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Greetings Companions All:

This June has us celebrating Father's Day on Sunday, June 18th. My Dad has a birthday on May 26th and what do you get the man who has everything? I bought him a mini drone. He loves it and my Mom said "If I knew this thing would keep him busy and out of my hair, I would have bought one!". Even the cat thinks the greatest toy EVER!!! So, Dad must keep flying high! Happy Father's Day all.

There is a fun golf outing on the 23rd of July, (It is on a Sunday) next month. At one time this was 'THE' thing to go and be seen at. From what I hear from other Companions the golfers aren't showing up. Who doesn't like chasing a small white ball over a lush grass lawn? The reason it is called "golf" because all the other four letter words were used up!

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau



REC Carl J. Peterson, GCOH, KYCH

Companions, this is our worthwhile commitment to assist persons both out and inside the realms of Masonry & throughout the world of Central Auditory Processing Disorders.

"CAPD" is the improper sound translations from the ear to the brain causing the inability to direct attention, and is a defect in young and old.

Each one of us can help no matter the size of a donation and there is an award program for donations as follows:

\$25, \$50, and \$100 a specifically designed certificate.

\$500 lapel pin with diamond in the center

Chapter and/or individual donations may be sent to
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HOWARD W. DUKE
GRAND HIGH
PRIEST

Lady Carole Duke



A New Capitular Year

A new Capitular year is upon us; our Inspections are over and the installation of Officers are complete. I wish to congratulate our newly elected officers and wish you a most successful year and hope this year will be better than last year for your Chapter. Remember, the fate of your Chapter rests in the hands of each officer and its members. It's up to each one of us to strive to make our Chapters better each year than the previous one.

I trust that each Chapter has submitted their annual returns to the Grand Secretary on time. This is essential so our Grand Chapter will have up to date information applying to each Chapter. It is also essential so that each Chapter has voting rights at Grand Chapter. Failure of a Chapter to submit their annual return to the Grand Secretary disenfranchises that Chapter from the right to vote. Remember, the High Priest and Secretary are both responsible to assure that their annual return has been submitted and is in the hands of the Grand Secretary on time.

Warm weather is now upon us and we now have more time for outdoor activities. A time to have fun with family and friends. If you and your family enjoy summer picnics, why not plan to attend the York Rite Summer Picnic at Jim Sprague's place near Gladwin on Saturday, July 22nd and if golf is your game, on Sunday, July 23rd we will be hosting a day of golf there. All the pertinent information for this weekend event can be found on the Grand Chapter website at www.grandchaptermi.org then click onto Events and scroll down to 2017 YORK RITE PICNIC & GOLF OUTING and view the flyer or you can print it. You're guaranteed to have a good time.

Fraternally,

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



BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Pictured from Left to Right, M.E.C.
 David Dossette, P.G.H.P., G.H.P.
 Howard W. Duke, George Hagadorn
 and Donny Lewis.

Congratulations Companions!!!



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Secretary's Scribbles

I am sitting before this computer just wondering where all the time has gone, I am writing an article for the June edition of the Triple Tau and it seems that I just sent the January edition article. May has been a busy month, the beginning of the month we had the Societas of Rosicruciana in Eaton Rapids. I left after the meeting and drove to Traverse City for a four Royal Arch degree and All Order day for Commandery. The next week I was in the office two days in Dearborn one. Then three days of honey doo list and back to the road. KYCH, Grand Masters Golf Outing and Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was well attended this year and went very smooth. Legislation and Elections were handled well and smoothly. Grand Chapter would like to congratulate Junior Past Grand Master William R. Finkel for a fine year, and a well-run grand session. Congratulations Go to Joshua Woodwyk Most Worshipful Grand Master and his staff of elected officers. Grand Chapter is here to help any way we can. Congratulations also go to the newest member of the line Grand Officers Worshipful Grand Marshall Mark R. Drayton PM.

June will be a busy month also, the seventeenth we will be in Marquette for the Yooper Council and Royal Arch Degree. This event is always a great day with Yooper council a lot of fun. If you are planning to attend **Reservations** are a must, as the chef is planning a special treat if all goes well. The next weekend puts us in Grand Junction for the outdoor degrees, which are always fun. Remember to bring large amounts of insect spray the mosquitos have registration numbers on their wings and you can read them. I shall not be at this degree, as I am going to relocate the office, for a couple of weeks, to the north country for some much need R&R before assembling everything needed for the Picnic and York Rite Golf outing and then the Grand Session.

