMolay.

In Michigan DeMolay's 95 year history, tens of thousands of young men have passed through Michigan DeMolay. The majority of senior DeMolay join the Masonic fraternity and continue to support the activities and programs of the Order. Many members have gone on to achieve success in their chosen fields of endeavor or in the Masonic Fraternity. Notable members of Michigan DeMolay include actor George Peppard, Dearborn Chapter; Walter Wheeler MWPGM, Grand Rapids Chapter; Ronald Jones, CEO Dawn Foods, Jackson Chapter; and Harold Koch, PWGP 1953 and Executive Officer of DeMolay 1939-42 and 1950-67. Currently, Michigan DeMolay has 14 Chapters, 211 members and several areas expressing interest in forming new Chapters.

Fraternally,  
Vince D'Aguanno, Exec. Officer of MI DeMolay



### INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS IN MICHIGAN

One evening in the spring of 1922, the Rev. W. Mark Sexson was asked to make an address before South McAlester Chapter #149, OES. Rev. Sexson had observed the Order of DeMolay and decided there should be such an organization for girls. Rev. Sexson wrote the Ritual the next day. Rev. Sexson was serving as the Pastor of the First Christian Church in McAlester, Oklahoma. Rev. Sexson was a 33° Mason and would in the next few years serve as the Worthy Grand Patron (1925) and the Most Worshipful Grand Master (1928) of Oklahoma.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls came to Michigan on June 24, 1923. By 1960, over 80 Assemblies had been instituted in Michigan and membership was at its greatest. Today Michigan Rainbow, as of this writing, has 13 active Assemblies with approximately 100 members.

For many years, Michigan Rainbow did not use the Masonic Apron in their degree work. Mr. Holm Swenson, a Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, reintroduced the Masonic Apron into the Initiation ceremony at our 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Assembly in 1978. The Rainbow Girls of Michigan were pleased to be able to do their Ritual work in full.

Michigan Rainbow Girls are an active group and full of excitement and good times. They love to do events such as sleepovers, car washes, serving dinners, ice skating, and bowling. February 18<sup>th</sup>, we had an all-state service/craft project day. The girls made centerpieces for the Masonic Home for Mother's Day and made items to give to the residents as they visit them during our Grand Assembly Session in Alma in June. In March when we have the Exemplification we will also celebrate Christmas! Mother Nature caused us to cancel the Christmas Party twice because of snow storms. While having a good time together, the girls also strive to present our Ritual as beautifully as possible as written by Rev. Sexson.

Michigan Rainbow has the support of the Grand Chapter of Michigan OES, the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation and all of the appendant bodies of Masonry. The Rainbow Girls are very thankful and appreciative for all of the support from our adult organizations. We welcome your attendance at any of our local or state meetings and activities. Please come and join us.

Fraternally,

Maureen K. Riley, Supreme Inspector  
and Member of the House of Gold



### **MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL**

Michigan Job's Daughters is a premier organization for girl's ages 10-20 years old. While it has enjoyed a rich history of Masonic Heritage, any girl may be recommended for membership by a Freemason, after exhaustive search has been made for Masonic Relationship in her family.

Young women can expect to find friendship in the organization and learn many qualities that will carry her through life, including planning, preparing and hosting events, budgeting, parliamentary procedures, fundraising, problem-solving, increased self-esteem, working in a team setting, making friends along the state and around the world, and being mentored by highly successful adults.

Girl's will enjoy opportunities to travel while visiting other Job's Daughters and occasionally serving in the Grand Bethel as an Officer or Representative. In a world of chaos, it will provide a safe environment for young women to grow and learn the social manners necessary for success. You can check out more about Job's Daughters and find a local Bethel on our website [www.michiganojd.org](http://www.michiganojd.org) or stay up-to-date with all our happenings by texting @mijdi to 81010.

#### **Future Events:**

April 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Bethel Honored Queen's Reception and Honoring, Grand Rapids, MI

May 6<sup>th</sup> Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian's Reception and Honoring, Bay City, MI

July 6-9 Grand Session, Grand Rapids, MI

Fraternally,

Jessica Abraham, Grand Guardian 2016-2017

## **Some Good Jokes**

**What do you call bears with no ears?**

**Answer: A "B"!**

**What's brown and sticky?**

**Answer: A stick.**

**Two gold fish are in a tank.**

**One looks at the other and says,  
"You know how to drive this thing?!"**

**I waited and stayed up all night and tried to figure out where the sun was.**

**Then it dawned on me.**

**What do you call a fish no eyes?**

**Answer: "fsh"!**

