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Greetings from your new editor Jane Todd! As you probably know by now I have decided to put my newsletter hat back on. It doesn't seem that long ago that my favorite fraternal Bro. Colin Hayward and I were typing up the newsletter for our central Michigan area Lodges, Chapters both Royal Arch and Order of the Eastern Star, Councils, Commanderies and other masonic related bodies in the area. I will admit he did drive me crazy at times but I surely miss him. Right now Colin is probably up in the clouds screaming at me because he "always" had another idea. Unfortunately for me I never realized just how ill he was and he hid a lot of it so I couldn't have known.

The central Michigan newsletter had a lot of different parts to it like quizzes, quotes, pictures, Masonic Pathways, Grand Lodge, and all the other Grand bodies. Plus he loved the youth programs which included the local boy scouts who helped us out with our Alma Lodge No. 244 dinners. Yes, we had the whole thing in color and went through five printers and eventually had to get an industrial stapler that could take the strain. We had "The Office" because I was given the honor to serve the Grand Commandery as Assistant Recorder by PGC Vern Barnhart who was at that time Grand Recorder. The CEO, Cindy Bosley of Masonic Pathways found me an office with four workstations with nice office chairs and filing cabinets so quickly, my head was spinning. The office is painted with a drop ceiling, carpeting, special heating unit and an air conditioner. But Brother Colin convinced me we needed a color TV (is hooked into the DirectTV) and a refrigerator which somehow he managed to get into this small office. It has become somewhat of a "Man Cave" because everyone stops in to see what's new?!? At this time the office has seven computers plus one laptop computer that is for sale. A color printer we have Wi-Fi on because sometimes you want to print from your room in the building or we are able to print directly to the printer in the Lodge building downtown. There are also seven computers in the computer lab at Masonic Pathways which is open 24/7. My wish is to keep this magazine with its articles that MEC Paul has created in its great format. I enjoy the magazine but I have to read it online because every time I print one out, it comes up missing!!! There is nothing sadder than a blank space on a newsletter. So let's keep this magazine going!

Fraternally Yours,

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“COMMUNICATION IS KEY”

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

From the East

It is official; I now have less than sixty days left in my year as Grand High Priest. That being said I had a great weekend in St. Ignace. Your Grand Chapter officers with a little help from Past Grand High Priest, Robert Cooper and companion Gene Newman performed the Royal Arch Degree on seven companions, this puts me at somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty or the year. We then supported MIGM Edward James and his crew in the Council degrees, which added ten to the rolls of Grand Council. The day was topped with Bill LeVeque and his merry band of misfits once again holding court of the Yooper Council. Funds were raised, jokes were told, and a good time was had by all.

The annual reports are coming in at a steady pace but a large number of the Chapters are only sending in the financial portion of the report. The Grand Secretary really needs the rest of the reports to complete the annual statement to the membership at our next convocation. We cannot compile a necrology report, gains and losses report, or the awards without the full annual report. We need this information so please get it into the Grand Secretary's office.

There are a number of things coming in the month of July you may wish to mark on your calendar. First is the Traverse City Cherry Festival and parade which starts July second and ends on July the ninth with the big parade which you can participate by walking or riding with your apron or uniform on. July fourth is Independence Day, a day to relax, barbecue and spend the day with family and friends. I would also like to remind you what the day is all about. The hard fought struggle for the freedoms that we all enjoy today and those brave young men that have kept us out of harm's way ever since. Jobs Daughter assembly starts July seventh and goes to July tenth. Remember our youth are our future so please support them any way you can. Visit a Bethel, Assembly or Conclave, it is worth the time spent and you will see some fine work. The York Rite picnic and golf outing is July twenty third and twenty fourth at the Gladwin Glen and the Sprague farm/cottage.

August the York Rite Grand Session will be held in Bay City from the seventeenth to the twentieth, with the Royal Arch session on the seventeenth, Royal and Select on the eighteenth, and Commandery on the nineteenth and twentieth. These sessions are for the membership and are full of information for you. You will also choose the leaders for the next twelve months. Plan on attending, enjoy the fellowship, see old friends and take part, it is what makes this fraternity great.