The information for Illinois Grand Session is on the website with all the forms needed if you are planning to attend. The full session runs from the 13th of July until the 16th and it will be in Bloomington Normal again this year. This always a good session.

Summer is almost upon us Memorial will have passed by the time you receive the issue. I can only hope that you had time to remember and reflect on what the holiday was all about any why for many our member it means a lot more then hot dogs and hamburgers with a cold one. For those of you that have served THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. May we never forget.

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 Jodi Sprague's Cabin, southeast of Gladwin. **The entree for dinner will be your choice of steak or chicken** 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:

John Ames at 586 770 2613 / GWhunter51@gmail.com

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*



R.E.C. Richard Hitch

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R.E.C. Mike Roberts

Grand Scribe
Lady Becca

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Here it is, June already. Many of our Chapters are preparing to go dark, many of the Companions are planning family vacations, and the Grand York Rite bodies are preparing for their annual York Rite Session. The Grand Chapter session will be held on Thursday, August 10th, Grand Council will be on Friday, August 11th, and Grand Commandery will be Saturday, August 12th.

Start making your plans to attend this year's upcoming Grand Session. It is a great opportunity to reacquaint with old friends and make new ones. Remember, that all Past High Priest are eligible to vote on any legislation and the Grand Chapter Officers, if they are listed in your Annual Return. Also, the current Dias Officers have a vote as well. So, get out in August and vote. We are expecting this year's session to be a lot of fun and I know that you will not want to miss it.

Prior to the York Rite Session, The Grand Chapter is still looking for a few more District Deputy Instructors (D.D.I.'s). The D.D.I.'s are the eyes and ears of the Grand Chapter. Also, it would give the individual a chance to reach out into the Royal Arch craft and make a difference. It is also, a great way to help those individuals and Chapters that may be having some difficulties. I am looking for individuals that live in, near, or do not mind traveling to the following Chapters: District #2; Sunrise, Iosco, Traverse City, and Cadillac. District #3; Saginaw Valley, Mt. Pleasant, Alma, and Midland. So, if you or anyone you know, is interested, or just curious, please contact either myself or the Executive District Deputy Instructor, Lou Scott. EC Lou can be contacted at: lousctt@yahoo.com.

Fraternally,

R.E.C. Richard Hitch, Grand King

IT'S PICNIC TIME!!!

Did you know the bacteria that cause food poisoning multiply quickest in the "Danger Zone" between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit?

Use a food thermometer. Cooked food is safe only after it's been heated to a high enough temperature to kill harmful bacteria. Color and texture alone won't tell you whether your food is done. The possibility of bacterial growth actually increases as food cools after cooking because the drop in temperature allows bacteria to thrive. But you can keep your food above the safe temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit by using a heat source like a chafing dish, warming tray, or slow cooker.

Stay Clean by washing hands and surfaces often. Why it matters you ask? Illness-causing bacteria can survive in many places around your kitchen, including your hands, utensils, and cutting boards.

Unless you wash your hands, utensils and surfaces the **right** way, you could spread bacteria to your food, yourself and others. Wash hands for 20 seconds, with soap and running water. It can stop the spread of Bacteria along with washing surfaces and utensils after each use.

Wash fruit and vegetables. Even if you plan to peel fruits and veggies, it's important to wash them first because bacteria can spread from the outside to the inside as you cut or peel them.

Refrigerate food promptly. Why this matters you ask? Illness-causing bacteria can grow in perishable foods within 2 hours unless you refrigerate them? (And if 90 degrees F or higher, cut that time in half!)

Cold temperatures slow the growth of illness-causing bacteria. It's important to chill food promptly and properly. You can also freeze almost any food.

Never thaw or marinate foods on the counter. Many people are surprised at this. but since bacteria can multiply rapidly at room temperature, thawing or marinating foods on the counter is one of the riskiest things you can do when preparing food.

Remember the saying, "When in doubt, throw it out"!

Have a great summer and follow these tips at home and at your next family picnic or cook out.

