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Greetings Companions All:

I thank all of the Grand Officers of the York Rite and the Youth Leaders for their help and assistance this year. All of you who will become Jr. Past Grands: Congratulations! You have made it to the finishing line of your year. I look forward to working with all of the newly installed Grand Officers. I thank all of you who helped me in my first year as Editor of the Triple Tau. Good luck and safe travels!!!

Fraternally,  
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau



June 22-25 was the Annual Grand Assembly Session for Michigan. In the picture, the young lady to the far right is Lisa Stambaugh, Grand Worthy Advisor for 2016-2017 and on the left is Mckenzie Pollick, Grand Worthy Advisor for 2017-2018.

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

It is always a pleasure to be called upon to deliver a much-deserved award here in the State of Michigan and just last month I had the pleasure of visiting Charlevoix "The Beautiful" In presenting our "Heritage Award" to 2 recipients of Lodge # 282. As they say, 'A picture says a thousand words'.

Harold Staley DDI # 1, SW, James F. Stewart, Dylan F. Stewart (son), WM, Pat Reuwinski, John F. Rathjens II (son), Frank E. Rathjens, and REC, Carl J. Peterson, GCOH. Applications for the award and its eligibility requirements can be downloaded from the Grand Chapter web site.





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**Companions:**

My time has come and this will be my last article for the Triple Tau as your Grand High Priest. It doesn't seem like the year has passed so soon. "How swiftly the sand run". Over the past two years I have tried to write articles in the Triple Tau that would be of interest to our readers. Apparently, I had some success. I had several telephone calls and emails from readers expressing approval and encouraging me to continue those types of articles. My thanks to all those who shared their kind comments with me. I hope I did not disappoint you.

It has been my pleasure to have served you this year. My wife Carole and I enjoyed meeting so many of the Companions we have known for so many years and also many of the newer Companions during our travels. You have always made us feel more than welcome. From Lady Carole and I, thank you for your generous hospitality.

This year was not without its sad moments. We had several Companions who retired to the Celestial Lodge above. Among them were two of our Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions, Harry Walbridge and Charles Updike who were very active in Masonic activities up to their passing. Our continued condolences to their wives Marge and Ruth and their families.

Grand sessions are this month in Grand Rapids at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Grand Chapter will meet on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Grand Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Grand Commandery on the 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope you and your lady have made plans to attend. We look forward to meeting you there. Remember, these are your Grand Sessions. Plans have been made for a most enjoyable time for everyone and Lady Carole has made special plans for the ladies that are sure to please. Don't miss it.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you and your Chapter a most successful year. I hope you are blessed with new candidates and that Capitular Masonry in Michigan will once again increase.

I also wish the very best to our new Grand High Priest and all of his Officers for a most successful year.

May God bless each one of you.

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

**Grand Chapter First Lady**

The party's over but the fun does not have to come to an end. Rich and Connie will become Grand High Priest and Lady Connie to continue with good work and good times for all. We wish them health and happiness as they go forward in their travels and a lot of fun as we experienced.

The Grand Line continues to move and with each Grand High Priest and his Lady taking their place we have so much to look forward to. New ideas and special charities to support to help those in need.

It has been my pleasure to serve as First Lady for the great state of Michigan. An honor and a privilege to serve both in state and out of state. The travels have been informative and fun.

A big thank you to those ladies who have been a special support to me. Especially, Ellie Yeager, Pat Hobday, Susan Dossett and many others.

Always remember the Ladies are the wheels beneath our men. Without us they could not accomplish the work they have to perform. The companionship we offer, the hospitality and sometimes just listening to them. We are important for each other.

AS we pass from Grand High Priest and Lady Carole to Past Grand High Priest and Lady Carole our commitment to Royal Arch is still steadfast. Never hesitate to let us know if we can be of help in any way.

Fraternally,  
 Lady Carole



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**Secretary's Scribbles**

### Secretary's Scribbles

This is the August issue of the Triple Tau and before I start I have one question? "Where did the Capitular Year Go", it seems that just yesterday, I was writing the September article for the beginning of the year.

July is almost done and the best thing of note was this last weekend. The York Rite Picnic and Golf outing. This year's outings were some of the best I have attended in many a year. The Deep Woods Off did not go deep enough as the rains and high water of the river made epic sized mosquitoes. The best quote of the weekend "rubbing my fingers over my forearm is like reading a brail board". Much as they tried, the turnout was great and everyone enjoyed themselves. There were 55 in attendance this year. All three bodies and York Rite college were there. Sunday was a great day for golf. Those who played had a great time and the meal after was as always great. For the last few years we have had a see-saw battle for the champs of the outing, and this year the trophy is headed back to Ingham Chapter. Livingston and Ingham have been exchanging it for several years, I think that Livingston is ahead in the total count.