My year as Grand High Priest is winding down and soon I will join the ranks of PGHP's the PG stands for power gone, people will walk by you and say didn't you used to be somebody? I will return to the query and resume my labors. My intent is to run for the Grand Secretary's position as I talked PGHP Louis McCray into taking the position for the year to fill the vacancy. I congratulate him on the fine job that he has done. I hope that he does not disappear, as if elected, I will need all of the help I can get. I have worked with Lou this past year and have enjoyed every minute of it.

Donald

2016 York Rite Golf Outing

Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights

Saturday, July 24th, 2016 is a day you can join in for fun & fellowship and also raise funds for the charities of the York Rite.

This is a four person scramble for members, family and friends (Men & Women). The cost has gone down to \$65.00 this year, Reservations received prior to July 17th receive a \$5.00 discount. Make up your own foursome for the discount of \$20.00 per team.

Price includes – 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes.

If you do not have a team, we will place you on a team. Registration at the course will begin at 8:30 AM and starting tee time is scheduled for 10:00 AM on the 1st Tee. *** If we have enough layers registered in advance, the course will allow us to have a shotgun start.

Don't play Golf! Join us for fellowship and a great meal. Dinner at 3:30 PM. Cost for dinner is only \$23.00.

We are asking all York Rite Bodies (Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and Colleges) to sponsor a hole or tee box for \$25.00. The profits will be equally divided between the Grand Chapter, Council, and Commandery for the charity that each Grand Body chooses. We can, also, accept, and do encourage individual &/or business sponsors.

For more information contact any of the following committee members:

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Jim Sprague Memorial

19th Annual

Royal Arch – York Rite Picnic

(all friends are welcome to attend)

Sprague Cabin southeast of Gladwin

Need directions contact Don Mayville

Saturday, July 23rd dinner around 3 pm
RSVP -- Choice of Steak or Grilled Chicken

Pot-Luck side dishes! Donations to help pay for meat

Return the information below to:

Don Mayville, 148 Belmont Ln.

Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9025

Name: _____

Others attending: _____

2016 York Rite Golf Outing

Gladwin Heights Golf Course, 3551 W. M-61, Gladwin 989-426-9941

Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Sunday July 24, 2016

I/We would like to sponsor a hole or tee box, please have the sign read:

_____ (\$ 25.00)

I/We will be participating: Name: _____ (\$65.00) [\$60.00 if paid by 7/17/16]

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E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Playing with: _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Number of Hole or Tee Box Sponsorships _____ @ \$25.00 each \$ _____

Additional persons – Dinner Only: _____ (\$ 23.00 each) \$ _____

Enclosed please find my payment of \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Livingston Chapter No. 30** – Memo: "YR GOLF Outing"

Mail to: Don Mayville, 148 Belmont Ln., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9025

Dinner Choices – (Please include yourself)

of Steaks _____ # of Chickens _____

Please copy and distribute as needed



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Secretary's Scribbles

“We’re having a heat wave, a tropical heat wave. The temperature’s rising, it isn’t surprising.” With apologies to Irving Berlin for appropriating his lyrics from the song “We’re Having a Heat Wave,” used in a few musical movies of the 1930s and 40s to describe the weather so far this summer but it certainly seems an accurate forecast to me.

Annual Returns have been posted to all chapter secretaries and the finished returns are now coming in. A few secretaries have sent only the financial information, and the form 990. While we appreciate your promptness in sending in the financials, we still need the entire report with the officer’s list, members added and lost, updated addresses if any, etc. Even if you have been sending in monthly updates it allows us to make sure we are up to date as of the end of the year and helps insure the accuracy of the directory.