Fraternally,

REC Mike Roberts, Grand Scribe

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

32 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received from the following Chapters; 3, 5, 7, 12, 15, 17, 25, 27, 30, 31, 37, 38, 42, 47, 51, 55, 69, 73, 74, 83, 85, 91, 96, 116, 123, 125, 138, 159, 167, 169, 182 and 189. 63% completion rate.

37 Schools of Instruction were reported to have been conducted with the following Chapters; 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 34, 37, 38, 42, 47, 51, 55, 69, 73, 85, 91, 96, 116, 123, 125, 139, 159, 167, 173, 182 and 189. 73% completion rate.

31 Inspection Reports were reported to have been conducted with the following Chapters; 1, 5, 7, 12, 15, 17, 22, 25, 27, 30, 31, 37, 38, 42, 47, 51, 55, 69, 73, 85, 91, 96, 116, 123, 125, 139, 159, 167, 173, 182 and 189. 61% completion rate.

Total miles travelled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of May 13, 2017 is 7,909.

Respectfully Submitted,
Louis D. Scott Jr., P.H.P.
Executive Director of District Deputy Instructors
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

“OUR COMMITMENT”

The R.A.R.A. Board of Directors is committed to identifying and supporting those scientists who are searching for treatment regimens and eventually a cure for CAPD. Currently, R.A.R.A. provides the support for CAPD research.

You can join the cause through your support with donations to your Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

Chapter and/or individual donations may be sent to:

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DISPENSATION REQUEST!!!

Paw Paw Kalamazoo Chapter # 34
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MEC Howard Duke
Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter RAM of Michigan

MEC Howard

The members of Paw Paw - Kalamazoo Chapter # 34, in accordance with the Red Book of Capitular Law, hereby request dispensation to move our Charter to

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



Masonic Heritage Award was given to Brother Edward Wingard (Father) and his son, Brett A. Winegard. Many thanks to R.E.C. Eldin Miller, G.R.A.C. for taking the extra effort to present this award.

The Ladies' June's Triple Tau Article

To continue celebrating the Ladies of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan there are two Ladies this month that very much deserve special honors.

Pat Hobday for many years more than just promoted her support of Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA), but her cooking skills are known and have been enjoyed by many. She sold her wonderful Jams & Jellies with proceeds donated to this charity. She still supports the Grand Chapter in many ways and you will see some of her wonderful crafts at the Silent Auction this year. The sad point of her efforts is that no one has taken up the challenge and continued the devotion she demonstrated in support of RARA.

The second Lady to be recognized for her great support is Jodi Sprague. Always there at the side of her very nice and supportive husband, Jim Sprague and still supporting the Grand Chapter each year by hosting the Jim Sprague Memorial Picnic and Golf Outing. Sometimes a simple thank you is never enough and this holds true with her awesome efforts year after year. Both of these Ladies deserve much appreciation from everyone for their help, time and support.

To those who have items for the Grand York Rite Silent Auction this year, if you have questions, please contact me. All information and donation forms are available on the Grand Chapter website under the Events heading. Please help support this auction as proceeds will help support the charities of Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

Fraternally,
Carole Duke, Grand Chapter First Lady





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Set Your Sights on Excellence, Not Perfection

The year is coming full circle and before we know it our Annual Grand York Rite Session will be upon us. I want to take a moment to thank the Companions who have welcomed me into their Councils. There are Councils struggling with membership and activity, but the light shines brightly in the hearts and souls of the members of the Cryptic Rite. You have made me feel welcome and reassured my faith in the strength of our membership. With our membership in need of more members, I am pleased to find the internal qualities of Council members as strong and vibrant as ever. Visiting with you makes my travels easier and makes the long hours on the road worth it. The friendships make it a joy.

This month I want to share an excellent observation with you, and it came from Excellent Companion Jack Ruby, High Priest of Monroe Chapter No. 1. After the Council meeting, it was my pleasure to join the Companions for the Chapter meeting where the High Priest said, regarding the work of the Chapter, "We are looking for excellence rather than perfection." That really struck a chord with me because we set ourselves up for disappointment and self-criticism by setting goals that require 'perfection' so anything less is a failure.

"Did they use books?" "Was it letter perfect?" "He left that out." "They didn't do that." We put ourselves in the position that anything less than perfection is the failure to some degree. But 'excellence' on the other hand is an entirely different animal. It allows us to succeed in increments, it makes everything a potential success! You may not be able to memorize an opening part perfectly but you may be able to read it excellently. This is a difference that makes a difference. Do what you can do with excellence; don't judge yourself by an arbitrary standard of 'perfection' that is impossible to attain.

