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*It felt like Déjà vu,  
all over again.  
What happened?*

Shortly after the 1<sup>st</sup> of July I received a phone call.  
“You are still planning on coming to the Grand Sessions this year, aren’t you?”

“Yes, that’s my intent. I already have my Hotel Reservations made.”

“Would you be willing to do us a favor at the Session?”

“If I can, sure. What do you want?”

“The Grand Secretary has just resigned. You have done it before, several times. Would you be willing to sit in at the Grand Session for him?”

“Well, yeah, I guess so. Besides sitting in the chair what else do I have to do?”

“Oh nothing really. We’ll have everything ready for you.”

“Do you want me to change some plans and come down early to help get some things ready for the session?”

“Nope, that’s all that we need or expect you to do.”

Early Wednesday morning, I was at the Registration Desk checking on them to make sure everything was ok and to see if they had any questions. They didn’t and I knew they wouldn’t since they have working together for so long as it is.

For some reason, before the Session was open the area around the Secretary/Treasurers Desk got very hectic. I didn’t feel like it had been several years since I had sat there.

It felt natural to be sitting there and again taking care of business. I felt natural and good, but not natural or good enough for me to move back to Michigan and give up those 75 deg. winter wind chill factors in Arizona.

It was great seeing and visiting with everyone again.  
God Bless.

Good afternoon, my name is Don Mayville, the newly elected Grand Master of the First Veil. The past week went by so fast I may have missed introducing myself to you. Royal Arch Chapter #30 is my home Chapter where I am also the Treasurer.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and hopefully you will relay advice and wisdom as I move through the line.

If there is anything I can assist you with please feel free to contact me.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,  
Don Mayville

### Awards Presented:

#### **Grand Chapter**

Bronze Award – Bruce Hayden  
Reg. 2, MSA – Harley Ridgeway  
Reg. 3, MSA – Daniel Trumble

Hudson Award – Jackson Chapter #3.



Ephraim Kirby Award  
Paul C. Johnston, PGHP

#### **Grand Council**

Cryptic Mason of the Year – Louis D. Scott  
Recorder of the Year – John Fossler  
Youth Leader – Merry Lee Smiley  
Lady of the Council – Andrea Troutman

#### **Grand Commandery**

Knight Templar Cross of Honor – Terry G. Baker  
Recorder of the Year – Arthur W. Davidge  
Knight Companion of the Temple:  
Bill LeVeque, Louis McCray, Gary Moore  
Paul Roggow, Richard Stange, Robert Trussell  
Bruce Hayden will receive his at a later date.



*Donald L. Galway*

*Grand High Priest*

**LADY SHERRY**

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**"COMMUNICATION IS KEY"**

## Comments and Observations From The Grand East

Less than one week into my reign and I am writing an article on how it is going. The dust hasn't settled yet, and I haven't totally recovered from the week. One hour and twenty minutes from the time I became official on Saturday, I was at the reception of the Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor at Alma Pathways. Looking shell shocked and bewildered I am bringing greetings from the three thousand plus York Rite members in Michigan. It was at this event that I committed my first cardinal sin; I forgot to introduce my lady. The next speaker, Grand Master Wisely's representative who wished to insure that his lady and mine could enjoy a shopping trip at my expense, pointed out this fact.

I would like to introduce, the Grand Officers of Michigan Royal Arch Masonry, I am Donald L. Galway, Grand High Priest and Lady Sherry; Howard Duke, Grand King, and Lady Carole; Richard Hitch, Grand Scribe, and Lady Connie; Sherman C. Parker Jr. Grand Treasurer, and Lady Merci; Louis C. McCray Grand Secretary, and Lady Kristi; Mike Roberts, Grand Captain of the Host, and Lady Rebecca; Carl J. Peterson, Grand Principal Sojourner, and Lady Midge; John Ames, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and Lady Judi; Eldin Miller, Grand Master 3rd Veil, and Lady Shar; Jeff Heaven, Grand Master 2nd Veil, and Lady Sandy; Donald Mayville, Grand Master 1st Veil, and Lady Joanne; and last but not least Robert B. Powers, Grand Sentinel. These companions, are your Grand Officers for the year 2015-2016 their contact information will be on the website shortly if you need to contact them or myself.

The theme for the year is "Communication is Key", I have said through my assentation thru the line, and I still believe it, if we don't keep our members informed as a Grand Chapter or local chapters, then how do we expect them to have interest, in what we are doing. We are also carrying over the 3X3 program from last year, it works well, if communicated to the members.

