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Greetings Companions All:

Please on the Fourth of July be safe and watch where your fingers are while lighting off the fireworks. Remember those who served and are still serving our Country to keep us free! As the poem's title reads "Freedom Is Not Free!"

It isn't too late to enter the York Rite Golf Outing! Michigan weather has been unusual this past June. You were so hot under the sweltering, humid heat or you had to put on a jacket to go out to the lake. Be aware that some of our "Backroads" are still washed out! Use the main highways until Saginaw, Midland, Flint and Bay City can get the "Scenic Route" fixed.

Last year Companion Howard Visser, P.H.P., was the Grand Representative from Michigan to Western Australia. Companion Howard wrote a nice travel journal about his trip. This will be a 3-part series about how other Masonic Lodges do their work in Western Australia. The article's second installment will be printed out next August issue.

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau



We have another Heritage Award being given by (Left to Right) R.E.C. Howard W. Duke, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, Companion Raymond Cunningham (Father), Dustin Cunningham (Son) and R.E.C. Eldin A. Miller, Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Thank you for the nice picture!



HOWARD W. DUKE
GRAND HIGH
PRIEST

Lady Carole Duke



A Hot Summer!

Summer is upon us and thoughts of vacations are with us. Some of our Chapters will be dark July and August and plans to get away for a while are no doubt in our minds. One very enjoyable event and place to visit is the York Rite Summer Assembly in Maggie Valley, North Carolina the second weekend of this month. I guarantee you will truly enjoy the festivities there and the beautiful mountains. For the further information go to the North Carolina Grand Chapter website for all the details. Don't forget our Annual York Rite Picnic and Charity Golf Outing on Saturday, July 22nd. and Sunday, July, 23rd. near Gladwin. Information for this event can be found at our Grand Chapter website, www.grandchaptermi.org then click on to events and scroll down for all the pertinent details.

The Grand Officers and I want to remind you of Grand Sessions coming up August 10, 11 and 12th. at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. We hope you are planning to attend and join us and Companions and Sir Knights throughout the state as well as our guests from out of state for a great time and fellowship. If you haven't made your reservations yet do so soon. The Grand Officers and I look forward to meeting and greeting you there. Remember, this is your Grand Sessions.

I recently came across some words of wisdom in a publication that I thought would be worth sharing with you: "Everyone will experience consequences of his own acts. If his acts are right, he'll get good consequences; if they're not, he'll suffer for it." A point to ponder.

Fraternally,

M.EX.G.C. Howard W. Duke, Grand High Priest





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Secretary's Scribbles

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Well here it is almost the end of June and some of our Chapters have yet to submit their annual report. I know you have about fifty days till the York Rite session, but it becomes very hard to process your return, along with everything that I must get ready for the session. I would like to thank all of you that have sent in your returns. They are almost all processed and done. As of this writing, we have 15 Chapters that have not sent in their return.

We have three Companions who have applied for Grand Honors. Kenneth S. Alexander, a member of Mt. Vernon Chapter No.37; Stewart W. Warrington, a member of Mackinac Chapter No. 134 and David L. Montgomery, a member of Oakland Chapter No.5.

June has turned out to be a busy month, with the Most Worshipful Grand Masters installation and reception in Grand Rapids. Then the next weekend was Yooper Council. I must say that we had a great time in Marquette on the 17th. There are four new members of Marquette Chapter and six new members of Marquette Council. I must extend a hand to Doug Wolfe who outdid himself with the meals he put out for us. The food was great but Doug's granddaughter out did granddad with two fantastic cakes. The day was topped off with Yooper Council. As always, the elected (railroaded) officers out did themselves with the antics that they do. The star of the evening was a young man of five years who expelled more energy in a half hour than the rest of the room could muster all day. There was the usual fine for any infraction which netted three hundred dollars for MMCF earmarked for our youth groups, a very worthy cause to say the least.