I spent hundreds of hours teaching flight students how to fly on instruments. It is extremely challenging to obtain an Instrument Pilot Rating and that is compounded by the stories and legends of pilots that flew perfectly and "painted the needles" when they flew. That means they flew so well and 'on course' that the instruments showed them to be right on course without deviation. Students would beat themselves up over not being able to duplicate this high standard. For them, the needles only passed through the center of the dial when they were headed to the other side of the dial!

The parallel here is that no one ever really "paints the needles," they just correct before anyone happens to notice. Perfection leaves you with only one way to go, namely somewhere less perfect. Excellence, on the other hand, is the ability to correct toward the perfect. The pilot's goal is to increase his proficiency in correcting back to the center. For the Mason it is in each stone we square that the Temple comes to completion. As we grow and practice our excellence we grow more able to respond. A Council member can achieve a measure of excellence by reading their part well and continue the work of excellence by increasing their capabilities as time allows.

Ever upwards and onwards, Companions! Strive for excellence, not perfection.

Fraternally,

David Seyferth, MIGM, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan



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Greetings Fraters and Ladies,

Well here we are in June and my term as Right Eminent Grand Commander is quickly coming to an end. It has been a privilege for me to serve the Grand Commandery of Michigan and the memories will remain with me forever.

Last month we attended the 191st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan and we were received and accompanied to the best that the Grand Lodge could do, We will be traveling to Wisconsin this month for their Grand Conclave and also to the Rainbow Grand Assembly at Masonic Pathways.

The Grand Commandery participated in 3 parades in May, the first was in South Lyon where we marched with the Brothers of South Lyon Lodge, later that afternoon we marched in Pinckney and we had Sir Knights marching in the parade in Linden.

Until next month, I remain,

Yours in Service to Templary,

Donald L. Trumbull KTCH, Right Eminent Grand Commander
Of the Grand Commandery of Michigan

For the Love of Coffee!!!

The world's first live webcam was set up to monitor the contents of a coffeemaker at Cambridge University. Webcams are now an integral part of the Internet, used for live-streaming everything from online gaming and sports events to the constant monitoring of baby zoo animals. However, the first live webcam broadcast was more mundane. It was set up in the early 1990s by computer scientists at the University of Cambridge, and it monitored the only coffeemaker in the seven-story Computer Laboratory, located in the Trojan Room. Since researchers worked in different labs on different floors, they wanted to be able to see if there was coffee in the pot before making the trek down to get a cup. In 1993, the Trojan Room coffee pot webcam was put online for the entire world to see, earning it a revered status in tech history right up there with Guglielmo Marconi's first static-filled radio transmission. From www.wisegeek.com.



DEMOLAY

Spring is finally here and the air is charged with new beginnings. Michigan DeMolay is also starting new adventures. The State Team has completed all of the Spring Term Installations and is now preparing for the busy part of the calendar. Grand Lodge, DeMolay International Session, Grand Assembly and Grand Session are all coming up as well as DeMolay Conclave. Plans for all events are being made by the State Team. So far Michigan DeMolay has initiated seven (7) new members and the local Chapters are still planning for more, which is the most encouraging news that we can report. If any of the Companions know of any young men that would benefit from becoming a member of DeMolay please contact the State Master Councilor, any State Officer or the Executive Officer and we will make sure that someone from the local Chapter contacts the young man and his parents. Michigan DeMolay Conclave will be held in Flint on August 11-13. This is the beginning of the new DeMolay year and while there is a conflict with the York Rite Session this year, we still hope that some of the Companions and Sir Knights can attend.

Michigan DeMolay is always will to help out in any capacity. These young men are always looking for service projects both Masonic, Community and Charitable. If you need assistance for any project please call on DeMolay.

Please come out and support the young men in the Chapters nearest to you.

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



**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW
FOR**

Commitment. The Rainbow Girls of Michigan, along with all of the Masonic Youth, have made a commitment to their organizations. They serve as officers in their local Assembly and perhaps on the State (Grand Assembly). They participate in their service and fundraising projects. Along the way, they also make plenty of time to have fun together and to include prospective members in the fun. All of this that they do for Rainbow is in addition to their church and school activities. Many of our girls are active in multiple sports including hockey, bowling, flag corps, softball and even football. School activities include theater, National Honor Society, band and orchestra, choir, debate club, and various organizations.

