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Greetings to all:

Fall is just around the corner. I enjoy the 2nd “Spring” season. Our Fall colors are so beautiful. You can see it in the trees’ bark when it is wet with dew and those leaves just glow! It is like Heaven on Earth to me.

I was disappointed with our new Grand Chapter website. We didn’t get our new pictures for this issue. Here I am with the same old pictures for now. I DO know the website is being worked on. A new website for Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons is soon to come.

A reminder - 28th of October – Joint Grand York Rite Reception will be held in Bay City, Michigan. The main hotel is The Doubletree. For more information go to: www.grandchaptermi.org. The deadline is October 2nd! The best seats will go first so get your checks to R.E.C. Don Mayfield, our new Grand Royal Arch Captain.

On Saturday, August 4th, we had our Masonic Pathways Resident’s Picnic. I was so glad every Masonic body in our Masonic Family was there to help! They worked tirelessly to make sure we all had enough to eat. The ice cream truck was a wonderful addition to our picnic. The ice cream truck was made possible by the Michigan Charitable Foundation. I want to thank Terri Bower, our new Grand Guardian of Job’s Daughters for making my day. I was very “wilted” by the time she found me in the crowded tent. All the residents enjoyed seeing everyone with their helping hands! Here is a picture of the Job’s out on our front porch. I would like to have just a bit of our Youth’s infectious energy. These girls were still going strong **after** the picnic?!?!



Fraternally,

Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

P.S.: Thank you all for these wonderful pictures of our Youth Groups!



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Companions:

Let me start by saying 'Thank You' for allowing me to serve this Grand Chapter for another year. I would like to thank Richard Hitch P.G.H.P., Gary Paquet P.G.T.I.M., and S.K. Mike Whiting, P.G.C. for their exceptional leadership in the York Rite, especially this past year. I wish you the best in your future endeavors. I would also like to congratulate Ryan Groat and Shawn Bashore on their advancements. I look forward to working with both of you in moving our York Rite forward this year.

As many of you may know, we had two stations in the moving line not filled at this past Session. We are not unlike you in facing these same struggles of filling our positions with excited and motivated brothers. Why? What can we do differently at all levels of our Organization to improve our participation? How does this relate to membership? I found an article on the Tau Kappa Epsilon website and am incorporating pieces of it that I found useful and current. If you'd like to read the full article, please visit <http://www.tke.org/resources/correcting-chapter-apathy>.

We need to remember that people act to satisfy their own needs and desires, not the needs of organizations or other people. We need to emphasize the benefits and satisfactions they will gain, not the benefits to us or our Chapter. A person's reason for joining Chapter will tell you what he hopes to gain by becoming a member. For example:

- Many people join groups to meet other people, make new friends and feel they "belong" somewhere.
- Other people join groups to learn new things or to achieve something unique. These people might stay involved by researching a new issue for the group, helping to plan an educational program, or taking on a project that has never been done before.
- Some of your members joined because they believe in your group's purpose or cause. These are the ideal members to ask to recruit new members, to make a presentation at a meeting, to help publicize the group, or to write articles about the organization's accomplishments.
- Others join a group to have fun. These members might be perfect to act as "hosts" when guests are present, to staff a booth at a fair, or to help plan social functions.

It's very easy to focus our attention on the members who already seem the most dedicated to Chapter. As a result, other members will feel neglected and could stop participating. Part of our job as a leader in our fraternity is to help all members of Chapter to become active participants by understanding their motivations and working with them in the betterment of our Chapters.

It may take some time to develop these relationships and understanding for one another, and we may still flounder in getting there, but we cannot stop trying to attract new members thinking they will just come to us. We must stay engaged and aware of the interest level of your Chapter, not just the most active core.

If you, or anyone in your Chapters, may have an interest in being appointed for this Capitular year, please contact me so I can set up a meeting with protocol to discuss expectations on both sides.

I look forward to the upcoming year and believe if we work **Together** we will move **Towards** a positive **Tomorrow**.

Fraternally,
Mike Roberts, Grand High Priest



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Secretary's Scribbles

Well we have done it again, we made it through another month, and with that another capitular year has passed. The Grand York Rite session was held the week of August 6th thru the 11th in Bay City, Michigan. The host hotel was the Doubletree and once again the staff performed with the professionalism that you would expect from a fine hotel. Before I go any further I must congratulate Brian Himes and Larry Inscho for an excellent job done again this year. WELL DONE Companions.