The last weekend in June should have placed you in Grand Junction for the outdoor degrees. I was not able to make the event this year due to another commitment, but I am sure that everything went well and the respective secretaries will send me the new member information for the database in a timely manner.

July is another busy month with the Illinois grand session on the thirteenth to the sixteenth in Bloomington- Normal. Then comes the York Rite Golf outing at Gladwin Heights Golf course. Golf Hole sponsorships are still available with the flyer elsewhere in this publication.

I hope that everyone has a great summer, enjoy the weather, do the outdoor activities and spend time with family. I hope to see all of you at the York Rite Session in Grand Rapids in August. Remember this is your Grand Chapter and your support is always needed and welcome. I serve at your pleasure so if there is anything that you need, feel free to contact me.

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 8:30 A.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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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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As we are now into the month of July and most Chapters are and will be dark, I hope you will take this opportunity to both spend extra time with your loved ones and have fun! As Masonry is a concept of making good men better, I can think of few better ways than to strengthen the bonds of the family.

The summer months are also a good time to further practice the many teachings of our craft. In the Entered Apprentice Degree, we were taught three tenets; Brotherly love, belief, and truth. If we love our brother, we should want to help them in their needs. Truth is taught throughout Masonry, making deeper impressions on our mind as we go further in Masonry. We find how important it is to be one who can be trusted for his word and the integrity that goes with it. The four Cardinal Virtues- Temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, made a deep impression upon me. They teach us to control our inclinations and to stand steadfast in our beliefs, as well as to render justice in our minds to all, regardless of their standing in our society.

In the Fellowcraft Degree, we are taught the importance of education, as we become better educated, we become more aware of the presence of God and His teachings in the Holy Scriptures. We can see the wisdom, strength, and beauty of the Great Architect of the Universe in the celestial heavens. We now know we can be better and a good way to do that is to go further in Masonry.

The Royal Arch teaches us to rededicate our lives toward the betterment of mankind and our Masons, diffusing light and imparting knowledge to all uninformed Masons wherever dispersed throughout the globe. We are taught that knowing men are liable to faults, foibles, and errors, so should we ever be ready to cover the faults, foibles, and errors of a brother with brotherly love and charity.

We then become more patient and understanding and more willing to assist our Brother and fellow man in their stumbling rather than being critical. The Royal Arch Degree teaches many lessons, such as the value of persevering.

We learn that we should continue in our search for whatever we are seeking, such as the long-lost word, a better education a better job, a closer relationship with God, and so on. We will then have a feeling of accomplishment and self-esteem that we can share with others.

As we continue our endeavor to better ourselves, we will want to go further in Masonry by Joining the Council of Royal and Select Master and the Order the Knights Templar. In the first order of the Commandery, the Order of Red Cross, our minds are again strengthened by the almighty force and importance of truth.

When asked by a prospective Mason, tell them how Masonry has made you a better person. There are no wrong answers and none of us that are so good that we could not be better.

Fraternally,

R.E.C. Richard Hitch, Grand King

What is Royal Arch Research Assistance?

We all have heard “Do you support R.A.R.A.?” and we know it is the primary charity of the General Grand and Grand Chapter, but do you know what is Royal Arch Research Assistance? The Board of Directors at R.A.R.A. has chosen to support three areas of research funding in 2016-2017. First, there is Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) research out of the University of Arizona. Second, is the Hearing Foundation, and third, is Autism Speaks.

Central Auditory Processing Disorder is a type of hearing problem that is more common than most would expect. It is not that the person is hard of hearing, but more of an auditory perceptual problem. That means a person with CAPD may have good hearing, but bad comprehension.

Hearing Health Foundation (www.hhf.org) is the largest private funding resource of hearing research since 1958. Their mission is Research, Support, and Prevention. The Hearing Health Foundation has always kept research a priority, which led to cochlear implants today. They support improving the lives of people living with hearing loss, tinnitus, and other hearing impairments through outreach programs and education. By raising awareness of what can be done to prevent hearing loss the HHF have created the Safe and Sound program for companies that recognize the importance of protecting their employees and customers hearing.

