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Greetings Companions All:

I am so proud of most of the Royal Arch Grand Line Officers this month. There were a few of you who had troubles and were on time but at the last minute. It just worries me that I would have a BIG hole to fill. I also know that technology is great...when it works. When it doesn't I also bang my head on the keyboard too!

I received a very nice picture of this year's Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Dakota Brower. Dakota's theme for this year, "BElieve in YOUrself" this is her special project for this year.



Thanks to all of those who helped get things around so that I could do what I do! You all mean so much to me and I hope that "Thank You" will be sufficient. Have a wonderful Spring season and watch all the flowers and trees come back to life! So, with that, I will bid you all a good read.

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau



HOWARD W. DUKE
GRAND HIGH
PRIEST

Lady Carole Duke



April is now behind us and the installation of officers for the coming Capitular year is upon us. As a reminder, installation of officers must be completed on or before May 31st. I want to congratulate those Companions who are elected and soon to be installed and hope your year will be a most successful one.

May is also the time that our Chapter Secretaries are required to file their Chapter's annual returns with the Grand Secretary. Annual returns must be in the mail on or before May 15th. The High Priest and Secretary are equally responsible to ensure that the annual returns are accurate and have been properly filed. This is very important so that the Grand Secretary has ample time to organize and record the information for the Grand Chapter files and to organize pertinent information to be included in the advance proceedings for Grand Chapter in August. Last year we had several Chapters that failed to file their annual return. Please make sure that your Chapter doesn't fall into that category.

On another subject. I wonder, how many of our Companions take the time to read the newsletter that is published by the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International each month! If you don't you are missing a lot. It can be accessed at "ramint.org". The publication always contains very interesting articles and items of genuine interest. Of interest to me, and I bring to your attention, is an article in the April issue by James Hodge, General Grand King. The topic of his article deals with Civility, Proper Protocol and Etiquette. Space does not permit going into detail here, but I'm sure you will find Jim's article very worthwhile. Let me know what you think.

Fraternally,

M.E.C. Howard W. Duke, Grand High Priest





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Secretary's Scribbles

We are bidding fair well to April I am not sure whether it is going out like a lion or lamb. May should be better and warmer with less cold and more sun, we can only hope.

Chapter installation will be taking place this month. Congratulations to all the new officers I hope you have a great year. The Annual Reports are in the hands of the secretaries and are due on or around the 15th of the month. The sixth of the month Traverse City will be hosting four Chapter degree and all Order day for Commandery. May also brings us Grand Lodge. The Grand Session is being held in Dearborn this year at The Henry the dates are May 22nd and 23rd, it is open to all masons in good standing, come out and see the working of your Grand Lodge in action, you owe it to yourself if you have never been.

The Annual Reports are in the hands of the secretaries as stated above, if you are a secretary and having problems with the form feel free to contact me and I will walk you through it. The dues cards were also mailed to the secretaries and are, or should be being disbursed shortly. There may be some members card that did not reach the secretaries, if you are missing anyone contact me and I will send blanks. Most of the problems with dues cards arise from the lack of information on the new members when sending the monthly reports to me. It is important to send all the information that is on the petition for our records. Grand Chapter tries to keep a record of every member past and present. I receive requests for member information weekly for all time periods. Some cases require going to the old card files or the old annual reports to try and find the member. Without all the information being put in someone in the future will have a very difficult time looking you up for your relatives.

The time has come to start marking your calendars for summer activities. June 17 is Yooper Council, Royal Arch degree in the morning, Council degrees in the afternoon, Dinner and then Yooper Council, all being held in the Marquette Masonic Temple. July brings the York Rite Picnic and Golf outing. All this fun will be in Gladwin at the Sprague property and Gladwin Heights Golf course. July 22 and 23 respectfully. Don't forget our grand session, this year to be held August 10th thru 12th in Grand Rapids, Mi. See the website for more details. Enjoy the planting season, go outside and enjoy Michigan this is a great time to live in Michigan.