We had an election at the session, so we have a new Grand High Priest. Mike Roberts and Lady Rebecca were elected to the office of Grand High Priest and we wish him a smooth year. I also wish to thank Junior Past Grand High Priest Rich Hitch and Lady Connie for a year well done. It was a pleasure serving as your secretary. Don't become a stranger, your knowledge is always needed within this organization.

The rest of the officers elected are Carl J. Peterson Grand King, John Ames and Lady Judi Grand Scribe, Sherman C. Parker Jr. and Lady Mercie Grand Treasurer, Donald L. Galway and Lady Sherry Grand Secretary, Eldin Miller and Lady Shar as Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner is Jeff Heaven and Lady Sandy, Grand Royal Arch Captain is Donald Mayville and Lady Joanne and last but not least the Grand Master of the Third Veil is Brent Helm and Lady Nancy. There were no candidates for the first and second veils, so the chairs were left vacant.

I left the session on Saturday afternoon and drove to Flint for the rest of the DeMolay Conclave. DeMolay has a new core of officers which I hope you take the time to visit and meet. Mark your calendars for October 6th, 2018. This is the date for the State Master Councilor's Reception Dinner, which will be held at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton, Michigan. Note: This is the centennial year for DeMolay and they have many celebrations planned, try to attend if you can.

September puts all the Chapters and Lodges back to work, which means it is time for Chapter members to visit or attend your area lodges. We have only one place that we can get new members and that is the lodge. One of the best ways to recruit members is to work with them in the lodge. Degree work, committees or just answering questions for the members. When you plant the seeds, it may take a little time for them to grow, but you will be able to reap some membership from it. The best way is to convince them that it is their idea.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming year. There are some four degree and seven-degree days planned for the coming year and they will be posted in the events section of the web page. Until we meet again, I hope you enjoy your Labor Day along with my favorite time of the year, which is Fall. I am not wishing Winter to come but I do enjoy the Fall.

Fraternally,

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

You are cordially invited to the
JOINT YORK RITE GRAND RECEPTION
Sunday, October 28, 2018

Sponsored by:

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Name _____ Title _____

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Request for reservations for _____ persons. Reservations with remittance are to be turned in by
October 2, 2018. Please make checks payable to Livingston Chapter No. 30.

Please remit this to:

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Choice of Entrée: _____ 10 oz. Sirloin
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_____ French Lentils

Please send with your check and remember to mark your Entrée!



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Greetings Companions:

Well, the York Rite Grand Session has come and gone. It was held in Bay City on the 8th through the 11th of August at the Doubletree Hotel. M.E.C. Michael Roberts was installed as the new Grand High Priest; M.I. Ryan Groat was installed as the new Most Illustrious Grand Master, and SK Shawn M. Bashore as the new Right Eminent Grand Commander. I was elected and installed as the new Grand Scribe; I would like to thank all those that attended the Grand Session of the Grand Chapter for their support. Well done! To the members of the Michigan Grand York Session committee for 2018, of P.M.I.G.M. Brian Himes, P.M.E.G.H.P. Larry Inscho, R.E.C. Brent Helm, P.G.C. S.K. Cortland Rule, and P.G.C. S.K. Claude Miller for all their efforts to make this an enjoyable and smooth-running Grand Session.

I was appointed as the Michigan Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania and was surprised to also learn that that I was appointed as the Grand Representative to the Grand Council of Oklahoma. I was as also given the Meritorious Service Award from the Grand Council and was taken by surprise by being given that honor.

September brings Labor Day and I hope everyone will have a safe and happy holiday before school starts again and most masonic bodies will resume their labors after being dark for the Summer. The Bark River tour is this month starting in Pellston for the Cheboygan inspection on September 13th, then on to the U.P. to Manistique for the Escanaba inspection on the 14th, then to Marquette on the 15th for Lake Superior inspection. Lady Judi and I are looking forward to attending again this year as it is always a good time.