Autism Speaks is the nation’s leading charity helping children with autism. Autism is a developmental disorder that affects a person’s ability to communicate and develop relationships, and which is often characterized by repetitive behaviors.

These are the three charities that make up Royal Arch Research Assistance, which is the main charity of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. If you or your Chapter is interested in donating please send them to: Don Galway Grand Secretary, 1200 Wright Ave., Alma MI, 48801 Or
General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons-International, Attn: RARA, PO Box 128, Greenfield, IN 46140-0128

I would like to thank the General Grand Chapter for providing me with the information used to write this article and would like to encourage everyone to consider Royal Arch Research Assistance when making their charitable donations.

Fraternally,

REC Mike Roberts, Grand Scribe

Howard Visser PHP
Representative from Michigan to Western Australia
January 27, 2017
Trip to Western Australia 2016
Perth!

On October 4, 2016, Brother Jeff Sloboda, of Lisbon Crescent Lodge Number 329, and I flew the 4.5-hour flight from Sydney to Perth. We had another wonderful flight courtesy of Qantas Airlines. I can't say enough about the kindness and professionalism of the flight staff, making our flight's very memorable segments of our trip.

We were met at the airport by our host, Brother, and Companion Norm Taylor and his lovely wife Isabelle. Their hospitality and kindness made our stay a very enjoyable one, above and beyond the excellent new old friends of the Brother Masons we met on this part of the trip.

Due to the 3 hour time difference, it was time for a dinner when we arrived at their home in Hilton, Western Australia, a suburb of Perth. A beautiful lamb stew dinner was waiting for us when we arrived. There is no better way to get acquainted with new friends than over a steaming dish of stew.

Mid-morning on Wednesday, Norm drove us to the Grand Lodge Office, a newer facility shared by the Grand Chapter. We were warmly greeted while the Grand Master's office and the office of the Grand Chapter accepted our credentials so that we would be welcomed in any Lodge or Chapter we visited while there. We, at that point, got our first look at a Lodge/Chapter Room. It is set up similarly to American Lodge rooms, with some significant differences.

On first entering, you realize that the main entry door is at the Northwest corner of the Lodge. Looking straight ahead, in the North, is a large desk occupied by the Secretary and Treasurer of the lodge jointly. On the wall behind the desk is a large wooden frame, divided into 3 equal parts vertically. Each part is either covered by a pull-down shade or a pair of curtains, depending on the Lodge room you are visiting.

The next significant difference noticed as you look towards the East, is that there are two large benches on either side of the Master's chair, capable of seating several brothers. Then, there are chairs on either side of the Master's chair. A few steps in front of the Master is the Altar.

There is seating on both the north and south side of the Lodge. The Junior Warden sits in the South. And the Senior Warden sits in the Southwest corner of the Lodge at an angle. If there is an instrument, it is placed in the West. On either side of the Wardens, there are several chairs for their use, and the Deacons sit nearby each as well. Stewards are seated on the south, near the Wardens.

Our trip was made mainly for me to represent Michigan Royal Arch Masons at Grand Chapter. On Friday night, Norm and Isabelle took us to the Meet and Greet, a reception for the Grand Chapter officers and families prior to the Installation of Grand Chapter on the next day. It was held in a lovely room in Perth, and very well organized. Once again, Jeff and I were treated like visiting royalty, and everyone made us feel very welcome, in spite of wanting to talk about American Politics. We found that politics the world over have their own unique challenges. Australia is no exception.

I was especially intrigued to converse with Masons from the countries to the west of Australia. Rarer than in Michigan, the room was filled with Companions of every color, in very colorful garb, who were as interested in talking to us as we were to them. It is not unusual at these conventions to have visitors from a dozen different countries, as well as all the states of Australia.