"Optimism is going after Moby Dick in a row boat and bring the tartar sauce with you!"

Fraternally,

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



2017 Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing!!!

Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Saturday, July 22, 2017

Sprague Cottage

Near Gladwin

And

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Gladwin Heights Golf Course

3551 W. M-61, Gladwin, Michigan 48624

Phone: (989) 426-9941

We have a great weekend planned for you and your family and friends.

Saturday, July 22nd is the Annual James R. Sprague Memorial York Rite Picnic held every year since 1998 at Jody Sprague's Cabin, southeast of Gladwin. The entree for dinner will be your choice of hamburgers or hot dogs with a pot-luck assortment of sides and desserts. Ice tea, water, lemonade, and beer will be provided. If you would like something else to drink it's **b.y.o.b.** Meal will be served at approx. 1:30 p.m.. There is room on site to park a camper or pitch a tent; also there are several motels nearby. So plan to come early and stay late. Please call or email Don Mayville to let us know if you plan to attend and for directions.

Sunday the 23rd is the Annual Golf Outing. The event is a four (4) person scramble. Teams may be all men, all ladies or mixed. You may submit your team or we will be glad to put one together for you.

Registration will begin at Sunday at 8:30A.M. and tee time at the 1st tee will be 10:00 A.M. The course will allow a Shotgun Start (if we have enough teams to warrant).

We are asking and hoping that all York Rite Bodies (Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and York Rite Colleges) as well as any businesses or individuals that may wish will sponsor a hole or tee box.

All profits will be divided equally between the Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery Charity of their choice.

Any Questions? Contact:

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Lou McCray at 989 728.5384 / elcemccray@yahoo.com

Don Mayville at 810 874 1637 / indsal@att.net



2017 York Rite Golf Outing Sponsor & Registration Form July 23, 2017

I/We would like to sponsor (*individually, as an organization or a business*) a hole or tee box, for only \$ **25.00**, please let the sign(s) read:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

(Registration Fee Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner and prizes)

\$70.00 per player (\$65.00 if paid by 7/14.....\$ _____

Playing with: _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Additional persons – Dinner Only + lots of fun, friendship and fellowship on a Beautiful July day!

(Dinner will be served approx. 4:30 PM): _____ (\$ 25.00 each) \$ _____

_____ # of hole or tee box sponsorships at \$25.00 each \$ _____

Enclosed please find my payment (in full) of \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Livingston Chapter #30 marked: "YR GOLF Outing" on the memo line.

Mail Advance Registration & Checks to Don Mayville
148 Belmont Ln.
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9025

Dinner Choices – (Please include yourself) _____ # of Steak Dinners
_____ # of Chicken Dinners

***Please copy as needed**



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R.E.C. Mike Roberts

Grand Scribe
Lady Becca

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As it is already May, all Chapters should have had their elections and installations. First I wish to congratulate all the newly elected and appointed Officers and committee members. To those who may be serving another term as the presiding Officer, I also wish you the best in preparing and mentoring your upcoming successor.

For those who are new to the Oriental Chair of King Solomon, a few tips that may make your year a success.

As the High Priest, you have the right to summon any member of your Chapter at any time, however, you should use this power with discretion and judgment and not abuse it. You are also a member of your Chapter's Board of Directors, and should stand on the committee on charity and shall have power to draw warrants on the treasury for such sum as may be determined by the Chapter for the relief of any one applicant and such action shall be reported to the Chapter at its next Stated Convocation.