Companions & Excellent Companions, as of this writing there are no declared candidates for the open chair at the bottom of the moving line at Grand Master of the 1st Veil. We will also have an opening for Grand Sentinel as REC Robert Powers wishes to step down for health reasons. If you think you are qualified for either of these positions and would like to be of service to the Royal Craft, contact the chairman of the Protocol Committee, MEC Michael Whiting, 615 Melrose, Pontiac, MI, 48340-3116, phone 248.373.7081 or email mikewhiting@webtv.net. And finally, I have decided not to run for another term as Grand Secretary. MEC Donald Galway has declared as a candidate for the position of Grand Secretary so we at least one companion to consider there.

It won’t be long before the Annual Jim Sprague Memorial Picnic and The Howard Little York Rite Golf Outing arrive on July twenty third and twenty fourth. Look for the flier in this issue,

sign up early for the golf outing and save \$5.00/player, and remember anyone can buy a hole or tee box banner, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, Lodges and other bodies, businesses and individuals may have their name on a banner. We have a new chairman this year, REC John Ames, let’s get on board as players and sponsors to make John’s first year a roaring success.

Finally, the June 2016 issue of the Triple Tau news magazine’s curtain call for MEC Paul Howell as editor. MEC Paul has done a fantastic job for us during his many years as editor. He has taken the Triple Tau from a 2 or 3 page newsletter mostly of interest to Michigan companions to a Multi-page magazine with color, pictures, and information for not just local members but for Royal Arch Masons and Masons all over the world. Personally, I have received responses to articles I have submitted from several states and more than a handful of countries. This would not have been possible without the interest MEC Paul had stimulated with his editorial skills and writing talent which made the Triple Tau something all those people looked forward to reading.

MEC Paul has been planning on retiring as editor for a few years but stayed on until we could find a suitable replacement. In the spring, MEGHP Don Galway and I approached Jane Todd, who handles the computer lab at Masonic Pathways about the position and after a little arm twisting and not much screaming, she agreed to take on the job. She has been working with MEC Paul for the last few months. Getting the templates, spacing and placing articles, studying the dictionary and English textbooks for proper spelling and grammar, etc. Early in June, MEC Paul asked if she felt she was ready and she replied in the affirmative. He asked her to begin with this July issue (Continued)

(continued from the Grand Secretary)

MEC Paul, we thank you for your continued service to this Grand Chapter and Jane, we thank you for stepping up and we wish you the very best in your endeavor. To all who would submit articles for future publication, please note: Send all future Triple Tau submissions to Jane Todd at creakyjane281@gmail.com.



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King's Korner

THE MOTTO OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

On many of the official documents, or certificates, issued by Royal Arch bodies, will be found the words: "holiness to the Lord." This is the motto of Royal Arch Masonry and ever reminds us of the reverence due the Great and Beneficent Author of our existence, who is a Being without beginning of days or end of years.

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THE MOTTO OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

In my June article I wrote about a city park. How it came into being, it flourished and was enjoyed by its citizens. Then fell into decline and how it relates to Freemasonry today. This is a continuation of that article.

For more than sixty years we as a Fraternity have seen a steady decline in membership. Not many of our members are still with us that remember when Masonry was at its zenith. Over the decades we have developed into a culture of maintaining the status quo, a paradigm if you will. Not planting seeds for the future, not promoting ourselves or becoming as active in our communities as we should be to attract new members. We have taken without giving back (I am not referring to our charities). We have allowed our Fraternity to decline where we are today. When I say "we" I am referring to the Masonic Fraternity as a whole.

We have had many great Masonic leaders in the past and we have many today but our leaders alone cannot turn our continuing decline of membership around and make our Fraternity what it once was. It is going to take all of us to accomplish this. We must change our mindset and begin to live up to the promises we made when we became Masons. We must remember we as Masons are

builders. Something we have lost sight of over the years.

I am sure we have all heard various excuses for the decline in membership. Some that come to mind are television, community activities, social media and others just to name a few. I agree that other interests have developed over the years and have influence but I don't agree that they are the sole reason for our decline. These so called excuses are distractions from the truth. We use them to divert the blame away from ourselves because we are unwilling to accept the fact that we control our destiny. We are the reason why we are falling back instead of moving forward and have ourselves to blame.