I am also supporting Grand Master Wisely's "Mentor Program" from his town hall meeting. It is a good program and was well explained. There is information on Grand Lodges website for download. We cannot go to the street for membership; our members come from the Blue Lodge. The best way for us to get new members is to visit our lodges, help in the work, and become a mentor, and inform the new brother, as to the paths he may take for knowledge. The intent is not to raise him, and stuff a petition under his nose, but to raise him, nurture him, and in due time, when he is ready, he will petition us. Rome was not built in a day and we cannot re-build Royal Arch Masonry in Michigan in a day, but it is the first step in doing so.

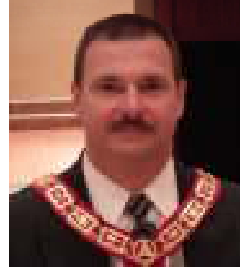
In parting I would encourage all our members to attend their chapters, and visit their lodges this year.

## HOWARD DUKE

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Scribe's Scratches

It is anticipated that the Grand King will have an article of interest each month for you after this month.

Being elected, at the last minute, off the floor makes it difficult to understand some of the immediate responsibilities that are expected of one upon assuming an office.

I hope, and am confident that you will enjoy his future thoughts and words of wisdom.

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Companions I have been reading John Heider's "*The Tao of Leadership*". I found number 13 on success interesting. Not my own thoughts but very enlightening.

### 13. Success

"If you measure success in terms of praise and criticism, your anxiety will be endless.

Having a good reputation or becoming well-known for your work can be a hindrance to your further development.

Fame is as burdensome as caring for yourself properly.

What is the problem with praise and criticism? If the group applauds one thing you do, and then you feel good, you will worry if they do not applaud as loudly the next time. If they are critical, if they argue or complain, you will feel hurt. Either way, you are anxious and dependent.

How can a good reputation be a hindrance?

A good reputation naturally arises from doing good work. But if you try to cherish your reputation, if you try to preserve it, you lose the freedom and honesty necessary for further development.

How is fame like caring for yourself?

In order to do good work, you must take good care of yourself. You must value yourself and allow others to value you also. But if you make too much of yourself, you will become egocentric. Egocentricity injures both self and work.

If you can live with the fruits of success and care for yourself properly, you will be able to foster success in other people."

Mike Roberts

GCOH

Another Grand York Rite Session has passed and what a fun session it was. Once again, I met with old friends that I have not seen in some time, and made a few new friends as well. The session was well attended by those who are a part of the Michigan York Rite and those York Rite Masons of other states.

I want to thank Most Excellent Companion Lou McCray, PGHP for allowing me to serve as a Grand Officer during his leadership and I look forward to serving Most Excellent Companion Don Galway, GHP, during his year. I also want to thank each of you for your continued support and confidence in electing me as your Right Excellent Grand Scribe for the upcoming year.

I am looking forward to meeting many of the Companions during the course of my travels this year, as well as the Companions of the Chapters that I have been assigned; Sunrise Chapter #74, Iosco Chapter #83, Traverse City Chapter #102, and Cadillac Chapter #103.

I also would like to congratulate the newly elected Grand Chapter Officers; REC Howard Duke, Grand King; REC Jeffery Heaven, Grand Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil; REC Donald Mayville, Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil and REC Robert Powers, Grand Sentinel.

This year I will have the pleasure of chairing the Meritorious Service Award. This very special award can be looked upon and used at the Chapter as your Chapter's Royal Arch Mason of the Year. Every Chapter has a Companion or two who is deserving of this great honor, so please; let every Chapter submit their worthy Companion's nomination form. I will be sending each Chapter a copy of the form, instructions and the deadline soon.

Until next month, thank you and I look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

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When is the last time that you attended Lodge? When is the last time you attended Lodge in your Chapter Red Coat? How about doing it this month!!!



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*Secretary's Scribbles*

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The 167<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan is now over. There were no proposals or legislation to include with this report. A full report of the Grand Chapter Proceedings will be released as soon as it can be completed. My first priority is to get caught up with some of the things that were delayed while we were attempting to make the transition from Past Grand Secretary Cooper to myself. That will be followed by the Annual Return due for the General Grand Chapter. Once that is accomplished, a new Chapter Directory will be next on the list, followed by the Proceedings

We are looking forward to what promises to be a good and exciting year from our newly elected Grand Chapter Officers. The officers elected or appointed and installed to serve during the 2015-2016 year are:

Grand High Priest--MEC Donald L. Galway (30) (Sherry)

Grand King--REC Howard W. Duke (37) (Carole)

Grand Scribe – REC Richard G. Hitch (182) (Connie)

Grand Treasurer – REC Sherman C. Parker, Jr. (17) (Mercie)

Grand Secretary – MEC Louis C. McCray, PGHP (74) (Kristi)

Grand Chaplain -- REC John Landis, PHP (189) (Nadia)

Grand Captain of the Host – REC Michael Roberts (22) (Rebecca)

Grand Principle Sojourner –REC Carl John Peterson (134) (Midge)

Grand Royal Arch Captain – REC John A. Ames (69) (Judi)

Grand Master 3rd Veil – REC Eldin A. Miller (37) (Shar)

Grand Master 2nd Veil – REC Jeffery A. Heaven (111) (Sandy).