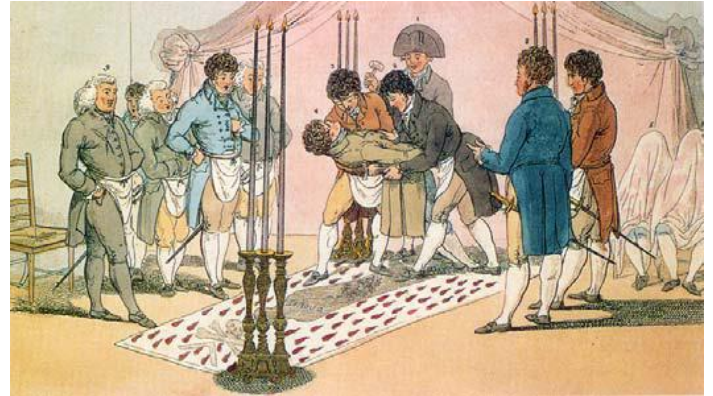
You should accomplish personal assessment of time, skill, ability, and interest to serve as you qualify in timely accordance with the requirements of the Grand Chapter. You will want to achieve significant awareness of the Grand Chapter Code and your own Chapter Bylaws in concert with the powers, prerogatives and limitations of a High Priest.

Exercise leadership and visioning to the benefit of the Chapter and the Craft of Royal Arch Masonry. An easy way to do this is to solicit the best thinking and involvement of each Officer and inspire all Companions to execute their utmost performance in all duties and assignments. Motivate Companions to achieve the highest level of excellence in support of a positive, productive climate that attracts and retains top quality members. Instill excitement and importance among the Companions for all Masonic labors, business functions, and community events by inspiring members to lead and take calculated risks for the benefit of the Chapter. Demonstrate courteous, respectful, and friendly character and mannerisms to ensure stability, continuity and harmony in the Chapter.

Remember, you are now the leader and person in charge of your Chapter. Be neat in appearance. The matter of your Officer's dress, whether formal or informal, is entirely up to the discretion of you and your Chapter. However, a positive and professional demeanor as well as a judgment of good taste and propriety are the same as in good society, and

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The Lost Word - Was it Found?



Greetings Companions!

The Education and Public Relations committees have decided to release the promotional business cards to the individual Chapters for their use in helping us to promote and educate others in Royal Arch Masonry. We also have one card on the Mark Master Degree.

If your Chapter is interested in receiving these to personalize them for your Chapters use in helping us promote Royal Arch Masonry, please contact Mike Roberts at: mickey422@yahoo.com.

Companions, it was once told me that to turn a ship you must start at the stern. It's time to unite as a team to work towards a common goal! Right now, we need to get the word out as to who we are and what we represent within this Masonic fraternity. Let them know that the Word has been found and where they can find it. There are several downloads and programs on our Grand Chapter website that will help. If we are going to affect any positive changes within our Chapters, it must start with you! If you need assistance with these programs, please contact your Grand Chapter officer and he will assist you.

Fraternally,

R.E.C. Mike Roberts, Grand Scribe

ATTENTION!
ALL PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES!

GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF MICHIGAN

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

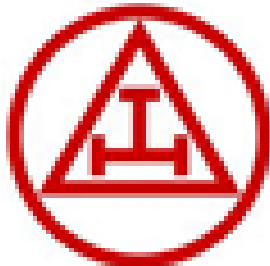
Grand Chapter is fast approaching and the Officers are making final preparations to make it a success. An important part of that success and the future of the Grand Chapter is the Election of the Grand Officers. It is a long line and many do not fully understand what they may be getting into.

One of the jobs of the Protocol Committee is to meet with any Companion who is considering running for the open chair. We explain the cost in time and money that will be required of him. Plus, address any additional questions that he may have.

If you are considering this journey through the Grand Line, we urge you to contact any of the members listed below to help you make this momentous decision.

Fraternally,

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Masons Should Ever Remember

How we live, why we live, and for what?

This is the thread of life. It is delicate, fragile and careful and how it is used. It belongs to you and only you. Be careful when you say, on the square for it is your word. The early catechism state.