With many of these activities, sometimes the girls need to make a decision. Do they come to Rainbow or do they go to their other scheduled activity? Sometimes we are able to work on this so that the day is divided and both events can be attended. It takes a commitment (and sometimes some stress) from the girl so that we can get things worked out and the day goes smoothly.

The Rainbow Girls of Michigan have their commitment to their organization; however, they need many of the adults to help them along the way. I don't mean just in terms of money, car rides and stops at McDonald's. Many of the adults give many hours behind the scenes making sure that our local and State meetings and events go as smoothly as possible and that everyone has fun, too. Michigan Rainbow is very fortunate to have over 150 adult workers. They are awesome people and are usually excited to help. Not only are these Rainbow workers but they are the Masonic, Eastern Star, Royal Arch, Amaranth, and other Masonic organizations. These adults serve as the members and leaders of their adult organizations, all the while helping the girls and having a personal life as well. I am so grateful to each of these adults for their help and support.

Fraternally,
Maureen K. Riley, Supreme Inspector



MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL

This past month, Michigan's Job's Daughters traveled to Bay City to the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral, to celebrate and honor our adult leaders, Jessica Abraham - Grand Guardian and William Peters - Associate Grand Guardian. They have been integral parts of the growth and enthusiasm in Michigan this past year, and we are all very proud of all that they have accomplished!

As our Grand Bethel year starts to wind down, we are keeping busy right up to the end. Each of our Bethels holds their installation of officers twice a year, in JANUARY and JUNE. Please reach out to your local Bethel, and find out their installation date...they would LOVE to have you as visitors on the sidelines, supporting their girls!!

I would also like to extend an invitation to each of you, to please plan to attend our annual Grand Session, which is held in Grand Rapids, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel each year. The dates for 2017 are July 6 - 9, with the formal banquet on Thursday, at 5:00 p.m., with dignitaries assembling at 4:30. The formal opening takes place following dinner, at 7:00 p.m. with dignitaries assembling at 6:45. Friday night at 7:00 is our awards ceremony, which always proves to be a fun and exciting evening! And Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. is the retiring of the current Grand Bethel and installation of the 2017 - 2018 team.

If you would like more information on how to find a Bethel near you, please contact our Grand Secretary, Mrs. Holly Whitehead at <mailto:white1he@cmich.edu>.

If you would like more information on our Grand Session, and how YOU can attend, please contact Tammy Dankenbring at tdankenbring@ahchospitality.com. We hope to see you all down the road!

Fraternally,

Terry Brower, Grand Guide

Why do Dogs tilt their heads?

Researchers believe that dogs tilt their heads for several reasons, such as detecting vocal cues and body language.

You may think your pup is just so doggone cute when he tilts his head to one side, hanging on your every word, but is he listening intently, or is it something else? Animal behavior experts say that dogs are good at responding to body language and vocal cues, and that it's possible that they are listening for specific words or inflections -- especially those that could lead to fun outdoor activities or food. The head tilt may also be connected to how a dog's ear is constructed, and by angling his head, a dog may be trying to pick up on useful sensory information. Stanley Cohen, a noted psychologist known for his best-selling books on the mental abilities of dogs, says that the head tilt may also be related to sight. Depending on its size, a dog's muzzle may block his view of his owner's facial expressions, and by tilting his head, he's trying to get a better view.

MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE 2017 SESSION COMMITTEE

August 9th.-12th., 2017

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May 21, 2017

Dear Companions and Sir Knights;

The Michigan Grand York Rite 2017 Session Committee extends to each of you a most cordial invitation to attend the unified Grand York Rite Sessions, of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Michigan, the Grand Council R.&S.M. of Michigan, and the Grand Commandery K.T. of Michigan, to be held in Grand Rapids, MI on August 9th - 12th, 2017.

The Annual meetings will be held at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 5700 E. 28th. Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. The Single and Double room rate will be **\$96.00** a night plus tax. For reservations contact the hotel at **616-957-1770** and be sure to tell them that you are with the **York Rite Masons of Michigan** to get the group rate. **Reservations must be made by July 25, 2017.**

First, the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Michigan will commence on Thursday, August 10, 2017. After the Installation, the Order of High Priesthood will be conferred, followed by an informal dinner night.