I will be starting my Chapter visitations in September; I have Lebanon #125, Caro #96, Lapeer #91, Romeo #17, Port Huron #27, St Clair #12, and my home Chapter of Shore #69 as well. I look forward to all these visits and hope to have them all completed by November.

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Dear Companions:

The Grand Officers and several companions from the Upper Peninsula are getting ready to head to Minnesota for the annual Tri-State all-degree day. This event brings together companions from Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. It is an interesting day because you get to see the various degrees as they are performed in each jurisdiction.

This year, Michigan will be conferring the Mark Degree. In thinking about this Degree, we reflect upon the various lessons contained in the degree. One of these lessons is given at the end of the degree when Matthew:20 is read from the bible. It reminds us that the contribution of the new companion is just as valuable as the contributions of those companions who have been toiling for some time.

In a degree, each officer contributes, and the degree would be lacking if any one individual is not present. Likewise, the fellowship of every Companion is valuable to his Chapter and to the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,
 R.E.C. Brent Helm, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil

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I am the Chairman for the Bronze Award and Meritorious Service Award for this coming year. I would encourage every Chapter to submit at least one Companion for each of these awards. One Bronze Award is given for the State of Michigan and one Meritorious Service Award for each of the three Districts in Michigan. You may submit both awards for the same Companion if you wish or more. I would like to see more submissions this up-coming year as we only received 6 (six) for last year. They must be received no later than April 30, 2019.

Until next month, God Speed, and God Bless.

R.E.C. John A. Ames, Grand Scribe



News on the Grand Chapter of Michigan Royal Arch Mason Foundation, Inc.

Companions, your RAM Foundation and a handful of loyal Companions are doing all that they can do to make sure that the funding is there to assist your Grand Chapter financially as needed. Funds are available if needed to ensure that Grand Chapter has a balanced budget. This will probably be a necessity in years to come if our number of new members continues to decline. It is essential that we build up the Foundations assets by “donations”, and/or “fund raising”. Recently, there has been very little in the way of donations, but we have done very well on the Texas Hold’em poker games. We will continue with that source of income if we can, but, **we need more volunteers that are willing to give a little of their time**. It is not hard work and the comradery is great. It is getting more and more difficult to meet the State requirements for the manpower needed at these games. If you are willing to work on the “games”, **please** give me a call at **989-463-1160** or e-mail me at wayneturton5@gmail.com. The next scheduled event will be November 18 through December 1, 2018. The location is: Players Golf and Event Center, 33463 8 Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152. (This is a new location.) If you are willing to work, I will always get your permission before scheduling you for a specific time.

If you have not already done so, a great way to “donate” to the Foundation would be to name the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will. If you need more info, please call me. The Foundation and Royal Arch Masonry will, hopefully, be here long after any of us are alive. This would be a great way to help insure that Royal Arch Masonry is alive and well long after we are gone.

We all owe a special thank you to those Companions that have contributed their time and efforts to the success of the “games” this last year. They are: Donald Galway, John Ames, Donald Trumbull, Donald Mayville, David Dossette, Gilbert Albanice, James Hawn, Larry Inscho, Sherman Parker, Michael Whiting, Michael Roberts, Rich Hitch, Eldin Miller, John Updike, R. Michael Colpus. In addition, Jim Hawn is always there to take care of the money (and is generally available to take a shift in case of an emergency). **Please, add your name to this list by calling me at 989-463-1160 or e-mail me at wayneturton5@gmail.com**

Fraternally,

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Greetings Companions,

As we turn the page on the next chapter of your Grand Council it is my sincere hope that you will note a certain level of consistency. If together we can build on the momentum and inspiration created by our Most Illustrious Companion Gary Paquet last year, then we will be successful.

The past few months we have developed a committee to define strategies to which your Grand Council will focus our efforts and grade ourselves, and the health of our Rite in this State. Those strategies include increasing the prestige associated with being among the Select of our fraternity, increasing the value of being a Cryptic Mason and most importantly increasing the operational efficiency of both your Grand Council and our constituent councils.

During our Grand Assembly we presented survey questions specifically designed around our strategies. If you were not able to participate I ask you to please take 5 minutes and participate at RSMsurvey.com. I will share the results, expound on their interpreted meaning and suggest action items each month in this publication. Stay tuned!