August! The end of our Capitular year, or the month from Hades. This year there are four events we should be attending, but can't make them all. The York Rite Grand session August 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12 for me, DeMolay Conclave August 11thru 13. I can't attend Tri-State North August 19<sup>th</sup> and General Grand Tri-Annual August 23rd thru 29<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first year for the three-day session of York Rite. Our York Rite Committee is doing their best, to work out all of the kinks to make it run smoothly. We all need a little patience to help make a great session and I know that the committee would really appreciate it also.

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.

The order of High Priesthood is conferred shortly after the installation of Grand Officers and is open to all current and past high priests. There is a fee of forty (\$40.00) dollars for which you receive a jewel and a bible and degree. Applications will be at the registration desk before the start and during the Grand Chapter Session.

I hope to see everyone at the Grand session, bring your questions, if you have any, and I will try and answer all of them for you. Remember, the Grand Officers work for you, and you are the ones that elect them. August 10<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Come enjoy, watch Grand Chapter in action, and stay for the rest of the sessions, as Grand Council and Grand Commandery follow Grand Chapter. Drive safe and enjoy the rest of summer.

Fraternally,

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



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Greetings Companions!

R.E.C. Rich is preparing himself to fill some very big shoes. Remember to come and support R.E.C. Rich and Lady Connie in Grand Rapids. I am sure they would like to see a SRO room full of Companions and Ladies at the Royal Arch Session.

Fraternally,  
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

## **ROYAL ARCH DEGREE CLASS**

Where: Wayne Chapter #182, 37137 Palmer Rd., Westland Michigan 48186. Phone: (734) 721-7950 or [www.waynelodge112.org](http://www.waynelodge112.org).

When: September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner catered by Chef Randy and costs \$10.00!

This Royal Arch Class will be in honor of **E.C. Manuel Sanchez** and in memory of **E.C. Donald Toms**. The degree work will start after dinner.

R.S.V.P. No Later Than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please contact E.C. TJ Henley. E.C. TJ Henley's e-mail is [tomhenley2005@hotmail.com](mailto:tomhenley2005@hotmail.com)



## **Heritage Award**

By assignment of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons, with the gracious permission of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, the Grand Chapter has launched a program called "The Masonic Heritage Medal". This award is known as the Lewis award in other jurisdictions. The Son will receive a medal and the father a pin to wear on their jacket.

Ancient lodges perpetuated the symbolism of "Lewis" by recognizing the significance of a Mason's son following the Masonic Direction of his father, thus becoming a "Lewis" Mason.

We have replaced that designation with our own recognition which we have chosen to call the Masonic Heritage Medal, assigning the same prestigious symbolism to our recipients as sons of Masons in early times.

This award is free of charge and will be presented by a current or Past Grand Officer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

### **Recipients must meet the following outlines:**

1. Both fathers and sons must be masons in good standing.
2. Step fathers and step sons must both be masons in good standing.
3. Grandfathers and Grandsons must both be masons in good standing.
4. Both recipients must be present at the time of presentation.
5. Must have an application filled out and turned in to the Grand Chapter.

You can download your application at [www.grandchaptermi.org](http://www.grandchaptermi.org). If you have any other question please contact your Grand Chapter officer or the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally,  
R.E.C. Mike Roberts, Grand Scribe



***R.E.C. Eldin H. Miller***

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Greetings Companions:

This is a quote from the opening in the Royal Arch Degree:

***“To bring the blind by a way that they knew not; to lead them in paths that they have not known; to make darkness light before them and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them and not forsake them.”***

As Grand Officers, it is our duty to see that all new members are taught the proper degree work and aid in their training. As they are blind in the different degrees. The Grand Chapter and their Local Chapter are to lead them in the path that they know not and to give light through mentoring. Through this, we have not forsaken them.

You will receive your Triple Tau in August.

The York Rite picnic and golf outing was at Jodi Sprague's cottage. Thanks, go out to all the bodies for attending. To the men and ladies who brought food and refreshments, and to those who did the cooking. Thanks to all!

See you at the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> Grand York Rite Session being held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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

Tid-Bit: *“The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death.”*  
– Proverbs 13:14



***R.E.C. Don Mayville***

Grand Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil

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[This article was missing from last month's issue.]

GREETINGS COMPANIONS!