Q. Have you the key of the Lodge?

A. Yes I have it,

Q. What is its virtue?

A. To open and shut, and shut and open.

Q. Where do you keep it?

A. In an ivory box between my tongue and my teeth, or within my heart where all my secrets are kept.

Q. Do you have the chain to the key?

A. Yes I have it.

Q. How long is it?

A. As long as from my tongue to my heart.

Since good Friday passed, and the crucifixion and resurrection took place, we begin our labor in Traverse City May 6 with an all degree day on RAM and Commandery. May 20 at Alma, the degree of KYCH and HRAKYP.

Fraternally Yours,

R.E.C. Eldin H. Miller, Grand Royal Arch Captain



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simplicity and uniformity adds materially to the impressiveness of ritualistic ceremonies.

Start your meetings on time and keep them moving. The meeting times are prescribed by your Bylaws and must be adhered to. Generally, the meetings are in the evening after the members have already had a full day of life events and the last thing they may want to do is spend more time away from home and loved ones. People do not want to attend long, boring, and unproductive meetings. Therefore, it is important that you provide some kind of a program for each meeting, except when you have Degree Work. Give the Companions something to look forward to at the meetings.

I hope that this offers some idea and guidance for most of the new and perhaps unexperienced High Priests'. One of the last, and in my opinion, most important tips of leading your Chapter, is have fun.

Fraternally,

R.E.C. Richard Hitch, Grand King

OUTDOOR DEGREE

Paw Paw Kalamazoo Chapter # 34
36131 Cherry Street,
Gobles, Michigan 49055

The members of Paw Paw - Kalamazoo
Chapter # 34,

Invite You to an
Out Door Degree
To be Held
AT

374 56th Street, Grand Junction, MI
on June 24, 2017 for hosting
an All Degree Day.

E.C. Rick Stange PHP, DDI

Paw Paw - Kalamazoo Chapter # 34

The Ladies' May's Triple Tau Article

Plans are under way for Grand Session and other events between now and August. What a pleasure to work with David and Naomi Seyferth, of Grand Council, and Don and Merry Jo Trumbull, Grand Commandery.

The three York Rite bodies have made the decision to plan a Silent Auction for Grand Sessions to support our individual charities. More information will be forthcoming as we continue to finalize plans regarding this and other important events.

The celebration of George Washington's birthday at Caro was a success due to good planning for the hospitality room of Midge Russell and Shar Miller. Thank you for all your efforts. It is a pleasure to see the Grand Ladies work together so well.

The Grand Ladies meeting included many topics including plans for the annual golf outing, menu for the outing and dress for formal events etc. A separate report on these subjects will be distributed to all current and Past Grand Ladies in the near future.

February was also the month for "**GO RED FOR WOMEN**" in support of the American Heart Association. Heart disease is the number one killer of women and the cause of one in three deaths each year. That is approximately one woman every minute. Warning signs for women are different than men.

Fraternally,

Carole Duke, Lady of Michigan's Grand High Priest





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Added Light

I am glad I am a Freemason. Among the biggest reasons is one of the first experiences I had in the fraternity: being brought to light. What an incredible moment. Everything that led up to that, and everything that has transpired after, made it all worthwhile. The array of symbols and ideas put forth in the first three degrees cannot be and are not duplicated in any further Rite of the Craft, but additional degrees give us glimpses into aspects of the foundational degrees that would otherwise remain hidden. The topics of the liberal arts, geometry, and architecture can be studied at universities and are available to everyone in our society today, but the characters that animate our degrees are another matter.

Where can one go to gain insight into our Grand Master Hiram Abiff? How do we ever encounter the sealing away of the secrets of our Craft? We hear about them being hidden, but what happened... ? The answers to these and other questions are why I am glad to be a Cryptic Mason. The degrees seem to be showing more historical clues than before. In the Royal Arch, we discover a vault, and much of the writing about the Knights Templar and their excavating under the Temple Mount alludes to a vault... but more is revealed or hinted at in the three Council Degrees than before.