Like their American counterparts, Masons in Australia love to eat, and we had what amounted to a dinner in finger food, much of which I have not seen here. The conversation was excellent, and the Companions and their ladies were eager to talk to the American Masons, as we were eager to talk to them. A few informal speeches were made, one from the outgoing First Grand Principal (Grand High Priest) who was ending his three-year term. Norm, in his inclusiveness, had made sure we were introduced to all the major players in this important part of York Rite History. Isabelle drove home, due to Norm enjoying his wine that evening, as well as after the Installation the next day.

*Note: Watch for next month's issue where we get to the Installation of Officers.



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Yooper Council 2017!

Every summer, or thereabouts, the Grand Council goes north to have some fellowship, do some work, and have fun! Festivities conclude with Yooper Council, which is open to all who wish to attend, and is a fun way to wrap up a great weekend of Masonic fellowship. This year was no exception, except it was!

There were several things different about this year's Yooper Council, the main difference was it was held in Marquette. People can talk about how big Texas is all they want, but to go from one corner of Michigan to another is a lot of hours on the road! Nonetheless, not only did the Grand Council Officers (Cory was missed with health issues) make the long trek up, along with several Arch Deputies and Past Grands, but officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons (except for Brent Helm who was missed with health issues) made the trip up and joined in the fellowship. What a weekend.

It is a real testament to the Brotherly Love and devotion to our Craft that so many would travel so far in order that the work be done for these new Companions. Three Companions were Exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch. Most Excellent Companion Howard Duke and Lady Carol were there, along with Right Eminent Grand Commander Don Trumble and Lady Mary Jo, making for a very supportive environment for everyone involved, especially the new Companions. Our own Most Illustrious Bill Leveque was instrumental in setting up lodging, logistics, lunch tickets, and of course the Yooper Council ceremony. Brothers working together for the good of the craft. We hear it all the time, but what a pleasure it is to behold.

We usually meet in St. Ignace in June for the Yooper Council, but this year Marquette Council had six candidates for the Council Degrees, so we thought it best to work there. It doesn't seem just a year ago this Council was within hours of having its Charter pulled, what a turnaround. It is my sincere desire and hope that these new members help this area grow in Masonic activity. Companion Doug Wolfe deserves a great deal of thanks for pushing for Yooper Council in Marquette this year. Not only did he serve some outstanding prime rib, but caught 30 pounds of Lake Trout and included that with dinner – real U.P. Surf and Turf!

I want to also thank Ron Hill and a few others who have kept a light burning in the U.P. for many years. Thanks to all of you U.P. who kept the lights on so this could happen!

Fraternally,

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



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Greetings Fraters and Ladies,

Well summer has finally arrived and my year as Grand Commander is quickly coming to an end, it has been an exciting time that I will not forget for a long time to come. The friendships we have made and the reuniting with old friends are truly wonderful.

We traveled to several Jurisdictions within our East Central Department as well as some that are not in our department and were always greeted very warmly.

We just returned from the Grand Council's Yooper Council in Marquette and had a wonderful time there with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Companions and their Ladies.

Hope to see you in Grand Rapids at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for the York Rite Session to be held August 10th through August 12th.

Thank you for all your support throughout my travels through the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Yours in Service to Templary,

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

Just a note to anyone who hasn't realized how much water we have in Mid-Michigan. Please don't mix water and electricity together. Like the guy in the picture on the right. He obviously has not taken any safety classes.