Grand Master 1st Veil – REC Donald C. Mayville (30) (Joanne)

Grand Sentinel – REC Robert B. Powers (37)

Executive Director of the District Deputy Instructors – EC Louis Scott, (30) (Patt)

Especially to Chapter High Priests and Secretaries, if you study the list closely, you will note that in addition to the advancement and changes to officers of the moving line, we also have a new Grand Secretary. I ask that you please be patient while I try to learn the ropes. If you send something to me by email and don't get an acknowledgement within 2 or 3 days max, drop me a gentle reminder. If you use the USPS for mailings, I recommend you send it to me at the P.O. Box, as listed at the top of this article. As I live about 185 miles from the Grand Chapter office it may be a week or more between pick-ups for mail sent to the Grand Rapids address. But again, don't hesitate to give me a little nudge every now and again by phone or email if you don't get some sort of timely response.

I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter for the last eight years and I hope I can live up to your expectations for the coming year as your Grand Secretary.

Fraternally,

Lou McCray, PGHP

Grand Secretary

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Atheist Called Dr. Ben Carson a "Moron" for Believing in God...

When an atheist called him a "moron" for believing in God, Dr. Ben Carson responded with one brilliant line that put the atheist in his place. "I believe I came from God, and you believe you came from a monkey," he told the individual, "and you've convinced me you're right"

"For the God in whom we place our trust has entrusted each one of us with the freedom to choose our beliefs--as well as the mind to speak up for what we believe to be right." Dr. Benjamin Carson

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Ladies Receiving the General Grand Chapter Sweetheart Award, August 2015 at the Grand Banquet:

Andrea Troutman

Jacqueline Updike

Shar Miller

Kristie McCray



Hazel Sealander will be presented hers on a visit to the Upper Peninsula.



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*Donald L. Galway*

Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
Grand Chapter RAM



*Edward P. James*

Most Illustrious Grand Master  
Grand Council R&M



*Albert F. Johnson*

Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery KT

Sunday, October 11, 2015  
Social 3:30 PM Dinner 4:00PM

to be held at the: *Crowne Plaza Hotel*

925 Creyts Road, Lansing, Michigan

Social Hour starting at 3:00PM with cash bar

Dinner at 4:00PM

Cost \$45.00 per person

**Dress:** *Grand Officers Tuxedo w/jewel*

**Men:** *Jacket and Tie*

**Ladies:** *Sunday best*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

*Request Reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$45.00 Per Person  
Reservations with remittance no later than October 7<sup>th</sup> 2015*

*Please make checks payable to : Livingston Chapter #30*

*R.S.V.P. and REMITTANCE, A MUST, TO :*

**DON MAYVILLE**

**148 BELMONT LN.**

**WHITMORE LAKE, MI. 48189**

### **Choice of Entrée:**

*Roast Pork Loin \_\_\_\_\_ Broiled Whitefish \_\_\_\_\_*

*Vegetarian Plate: Stuffed Portobello Mushroom \_\_\_\_\_*

Amount Remitted: \_\_\_\_\_

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There are those Brothers who have a passion to join Chapter, whom I support whole heartily to do so, as well as those who want to be in Commandery. All of these Brothers have their various reasons for wanting admission into these august bodies. Over the years I've been asked, "Why join Council...I can go on to Commandery without it?" or "It's not required, right?" Well, those are fair enough questions. I would answer them simply by saying that by the virtue of being a Mason, we are in the "business" of seeking more light, so why would we say, "I've received all that I need already." The search for more light is, and should be, an ongoing life-long process by which we grow and become more than we were the day before. I've often described the York Rite as a large and beautiful puzzle that, when assembled, could be framed and hung on the wall for all who are initiated to observe and remember the valuable teachings therein on a daily basis. Each and every piece of the puzzle represents a truth or a value that we've discovered along the way and have thoughtfully placed it in its' proper spot. But wait!...I see several pieces in the middle that are missing....where could they be? Our puzzle has been hanging on the wall for a long time, but those pieces in the middle never seem to be filled in...Hmmm....I can see by all the pieces that are there, a beautiful scene emerging. I can tell already by what I can see, that an interesting picture is coming out.....if I just had those missing pieces so I could see what I'm missing.