The Royal Master Degree points to the location, the Select Master Degree reveals the purpose and more in the sealing away of the secrets to which “future generations shall discover the right,” and the Super Excellent Master Degree lets us see through the eyes of those who saved the secrets from the profane to ensure that light would endure unsullied until now. It draws me close to our Craft to think that I am part of a lineage that has been brought to light and will bring to light, in an endless march into the future. At some point the striving for perfection and the steadfastness in persistence toward that end gives us something special and knowing the personalities of the people of our degrees gives those who enjoy membership in the Council an additional framework with which to behold our amazing ceremonies in Freemasonry. It makes experiencing all the preceding Degrees richer and more vivid.

I never understood those who have said to me, “I have enough light already, I don’t desire more,” because if there is something more of what I love out there, I want more. I want more light. Each must determine for themselves, of course. Cryptic Masonry instructs us in Faith, Friendship, and Fidelity, which are all part of a valuable skill set for a “traveling man” because each gets us to our destination with more meaning.

Looking for additional light and a greater array of working tools? Join us in **Pontiac on May 13**, for all three Council Degrees or in **Marquette on June 17**, for all three Council Degrees as well. Look for additional information on our website <http://www.rsm-mi.org/2015/>.

Fraternally,

David L. Seyferth, M.I.G.M.



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Greeting my Fraters,

Well we are now are well into Spring with the birds singing and the flowers starting to bloom. This month we will be in Traverse City for the Membership Day to confer the 4 Chapter degrees in the morning and the Orders of the Commandery in the afternoon, this will take place on Saturday May 6th at the Traverse City Masonic Temple. We will be marching in several parades this summer, the first one is in South Lyon on Memorial Day, the parade steps off at 9am. The dress is summer uniform or short sleeve white shirt and chapeau. That afternoon we will again be marching in the Memorial Day parade in Pinckney. In July there are two (2) parades, the first one in Northville on the 4th of July, with a breakfast at 8am served at the Northville Masonic Temple and the parade steps off between 9 and 10 am. The next one is the Cherry Royale Parade in Traverse City on Saturday July 8th. That parade starts later and in the past has been filmed by a local television station. Looking forward to seeing and greeting all of you in Grand Rapids at the York Rite Session starting on Thursday August 10th through Saturday August 12th.

Yours in Service to Templary,

Donald L. Trumbull

Right Eminent Grand Commander



DEMOLAY

On March 31, 2017 through April 2, 2017, fifteen (15) very talented young men from Michigan competed in the Heartland Ritual Tournament in Indianapolis, IN, along with nine (9) advisors who accompanied them.

All gathered on that Saturday night to enjoy a delicious dinner and discuss the day's events. These DeMolay work very hard on their Ritual and deserve recognition for their hard work.

Listed below are the names of the competitors that placed:

Eric Zervos from Clifford C. Reeves Chapter took 1st place in both the Initiatory and DeMolay Degree Obligations.

Jacob Zirkle from Livingston County Chapter took 1st place for Jacques DeMolay.

Dylan Vancena from Walt Disney Chapter took 1st place for the Chaplain competition.

Quintin Cook from Clio Chapter took 2nd place for 3rd Preceptor Senior Division.

Cameron Burt from Clio Chapter took 2nd place for 4th Preceptor Senior Division.

Aaron Henderson from Wayne Chapter took 2nd place for 7th Preceptor Junior Division.

Cameron Burt from Clio Chapter took 2nd place for 7th Preceptor Senior Division.

Jacob Zirkle from Livingston County Chapter took 2nd place for the Ceremony of Light Junior Division.

Quintin Cook from Clio Chapter took 2nd place for the Ceremony of Light Senior Division.

Tyler Frederick, Jason Frederick and Xavier Premo from Clifford C. Reeves Chapter took 2nd place as part of the Preceptor Team.

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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS IN MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN RAINBOW

It's a beautiful spring evening with the magnolia tree in full bloom and the violets peeking up through the grass. Violet is Rainbow's color of this year. The violet color belongs to the seventh degree of Rainbow, that of Service.