Companions, we and only we have the ability to turn this self destructive cycle around. With just a small amount of effort on the part of every member we can accomplish great things. Where do we start? Well, have you ever thought of replacing yourself? Planting the seed of your successor that will ensure the future of our Fraternity? If you haven't, isn't it time? It's time for all of us to give back. It's time to rebuild again. We have been stuck in neutral far too long, now it's time to move forward. That's where our future is

and our future begins. The future depends upon us.
Howard Duke, Grand King



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Scribe's Scratches

All Organizations have Philanthropies that they sponsor or support. The Royal Arch is no exception. Some of these Philanthropies are national charitable organizations while others are for the betterment of the Order. However, do you know what the Philanthropies of the Grand Chapter or General Grand Chapter are and what are their purposes?

There are four major Philanthropies that the Grand Chapter is involved with; R.A.R.A. (Royal Arch Research Assistance), the Benevolent Fund, the Memorial Fund, and the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation.

R.A.R.A. is probably the best known of all our Philanthropies. The Royal Arch Research Assistance is the Philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. The monies raised by R.A.R.A. are invested in a permanent fund of the General Grand Chapter, the interest from which is used to support research in the field of Auditory Perception problems in young children.

This program is designed to aid and assist children who suffer learning disability due to "Auditory Perception" disorders. Seventy-five percent of the children who have learning problems have normal hearing but cannot understand and use spoken language effectively. One of the principle reasons for so many school "drop outs" is a learning disability. It is believed that about ninety percent of all Juvenile Delinquents have some sort of learning disability.

The Benevolent Fund is a program that is sponsored by the Grand Chapter to be used by the Corporate Board (Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary) to provide financial assistance to any Royal Arch Mason, his widow, father, mother, or any member of his immediate family. The request for assistance must come from one of the constituent Chapters and the Board of Trustees has the full authority to act upon its own initiative on the consideration of any case of Benevolence, Charity or Relief.

The Memorial Fund is also a Grand Chapter sponsored charity. The Memorial Fund was established in memory of Donald Ellwanger and Frederick G. Kirby, both Past High Priests of their Chapter. The fund is to be a depository for such memorial contributions as Chapter Companions and others may wish to contribute in lieu of flowers for a deceased Companion or for other memorial offerings.

The Memorial Fund is administered by the Grand Chapter Corporate Board. All monies received during the fiscal year must be distributed by the end of that fiscal year.

The Grand Chapter R.A.M. Foundation is not a "Charity" nor is donations to it deductible on your income tax returns; however, it was formed to provide long range financial stability for your Grand Chapter. It is hoped that the success of the Foundation will eventually result in the lowering of the Per Capita Tax to each member but the most immediate gain is the ability of the Grand Chapter to be able to keep up with the cost of living operational expenses of the Grand Chapter without having additional dues increases. In recent years monies from the fund have been used to help the Masonic Youth programs in our State. A small portion is given to each youth leader to aid them in their travels during the year.

All of these Philanthropies are dependent on the kind and generous contributions from the members of our Chapters. So the next time you receive a

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(From Richard Hitch Grand Scribe)

request accompanying your Dues Notice for one of these funds, please consider contributing. Another method to contribute is to do so through a will or bequest. The Memorial Fund, Royal Arch Research Assistance and/or the R.A.M. Foundation may be included in a list of organizations for donations to be placed in the Funeral Homes for the departed Companions.

Remember, a contribution is not only an investment in the Organization but a contribution to the community.

Richard Hitch, Grand Scribe

CERTIFICATE OF PROXY IN GRAND CHAPTER

To the Grand Chapter of Michigan:

This is to certify that:

Companion _____

has been selected to hold the proxy to represent Companion

_____ of _____

Chapter No. _____ in the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to be holden at _____, on the _____ day of the month of _____ 20_____.

Witness my hand and seal at _____ this day of _____ 20_____.

The Proxy of the Chapter is to be issued to a Companion who is attending the Grand Convocation when one of the Dias Officers is not going to be in attendance. It is best to issue this to a Companion who is not a Past High Priest, thereby affording your Chapter an additional vote. Please make as many copies as you need.