THE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN, have just completed their travels and degree work in Traverse City and Marquette. I am proud to say that York Rite Unity is a reality, members of the Council, Commandery, and Chapter worked together to make these Degree days a memorable one for the new Companions, and the work performed was remarkable.

Our Joint York Rite Golf Outing is July 23rd, 2017. Flag and Tee Box Sponsorship is still available at a mere cost of \$25.00 per. and to play the greatest game in the world is only \$65.00 per person. This includes dinner with a choice of steak or chicken, not to mention the free golf balls, tees and DOOR PRIZES!

MICHIGAN YORK RITE GRAND SESSIONS,  
AUGUST 10 THRU 12.

The One Hundred Sixty-Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan is the 10th of August Starts at 8:30 am, Location Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5700 E. 28th, Street, SE, Grand Rapids, Mi. 49546. The Order of High Priesthood will take place 30 minutes after completion of the Grand Chapter Session.

On a more personal note, our seventh Grandchild was born on May 24<sup>th</sup>! Our new Granddaughters name is Evelyn Ruth.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,  
R.E.C. Don Mayville, Master of the 2nd Veil

**Is it crazy to drink a hot drink on a hot day?**

No! Research shows that drinking a hot drink on a hot, dry day actually cools you down by making you perspire more. It sounds counterintuitive, but researcher Ollie Jay of the University of Ottawa's School of Human Kinetics says that drinking a hot drink on a warm, dry climate will actually cool you down faster than a cold beverage. The gist of the research centers around the amount of heat stored by the body, which dissipates when you sweat and the sweat evaporates. A hot drink, Jay says, will force the body to sweat more and cool you down faster. In other words, overall sweat output outweighs the internal heat gain from the warm drink.

~From the Wisegeek.com website and Editor Jane.

**Howard Visser PHP**  
**Representative from Michigan to Western Australia**  
**January 27, 2017**  
**Trip to Western Australia 2016**  
**Installation of Officers**

The next afternoon, at a private boys' school, we were taken to the Installation of Grand Chapter Officers to serve Western Australia the next three years. As a Representative from Michigan, I was to be seated in the East. As usual, there was a huge line of dignitaries to be introduced, and lining us up in proper order was similar to herding cats. It was done eventually, however, and all that was left was the long wait in line while successive visitors were introduced. I was among the last to be introduced and, much to his chagrin, although I was announced as a visitor from Michigan, the Outgoing First Grand Principal welcomed me as the Companion from Canada. He made his way to me during the banquet later to apologize. I told him it was no big deal since we and the Canadians are all Americans anyway. It felt like another sign of the warmth of the people that he took the time to personally apologize.

Like any Grand East, the chairs were placed very closely together. In my row, the front row facing west to the right of the dais, the chairs were so close, that when we rose to greet a newly announced visitor, we had to do it together, as we sat shoulder to shoulder. Having never been in this particular situation before, and as a guest, I was very conscious of doing things "right". I found that the men I was sitting with were super relaxed, and made little asides as the afternoon went on. They helped me to relax and enjoy the beautiful ceremony of Installation of Grand Officers.

After the Installation, we adjourned to another room across the campus where our dinner was served in courses, with beer, wine or soft drinks. The various courses were served very well and efficiently. It was done slowly with no sense of hurry whatsoever, which, again, gave us the opportunity to get to know our Companions and their wives in a very relaxed manner. Following dinner, was a program presented by two very lovely ladies, with classically trained voices. They presented a program of classical and humorous duets, which had us laughing, as well as appreciating some really beautiful musical renditions.

Norm wanted us to experience all the Masonry we could while in Perth. He set up visitations to three different Lodges for a Regular, a Second degree, and a Third Degree. On Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup>, we went to a Lodge in Freemantle for a Regular meeting. Since their Grand Lodge suggests that the by-laws are read annually and changes made, if necessary, this meeting was dedicated mainly to that purpose. One of the interesting by-laws read was one limiting a number of speakers pro and con as well as time allotments for discussion of any change or debate brought before the Lodge. American Lodges could follow suit.

The Lodge is run by Master Masons and opened in the first degree. As soon as the Lodge is declared open, the Senior Warden repairs to the Secretary/Treasurer's desk and, with a nod, directs the Secretary to open the shade on the first frame, which reveals a picture relevant to the First degree. The same is done in each of the rest of the degree openings. All the main business is handled in the First degree. If important to all members, a piece of business can be held over for Master Masons to deal with later. But the Officers seem to make the majority of decisions regarding the operation of the Lodge. Only the officers and Entered Apprentices are in the Lodge for that part of the meeting. Norm had to get a special dispensation so that we could sit in all three degrees and he could sit with us in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft portion of the evening. When the minutes are read by the Secretary, the Master signs his copy of them, and the Senior Warden goes to the East, and hand delivers the signed minutes to the Secretary, who places them in his book. When all important business is handled, the Lodge is opened in the second degree, and Fellowcrafts are seated in the Lodge. If there is any business there, it is dealt with, then the Lodge is opened in the Master Mason degree.