Your Editor, Jane Todd





DEMOLAY

Summer is in full bloom and the young men of DeMolay are on the move. The State Councilors attended the DeMolay International Session in Buffalo, New York and participated in changing some of the governing rules of DeMolay, elected our new International Officers and basically had a great time. We went to the birth place of "Buffalo Wings" and Niagara Falls, rode the Maid of the Mist and made friends with Brothers from all over the world. The Councilors also attended Grand Assembly at Alma and had another wonderful time. Many thanks to Michigan Rainbow for the courtesies extended to all of us. July will bring about several events; State Paintball will be hosted by Chain O' Lakes Chapter in Bellaire on July 15, 2017; Grand Bethel will be held July 6-9 in Grand Rapids and the State Officer Training session will be July 21-23 in Flint. The conclave is fast approaching and the registration forms are out and available if you need one you can contact any State Officer or register online at Michigandemolay.org. If any of the Companions know 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 is always willing 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'Aguzzo, Exec. Officer of MI DeMolay



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

This is very sad to report. While the Rainbow Girls were here at Masonic Pathways, I was under the weather with laryngitis and a sinus headache. I did remind Sister Maureen Riley that I needed her article and she sent me another e-mail. I e-mailed that person for an article but there was no answer from them.

I later checked the Facebook page and the Michigan website for Rainbow Girls of Michigan pictures or who was installed the night before. No pictures or even a mention of an installation. This was last Saturday! Don't these girls use Facebook anymore? You would think the newly installed Rainbow Officers would like their pictures on the internet. Now, we don't have any report and I can't talk to anyone yet. I am still unusually quiet and my sinuses are in business for themselves. Let's see what happens next month?

Fraternally,

Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau



MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL

BE YOU. The motto of our outgoing Grand Bethel Honored Queen -Miss Dakota Brower, which was embraced by the Grand Guardian Mom Jessica Abraham, and the Associate Grand Guardian Dad Bill Peters. This year all of the Job's Daughters of Michigan were encouraged to believe in themselves, to be who they are, and to not let the conventions of this world stop them from being true to what they stand for.

We are all very proud of Dakota and all that she accomplished during her term, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for this amazing young woman. Her Bible Ceremony recitation says it all "Believe in yourself, and all that you are. Know that there is something inside of you that is stronger than any obstacle."

As this Grand Bethel year ends, we are very excited to celebrate the success of this past year and embark on the journey of the next one. Michigan Job's Daughters is excited to see what our next Grand Bethel Honored Queen - Miss Lilian Alaine Giese has in store for us. Liliy is a shining star, who is adored all around the state, by daughters and adults alike. She is from Bethel # 18 in Menominee, which is a growing and thriving Bethel, due in large part to the efforts of Miss Liliy, and her amazing love for our Order. If you don't know where Menominee is...it's so far into the UP that you can walk across the street and be in Wisconsin!

The next Grand Guardian - Mom Cheryl Davis, and Associate Grand Guardian - Dad Franz Langegger will be the adult leaders for the 2017 - 2018 Grand Bethel year. We kick off the term at our annual Grand Session, the first weekend in July. The new team will be installed on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at the historic Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The annual Session begins with a formal opening on Thursday, July 6, 2017. If you haven't yet made your reservations...be sure to reach out to Tammy Dankenbring right away! Her email is tdankenbring@ahchospitality.com

We jump right into the events for the new term almost immediately! Our annual Leadership Weekend will be held in Otisville the weekend of July 21 - 23, and then we are off to Supreme Session (our International Convention) July 30 - August 5 in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania!

MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL (Continued)

Next, we are off to St. Ignace where every year, on Labor Day, Michigan Job's Daughters participate in the **Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk**. Our daughters raise money for our official Philanthropy by collecting pledges for completing the 5-mile walk. If you would like to donate to the H.I.K.E. Foundation, please reach out to any one of our girls around the state! The Hearing-Impaired Kids Endowment provides hearing aids for hearing impaired children all around the United States.

It is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting summer! We hope to see many of you along the way!!!

Fraternally,

Terry Brower, Grand Guide



*(Pictured in the photo (L to R): Miss Liliy Giese - Grand Bethel Senior Princess, Miss Dakota Brower - Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Miss Crystal McDonald - Grand Bethel Junior Princess.)



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

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

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
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