And there it is my Companions! Those missing pieces are those truths and values in the York Rite that can only be provided by the Royal and Select. For you see, with the Council Degrees, you get the full and complete story of Hiram Abiff, which is offered nowhere else. I've often likened our degrees to having that "Aha!" moment....when we finally receive that additional "light" that allows us to sit back and study our "completed" puzzle and allows us to have more depth and meaning in our Masonic lives. If you are not a Royal and Select Mason yet, seek one out and ask what the experience has meant in his life.....what difference it has made in in his quest for more light. The decision is yours. My hope is that you give it a little Consideration in the days to come!

**MONROE COUNCIL NO. 1 R&SM**

**ALL DEGREE DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**



Noon 1:00 PM 1:20 2:00 PM 3:00 3:30 6:00 PM	Coffee and Donuts Opening Royal Master Degree Select Master Degree Reception of Grand Officers Super Excellent Master Degree Dinner (\$15.00 each)
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(tours will be available)

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Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Dinners at \$15.00 each  
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 Reservations must be in by September 1, 2015

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

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- 1:00 p.m. (EDT)      Open Council .....Straits Area Council
- 1:15 p.m.              ROYAL MASTER DEGREE .....Straits Area Council
- 2:15 p.m.              SELECT MASTER DEGREE .....Hiawatha Council
- 3:15 p.m.              Break for Refreshments
- 3:30 p.m.              Reception of Grand Officers
- 3:45 p.m.              SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE...Grand Council Officers
- 6:30 p.m.              Dinner at St. Ignace Masonic Temple
- 7:45 p.m.              You-per Council Degree - (Entire Family is invited to receive degree)

Anyone desiring overnight accommodations should make them direct with the Motel:  
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9/5/2015	Saturday	Romeo 6	3PM	5:30 PM	yes	yes	Eastern	D. Winslow
9/12/2015	Saturday	Columbia 18	1PM	12:00	Yes	Yes	Southwestern	M. Whiting
9/12/2015	Saturday	Niles 12	1PM	12:00	Yes	Yes	Southwestern	D. Winslow
9/12/2015	Saturday	Peninsular 8	1PM	12:00	Yes	Yes		D. Winslow
9/12/2015	Saturday	Sunrise 34	1PM	4PM	yes	yes		EGJW
9/17/2015	Thursday	Traverse City 41	10:30am	11AM	yes	yes	Northern	D. Trumbull
9/17/2015	Thursday	Cheboygan 50	10:30am	11AM	yes	yes	Northern	D. Winslow
9/18/2015	Friday	Lake Superior 30	1:30PM	Noon	yes	yes	Northern	D. Winslow
9/19/2015	Saturday	Escanaba 47	1:30 PM	5PM	yes	yes	Northern	S. Bashore
9/26/2015	Saturday	Bad Axe 52	2PM	5PM	yes	yes	Eastern	M. Whiting
9/26/2015	Saturday	Ypsilanti 54	10am	1:30 PM	Yes	Yes	Southeastern	S. Bashore

All of the remaining Inspections can be found on the Grand Commandery WebSite: [www.kt-mi.org](http://www.kt-mi.org)



## BARK RIVER INSPECTION TOUR SEPTEMBER 17, 18, AND 19<sup>TH</sup> 2015 A weekend you will not want to miss



Now is the time for you and your lady to become Life Members of Bark River Commandery No. 1313.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

Joint Inspection: Cheboygan No. 50 & Traverse City No. 41, 306 Stimson St., Pelston. Chamber of Reflection 10:30 am, Lunch with with Ladies at 11:00am. Order of the Temple at noon

### WELCOME DINNER AT 6:00pm

Three Seasons Restaurant, 6770 W US Hwy 2, Manistique. Dinner: Barbeque & Beef buffet with @ \$16.00/person, includes gratuity. Inspection starts at 1:30, dinner at 5:00 with Ladies. Reservations in advance to: Shawn M. Bashore, GCG

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>

Inspection Lake Superior Commandery No. 30 128 W Washington St, Marquette, MI. Lunch with Ladies at noon, \$15.00/person, make reservations Shawn M. Bashore, GCG. Inspection starts at 1:30.

**Dinner on your own.**

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

Escanaba Commandery No. 47 210 S Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854 Reservations: Grant Harris (906)341-5692 cost is \$15.00/person.

### HOTEL INFORMATION:

**Comfort Inn**, 617 E. Lakeshore Drive, Manistique, MI 49854 (906)341-6981. Make reservations directly to hotel before September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Rooms are \$79.99/night plus tax. Refer to "Knights Templar" for special rate, a block of 25 rooms have been set aside. **Hospitality room** will be open each evening at 7:30. **BARK RIVER CEREMONIAL** will be held in hospitality room on Saturday, 9-19-15 at 9:00p.m.

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