On Friday, August 11, 2017, the Grand Council R. &S.M. of Michigan will hold its Annual Assembly and Installation of Officers followed by the Order of the Silver Trowel. That evening, following a Social Hour, the Grand Banquet will be hosted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan will hold their Annual Conclave on Saturday, August 12, 2017. This will be the first year of the one day Grand Commandery format. Following the Installation of Officers there will be a Pass and Review and Drills. Following the drills, the Annual meeting of the Past Commanders Association will take place. That evening there will be a Divine Service followed by the Round Table Dinner.

Please use the enclosed meal reservation form to indicate your preference for the Session.

Don't miss these events! This is your York Rite Session. We suggest you arrive early and stay late.

We hope to see you in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at this Grand York Rite Session of Michigan. Parking is free at the hotel.

Yours in Masonry,

The Grand Session Committee

**2017 Grand York Rite Session
Guest Meal Reservation Form
August 9th – 12th, 2017**

Name _____ Ladies Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Organization _____ Title _____

Special Dietary requests _____

Please make your meal reservations from the following selections:

Grand Chapter RAM – Thursday, August 10, 2017

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| 7:00 AM | Chapter General Membership Breakfast | No. _____ @ \$15.00= \$ _____ |
| 11:00AM | Mason's Lady Brunch | No. _____ @ \$18.00= \$ _____ |
| 12:00 noon | Companions Luncheon | No. _____ @ \$18.00= \$ _____ |
| 7:00 PM | Tailgate Party Banquet
Dress: Sports Jersey Theme | No. _____ @ \$30.00= \$ _____ |

Grand Council R&SM – Friday, August 11, 2017

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| 7:00 AM | Companions and Ladies Breakfast | No. _____ @ \$15.00= \$ _____ |
| 12:00 noon | Ladies Luncheon | No. _____ @ \$18.00= \$ _____ |
| 12:00 noon | Companions Luncheon | No. _____ @ \$18.00= \$ _____ |
| 7:00 PM | JOINT YORK RITE GRAND BANQUET | |
| | London Broil Sirloin Steak | No. _____ @ \$38.00= \$ _____ |
| | Chicken Piccata | No. _____ @ \$38.00= \$ _____ |
| | Vegetarian - Pasta Primavera | No. _____ @ \$38.00= \$ _____ |

Recommended Dress for the Joint York Rite Grand Banquet is:
Grand Officers – Tuxedo/White Dinner Jacket with Collars. Ladies: Evening Attire.

General Membership – Business Suits. Ladies – Sunday Best.

Grand Commandery K.T., - Saturday, August 12, 2017

6:00 AM	Commandery General Membership Breakfast	No. _____ @ \$15.00= \$ _____
11:00AM	"Angels Among Us" Ladies Brunch	No. _____ @ \$18.00= \$ _____
12:00 noon	Sir Knights Luncheon	No. _____ @ \$18.00= \$ _____
7:30 PM	Round Table Dinner	
	Bistro Filet	No. _____ @ \$38.00= \$ _____
	Grilled Salmon	No. _____ @ \$38.00= \$ _____
	Eggplant Parmesan	No. _____ @ \$38.00= \$ _____

Recommended Dress for the Round Table Dinner is:
 Grand Commandery Officers: Full Dress Uniform w/o Sword and Chapeau.
 Grand Officers of other Bodies: Tuxedos/White Dinner Jackets with Collars, Ladies, Evening Attire
 Sir Knights – Full Dress Uniform w/o Sword and Chapeau. Ladies – Sunday Best.

	Sub Total	\$ _____
	Registration Fee	\$ <u>10.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

Michigan Grand York Rite Committee

**NOTICE: Meal reservations must be postmarked by July 29, 2017.
 All Meal reservations postmarked after July 29, 2017, are
 subject to a Late Fee of \$25.00.**

Meal reservation cancellations will be honored prior to August 4, 2017.

REMITTANCE MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS!

Please forward all meal reservations with remittance to:

MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE COMMITTEE
 c/o Brian K. Himes
 24584 Laetham Avenue
 Eastpointe, MI 48021-1046