**\*NOTE: Master Mason Degree is coming in September's Issue.**



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### Farewell Address

Here we are at the turning of another year; the Grand York Rite Session is just a couple of weeks away, and we say our farewells to those who have served and greet those who are stepping into new positions of responsibility. The looming future with its challenges to our fraternity will continue until we find an effective way to be relevant in a world that has descended into tribalism and groupthink. The threat manifests itself in a division amongst current leaders with those who want to bring the fraternity into the “instant gratification” age and those who want to stay true to our ‘ancient’ principals.

I am firmly in the latter camp, having long believed that Masonry is traditionally so far ahead of the times that merely ‘keeping up with the times’ was setting Freemasonry back 150 years! We have always been at the leading edge of mankind’s march out of ignorance and darkness. So in order to get to where the ‘world’ is, would be stepping backward. To get to ‘where the world is’ would take away enough of our essence to render the fraternity into something different than it has been historically. At some point we will have softened our charge to our members to be upright and true that it becomes fuzzy enough to hide just what actually is true. The next step away from our foundation is that our tenets become movable and changeable.

When Truth and Virtue become relative terms that the Masons use as obstacle-cones on the way to their various membership objectives, we are in dire straits. With fewer members, fewer qualified leaders are available to lead the fraternity. Our membership has decreased to the point where every year it becomes harder and harder to find those willing to serve. No experience necessary! But what you do not know can really hurt you. Few going through our York Rite Grand Lines have the business background necessary to negotiate the litigious minefield that awaits a modern corporation – non-profit or otherwise. This puts our several organizations at risk of external audit from various State agencies and opens us up to internal lawsuits. It is my understanding the Elks had to start allowing women membership when they applied their by-laws unfairly.

If that is not a wake-up call, what is? Following our by-laws is not something we do universally - it should be- and that exposes us to all kinds of risk. It really is “the thing that you don’t know” that can hurt you. As long as this condition exists we can’t even address the bigger issues of our time.

Much of everything else that ails us will be manageable if we have our foundation solidly managed. The Companions of our state put up with the year to year vicissitudes in the Grand Line’s requirements, let’s make sure we keep the fraternal lights for all our Companions.

It has been a pleasure writing this article during my year as Grand Master of the Grand Council. Thanks for the opportunity. Thanks, also, to Jane Todd for her help this year, give her a “Thanks,” the next time you see her for all the work she does as our editor!

Fraternally,

David Seyferth, M.I.G.M., Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Michigan



## GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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Greetings Fraters and Ladies:

August has arrived and it's time for our Annual York Rite Session. You should have your reservations in by now. If you have not, please contact Brian Himes or Larry Inscho to get those reservations in. We are planning a great time in Grand Rapids. You won't want to miss it.

As I stated last month, Lady Merry Jo and I want to thank everyone that helped us on our journey through the Grand Commandery line. It has been an experience we will cherish for years to come.

Yours in Service to Templary,  
Donald L. Trumbull K.T.C.H., Right Eminent Grand Commander

### R.E.G.C. DONALD TRUMBULL AND HIS TEAM ESCORTS MS. LILIAN GIESE

Saturday, June 9th brought the retiring of the 16 - 17 Grand Bethel, and the installation of the 2017 - 2018 team. Ms. Lilian Alaine Giese was escorted by Right Eminent Grand Commander Donald Trumbull, with an Honor Guard. The Ceremony of Installation was beautiful, and the young ladies were all shining stars!



*Amy Hubert*





### DEMOLAY

Summer has been very busy for Michigan DeMolay but as the end of Summer approaches we look forward to our Annual Conclave August 11-13, 2017. This will start the new DeMolay year and the new officers are getting ready to continue the excellence that they have shown over the last several months. 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. We attended the Grand Bethel Session in July and again had a wonderful time. Thank you to Michigan Jobs Daughters for extending courtesies to us, we had a wonderful time. Installation season comes up in September for Michigan DeMolay Chapters so if you want to attend please contact me for the dates and times. 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 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.