In Service's lecture, the new member is instructed to be of some service each day. Every day before the sun goes down, each Rainbow Girl can find a girl who needs their help. All of our Rainbow Girls are encouraged to perform that service. Whether it is opening a door for someone, helping one of their teachers at school, or being a listening ear. For the years 2014-2016, each girl had an opportunity to earn a free Pandora-style bracelet. Each of the seven colored beads represented 10 service hours. The combined total of service hours for the last six months of the project resulted in over 3,000 hours of service given by the Michigan Rainbow Girls.

Each of the Assemblies are encouraged to perform at least one act of service each month and many do more than one each month. This has talked about the girls and how they help others. Along with the girls are their adult advisors and parents who help, facilitate and participate in the service projects. Some of those projects include collecting hats and coats for the homeless, tray favors for nursing homes, placed wreaths on headstones at the veteran's cemetery, hand out stuff animals to children during the Christmas parade, work in animal shelters, and making fidget blankets.

All the Michigan Rainbow Girls work together at our state service day and make different small gifts that are given to the residents at Masonic Pathways when we are there in June. Each Grand Worthy Advisor chooses a charity to support for the year whether it is collecting funds or items, each year has a new focus. This year we are supporting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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Tyler Frederick from Clifford C. Reeves Chapter took 3rd place for 3rd Preceptor Junior Division.
Aaron Henderson from Wayne Chapter took 3rd place for The Magnificent 3 (three preceptor parts).
Jacob Zirkle from Livingston County Chapter took 3rd place for 6th Preceptor Junior Division.

These young men from Michigan DeMolay did their jurisdiction proud and they are looking forward to competing next year in Illinois. Please come out and support the young men in the Chapters nearest to you.

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



MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL

Michigan Job's Daughters all traveled to Grand Rapids to celebrate our Grand Bethel Honored Queen on April 1st. There was a celebration dinner, and then an open meeting was held, where the majority ceremony was performed for our daughters who have become adults, and we also held a ceremony honoring our parents.

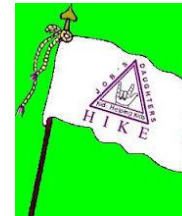
Dakota's theme for this year, "BELieve in YOUrself" is her special project for this year. Her Bible ceremony represents that well..."Believe in yourself, and all that you are. Know that there is something inside of you greater than any obstacle". Her mission is for every girl to know that they are special, and loved...not in spite of their differences. But BECAUSE of them.

Job's Daughters has its own philanthropy, but each Grand Bethel Honored Queen has the option to choose an additional philanthropic project as well. The official philanthropy of Job's Daughters is the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE). Each year, we walk the Mackinaw Bridge on Labor Day to raise money for HIKE. (Continued on the right side of this page)

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Rainbow Girls begin to learn about service and helping others when they are 12 years old. I just finished talking to a Majority Rainbow Girl who spent her evening working with a food bank and distributing food to a community. She learned through the lesson of Service to help others along our life's journey. Wouldn't our world be a better place if we could each help just one person each day.

Fraternally,
Maureen K. Riley, Supreme Inspector



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This year, Dakota also chose the Alzheimer's Association as her official charity. Dakota's grandmother passed away from complications of early-onset Alzheimer's. The project she chose to raise funds for her charity, is that she and her princesses divided the rest of the Grand Bethel into 3 teams, with the 3 of them as captains...they are leading their teams in a "Penny War" (teams collect donations; pennies count as positive points, where silver and paper count as negative points...so each team puts the pennies in their own team's jar, and everything else goes into the other team's jar. This is a year-long project, and has been very popular! So, if any of you would like to donate to their penny war, please reach out to one of our Grand Bethel girls!

On May 6, we head to Bay City to honor our adult leaders. Stay tuned for a report on the honoring of the Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian next month!

Fraternally,

Terri Brower, Grand Guide

"A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking, because the trust is not on the tree but on its own wings. Always BELieve in YOUrself!"