Use your Proxies, don't lose your votes!!!

Grandpa would waken quite early and thrive
On working with scarcely a breathe
Grandpa thought nothing of waking at Five
And I think not much of it either.

Thomas Jefferson's used the phrase "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" in the declaration. Was it his original language?

The words were his. They are, however, very close to phrases used by British philosopher John Locke. In his *Second Treatise on Government* (1689), Locke argued for government by consent of the people. He stated that each person has a natural right to preserve his or her own "life, liberty, and estate."

In the *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (1693), Locke also wrote "the highest perfection of intellectual nature lies in a careful and constant pursuit of true and solid happiness." Jefferson made no secret that he had read and admired the writings of Locke in developing his own political ideas.

From wisegeek.com:

DID YOU KNOW?

Although the Statue of Liberty was intended to be a working lighthouse, her torch wasn't bright enough for the task.

When the Statue of Liberty's torch was illuminated for the first time on the evening of 1 November 1886, the light was barely visible in Manhattan. The New York World newspaper said it was "more like a glowworm than a beacon." Because the statue was intended to be a lighthouse, the United States Lighthouse Board pledged to do what it could to enhance the torch's effect, but nothing worked.



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Companions,

This month's offering for Cryptic Education is written by Sir Knight Richard W. Van Doren. This is part two of a series, and comes from the Grand Council of Massachusetts.

The Stuart Theory

The known history of the Cryptic Rite begins to emerge in the 18th Century. Some have contended that it is Scottish in origin, having a definite connection to the Stuart dynasty with the ritual having a hidden meaning associated with Bonnie Prince Charlie and his attempts to restore the crown to his family. For example, the "widow's son" is tantamount to the heir of King Charles I who was executed; the "lost word" is related to be the "lost cause"; the "raising" of a Mason to reference the restoration of the Stuart Crown.

Further, the Stuart claim of origin theory relates that these "meanings" had to be kept secret for the very reason that they were "treason" in the eyes of the current monarchy. That led to the need for "higher" degrees where the membership could be carefully and scrupulously maintained with a view to using the meeting places as planning sites and the doctrine of Stuart succession discreetly perpetuated. This, it is claimed, is the reason for the legend of the "Secret Vault."

The Stuart claim for origin goes further: It maintains that the nine arches specifically is a Stuart invention and alludes to their adaptation of the Legend of Enoch. According to Hinman, et al, "It appeared in two French degrees called respectively, the "Scottish Master of the Secret Vault of James VI" and the "Grand Scottish Mason of the Sacred Vault of James VI." The old Jewish and Masonic legends either have three arches, one under the other, or seven arches on a level. The candidate seeking admission to the secret vault was called Adoniram, who in some of the degrees is the manufacturer of the Holy Vessels of the Temple and not Hiram Abif. As the tax gatherer of the Kings of Israel and Judah, he represented the Stuarts."

This is a wonderfully thought out theory. Unfortunately, there is not one shred of documentary proof that the theory is correct. There is no question that the Stuarts in exile used the Masonic higher degrees originating in France for their own purposes, but to assert that they also invented them is not credible from what we know today.

The Baltimore Theory

Baltimore was an important city, both commercially and Masonically in the early 19th Century. One of the theories of the origins of Cryptic Masonry then comes as no surprise to be linked to Maryland. In 1810, the Select Master Degree of Philip Eckel and Hezekiah Niles had already been conferred at a "Grand Council" in Baltimore. Jeremy Cross, well known and widely traveled Masonic lecturer, received the degree from Eckel and spread it far and wide. So far, so good.