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

### Brain Games?

A 2017 study found that computer video games were as effective as brain-training games at improving thinking skills. Brain training has become a fashionable pastime in recent years, with claims that the activity can improve a person's memory, attention, focus, and multitasking skills. Brain training is based on the premise that the brain changes in response to learning challenges. However, researchers at the University of Pennsylvania tested the popular Luminosity brain-training exercises on a group of healthy adults aged 18 to 35. They found no evidence that brain-training games are more effective than computer video games at improving cognitive functions. The results were published in the 10 July 2017 issue of the Journal of Neuroscience. I wasted a whole year working on Luminosity when I could have just as well played Game of Thrones! From the Wisegeek.com website and Editor Jane Todd.



### INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Jr. Past Grand Worthy Advisor, Lisa, presided over the 3 days of ceremonies and meetings with grace, dignity and a good sense of humor. She welcomed our 27 out-of-state guests with a memorable smile. She greeted all of our guests with a precious memory from the year. The most memorable introduction was our Rainbow State Dads who are all Masons that support and help the girls. If you can't see the picture in color, all of the men wore Rainbow colored tutus over their tuxedos and multicolored headgear. The girls and everybody else loved them and they stopped the show!



The next day continued with a beautiful Ritual presentation of our Initiation. The days continued with the election and appointments of new leaders, the Grand Worthy Advisor report, awards and the presentation of scholarships. The charity for this past year has been the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the girls and adults raised over \$3,600.00.

On Saturday evening, McKenzie Pollock was installed as our new Grand Worthy Adviser. McKenzie has chosen Star Wars as our theme for this coming year. Our goal for this coming year is to empower women and increase membership; and to raise awareness for mental health issues. The charity for the year is Six Feet Over which supports family survivors of suicide and spreads awareness about mental illness and suicide prevention. We expect to have a lot of fun with our new theme while being aware of our goals.

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With a very successful Grand Assembly session, I would like to thank each of you who support and help our girls.

Your interest and support is very special to each girl and adult in Michigan Rainbow. You are invited to join us at the Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Masonic Pathways.

Fraternally,  
Maureen K. Riley, Supreme Inspector



### MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL

Hello! Michigan Job's Daughters celebrated the completion of a very successful Grand Bethel year at our annual Grand Session July 6 - 9 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

The 2016 - 2017 team of Dakota Brower, Jessica Abraham, and William Peters brought us home, with an island themed weekend, complete with the characters from Gilligan's Island!

The formal opening on Thursday night saw a lot of scholarships being handed out, an international flag ceremony, and a dedication ceremony in which we dedicated this session to the future of Michigan Job's Daughters. GBHQ Dakota was escorted to dinner by Past Grand Master William Finkel, and we had a few other very special guests for the weekend...our Supreme Guardian, the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, and the Miss International Job's Daughter. We also had a daughter visiting from Brazil, which means that four out of the five countries where Job's Daughters can be found, were represented.

Friday morning, we held our annual Grand Bethel meeting, where Miss Lilian Alaine Giese was elected to the office of Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Miss Crystal McDonald was elected to the office of Grand Bethel Senior Princess, and Miss MaKeelie Lemery was elected to the office of Grand Bethel Junior Princess. All three of these young ladies are

### MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL

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exemplary ritualists and amazing leaders...very deserving of the positions!

That afternoon we held our Grand Council meeting, where Mrs. Marcia Lemery and Mr. Dennis Flowers were elected to the adult line. Mrs. Cheryl Davis and Mr. Franz Langegger advanced to the positions of Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian.

Friday evening was our awards celebration. A lot of trophies and ribbons were handed out in the areas of talent, arts & crafts, ritual, and proficiency. The statewide proficiency award was won by a very small Bethel who worked very hard, and was very deserving...congratulations to Evart Bethel # 74, under the guidance of Bill & Elly Wilder and Charlie & Marty Geary. We also presented our "Coy" award, which is given to the most exemplary Job's Daughter, and daughters have to be secretly nominated by their Bethel. This year's outstanding Job's Daughter is Hannah Steenhagen, Grand Bethel Chaplain, from Bethel # 10 Grand Rapids.

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This past year we were taught that "we are all on different ships, sailing toward the same destination". The ensuing year will carry on that sentiment with "your story isn't over yet; it has just begun". Dakota's motto was "BELieve in YOURself; BE YOU". Lilian's motto is "Be Brave, Be More, Be Strong". These two amazing young ladies have a true passion for teaching our daughters that it's ok to be different!

We are very proud of all of our daughters, and we are excited to see what the new Grand Bethel year has in store for us!

Fraternally,  
Terry Brower, Vice Grand Guarding