But it gets more murky and tangled when one tries to include or connect the Royal Master Degree with that of the Select Master. It is true that Eckel received the Royal Master Degree in 1819 - nine years after conferring the Select Master on Cross, but that was conferred in a Royal Arch Lodge. Folger has said that it was actually Jeremy Cross who put them together in either 1818 or 1823. It would seem that, if that were true, it would be in the latter time frame as that was after he had inherited the Masonic publishing mantle from Thomas Smith Webb in 1819. Those that still adhere to the Baltimore Theory, however, have one troublesome detail that has come to light. That stubborn fact is that we now know that Eckels received the Select Master Degree from a man named Henry Wilmans, a Past Master of a Lodge in Charleston, South Carolina (later to be founding Master of a Lodge in Baltimore). Wilmans it seems was a Scottish Rite Inspector General from Europe, and it was this power which permitted him to bestow the Select Master Degree on Eckels in Baltimore in March of 1792. This leads us to the Scottish Rite Theory.

(Continued from Edward P. James, MIGM)

Without going into a great deal of detail about the origins of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR), suffice it to say that it was founded in France and that it emigrated to the United States by way of several individuals, the most prominent being Stephen Morin, ca. 1761 in the Caribbean and thence to Charleston, South Carolina, etc. Part of the early Rite of Perfection (25 Degrees) was the 5th Degree, termed the "Knight of the Eagle or Select Master." Morin and his successors, Francken (Charleston, 1762 and Albany, New York 1767) and Moses Hayes of Boston (1768) were early proponents of not only the AASR but also of the "Cryptic Degrees." According to Hinman, et al, shortly after the organization of the Supreme Council AASR in Charleston, in 1802, they issued a manifesto outlining the degrees to which they claimed jurisdiction. It stated: "Most of the Inspectors are in possession of a number of detached degrees given in different parts of the world and which they generally communicate free of expense to those brethren who are high enough to understand them such as Select Mason of "27." Such in brief is the Scottish Rite claim to the origin and control over the Cryptic degrees. It is supported by the fact that their members, some of whom were inspectors (e.g. Cohen, Jacobs, and Lownds), actually did confer the degrees and in every instance the first record of conferring of either the Royal Master or the Select Master Degrees indicates that it was conferred by a member of the Rite of Perfection."

So what happened that they are not so associated today? According to Hinman, it was because of a falling out within the ranks of the AASR, Northern Jurisdiction between J.J.J. Gourgas and Joseph Cerneau which saw that Lownds, most influential over both York Rite and the Cryptic degrees, sided with Cerneau, and the Degrees were actually permanently exported into the York Rite, ca. 1818.

Next month, part three.....

ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO TO THE Grand York Rite Session in Bay City?

A quick reminder for all of you York Rite Brothers. Please remember to dress appropriately and bring your aprons to wear. Those aprons and collars are extremely expensive and this is the time to show them off, no matter how old they are. Please do not wear your white sport socks. Your black socks will look much nicer than any other color with your suit. Remember each York Rite body has a certain color Jacket. Also don't forget to bring a black tie. A plain black tie is hard to find but not impossible. It will set off the dignity of your suit.

The air conditioning will be on full blast and your Lady will be cold so that may be another reason for you to bring your jacket. I realize being in a jacket will make you very warm and there may be a kind soul in the grand east to allow you to take it off and loosen your tie. It has been done before and if need be the grand east will allow it again.

Lastly, please remember to put your chapeau in the case and sword in its case so you don't get somewhere and don't have it. Trust me, you will be hard pressed to find a spare sword or chapeau during the Saturday's Grand Commander's Pass and Review. If you have a summer uniform bring it!!! Tell me how it all turns out so I can put your



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report in the August publication.

Jane Todd, Editor

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GRAND COMMANDERS CORNER --- July's Message

The single reason to become a Freemason:

Desire for personal improvement

There is only one valid reason to want to be admitted a Freemason: the desire to improve yourself personally, ethically, and spiritually. He who, being a faithful man, defending freedom and morality, has this design and is willing to use the masonic method in search of the transcendent, he is welcome! He can be certain that nothing will be taught to him, but he can learn everything. He can trust that nothing is imposed to him, but he will willingly accept the conduct and rules he will find. He can and should be prepared for a long, difficult and laborious journey, but he will never be alone, he will always be accompanied by his brothers. He will find that his works begin when he gets his first degree and will be finished only with his passage into the Lodge Above. He, if he works consistently and well, will become better, will act better in all aspects of his life and it will be by virtue of his improvement that he will be respected and can aspire to influence the others, perhaps in politics, perhaps in business, certainly in social relations, especially in the hearts of those who know him. He will be supportive and merciful, because that is the condition of a freemason, a fair and full and interested man, with the naturalness of breathing and the discretion of sleep. He, if he has done consistently well in his work, can aspire to Know, to Know what nobody can pass him, to Know what only he can sense, the meaning of life, creation, and a glimpse of Divinity. And, if he is successful, he will understand that words cannot convey this knowledge to anyone else, he can just help his brothers to make their journeys in order to aspire to sense, to perceive, to look. And then to realize that this is the famous masonic secret! He, if he has done consistently well his work, even if he never will be anything more than a simple sideliners in a simple Lodge, he will be a true Grand Master, of himself, his consciousness, his initiatory journey. He will not have the honor to be admitted freemason; freemasons will be honored that he has agreed to join them.

Best Templar Wishes
Al Johnson

Brian K. Himes, Chairman
Brent A. Helm, Larry A. Inscho & Harry A. Walbridge

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Cut Off Date: July 26, 2016

Check-In Time: 3:00 PM Check-Out Time: Noon

Please Note: Reservations request must be received in their office by midnight on the above cut off date to guarantee the group rate. Requests received after the above date will be subject to availability and the group rate is not guaranteed. **All reservation requests must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed by a major credit card.

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Signature:

G.Y.R. MEAL RESERVATION FORM 2016

Name Lady

Address

City St. Zip

Phone () E-mail

Organization

Title

Special Dietary requests

*** Make your reservations from the following selections:

Grand Chapter RAM - Wed, Aug 17, 2016

- 7 AM Chap. Memb. Breakfast No. @ \$15.00 = \$
12 Noon Ladies Luncheon No. @ \$18.00 = \$
12 Noon Companions Luncheon No. @ \$18.00 = \$
7 PM "Mexican Madness" Banquet No. @ \$30.00 = \$

Grand Council R&SM - Thur, Aug 18, 2016

- 7 AM Comp./Ladies Breakfast No. @ \$15.00 = \$
12 Noon Ladies Luncheon No. @ \$18.00 = \$
12 Noon Companions Luncheon No. @ \$18.00 = \$

GRAND YORK RITE GRAND BANQUET - Thur. Aug 19, 2016

- 7 pm # Sirloin Steak # Grilled Portabella-Vegetable Stack
Seared Salmon Total # @ #38.00 = \$

Recommended Dress: Grand Officers - Tus?White Dinner Jacket w/ Collars.

Ladies: Evening Attire. General Membership - Business Suit. Ladies - Sunday Best.

Grand commandery KT - Fri. Aug. 20, 2016

- 7 AM KT Gen Memb Breakfast No. @ \$15.00 = \$
12 Noon River Cruise Luncheon No. @ \$30.00 = \$
12 Noon KT Luncheon No. @ \$18.00 = \$

7:30 pm Grand commandery round table

- # Roasted Pork Loin # Grilled Chicken Breast
Grilled Vegetables Total # @ #38.00 = \$

Recommended Dress: Gr. Commandery Officer & Sir Knights - Full Dress. No Sword or Chapeau. Grand Officers - Tus/White Dinner Jacket w/ Collars.

Grand Officers. Ladies - Evening Attire Sir Knights Ladies - Sunday Best.

Grand commandery kt - Fri. Aug. 21, 2016

- 8 AM KT Gen Memb Breakfast No. @ \$16.00 = \$
Registration Fee: \$ 10.00 Sub Total \$

Make Checks Payable to: TOTAL \$

"Michigan Grand York Rite Committee"

Notice: Meal reservations must be postmarked by Aug. 6, 2016. All Meal reservations postmarked after Aug. 6, 2016, are subject to a Late Fee of \$25.00.

Meal reservation cancellations will be honored prior to August 13, 2016.

REMITTANCE MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS!

Mail all reservations with remittance To:

MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE COMMITTEE

c/o Brent A. Helm, KYCH

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