We also introduced a new program called "Gyve". Gyve is a unique way to conveniently and painlessly participate in the preservation of Cryptic Masonry by contributing to our Endowment fund. We are already experiencing great success with this program. If you are not involved, please check it out on the Endowment page of our website. RSM-ML.org

We have scheduled four-degree festivals so far. Sign-up sheets are posted for your Super Excellent Master cast registration on our website. Please note the dates, sign up soon and often. Contact our Grand P.C.W. for additional information. Additionally, if your Council is greeting any new Companions this year please let me know, we have a gift for them.

I look forward to being with each of you as we travel the State this year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

W. B. Ryan Groat,

Serving this year as Your Most Illustrious Grand Master

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Sir Knights,

I would like to begin by saying thank you for your confidence in me to lead this Grand Commandery this Templar year. Your Grand Officers have been working hard this past year under the direction of our Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Michael Whiting. Thank you, Sir Knight Mike for guiding us this past year.

This year we will be recognizing and honoring one officer in each station with a Ritualist Award. Please work hard to make our decision difficult.

This year Sir Knights will also be able to participate and pay final respect to fallen U.S. military members by being part of the Michigan Knight Templar Honor detail. If you are interested in participating in this great honor, contact V.E.D.G.C., Sir Knight Darel Winslow.

Inspection season will begin with a joint inspection of Caledonia, Peninsular, Niles and Columbia Commanderies on Saturday September 8 at the Schoolcraft Masonic center. We will then begin our travels to northern Michigan on Thursday the 13th of September to enjoy great fellowship and assist our northern Commanderies on the Bark River tour. Lady Diane and I wish to invite all Sir Knights and Ladies to join us as we spend time in God's country.

Sir Knights, as we enter a new year of Templary, it is my vision that Michigan Sir Knights will put others first and share the gifts that God has given each of us. By putting others first, we all will receive the blessing and favor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we attend our Blue Lodges, Chapter and Councils, we must keep our focus to the center of our meeting room where rests the open Bible, the Great Light of all of Freemasonry. There we should be examples of sincere friendship and brotherly love. When abroad and in the world, we should pay attention that our tongues and actions are pleasing to God the Father giver of all Life.

We must not be so concerned about our numbers declining but be concerned more about being the Best Sir Knight that each of us can be. By being true instruments of God, carrying each other's burdens and not becoming weary of doing good, we can make Templary the most prestigious concordant body one may petition membership.

Remember Sir Knights, if we put on the full armor of God and if we truly seek to share His Love. We can reap a harvest, and together, today we will begin to build this Grand Commandery

"One Good Sir Knight at a Time"

Fraternally,
S.K. Shawn M. Bashore, K.C.T., R. E. Grand Commander



DeMolay

WOW! The conclave is over, and the new State Team is up and running. Our new State Master Councilor, Brandon Stewart, is getting the team ready for Installation season. It was a great year for Michigan DeMolay. Justin Long did a wonderful job and has made Michigan DeMolay relevant again. He has built the foundation on which our future will be built.



There are a lot of things coming up for us as Installation season approaches. The Fantastically Fun Filled Fall Festival will be at the International Center on September 9, 2018. The cost is only \$5 so come on out and have a great time. The Grand Worthy Advisor's reception will be on August 25, 2018, in Alma.

Region IV conference will be in Kentucky in October as well as the big event the State Master Councilor's reception. The reception will be held at Fellows Creek Golf Course with dinner costing \$25 for adults and youth \$15. Both degrees will be performed by the State Team at the Wayne Masonic Temple beginning at 1 PM. We hope to see everyone there.

Michigan DeMolay initiated more young men last year than the year before and the way it looks we will do it again this year. Three young men were initiated at the Conclave and there are several looking to join at the State Master Councilor's degrees in the Wayne Masonic Temple.

If anyone knows of any young men that would benefit from becoming a member of DeMolay. Please contact the State Master Councilor, any State Officer or the Executive Officer and we will make sure that someone from the local Chapter contacts the young man and his parents.

Michigan DeMolay is looking forward to great events coming up in the following months. These young men are always looking for service projects both Masonic, Community and Charitable. If you need assistance for any project, please call on DeMolay. Please come out and support the young men in the Chapters nearest to you.

Fraternally,

Vince D'Aguanno, D.H.H.S.

Any questions about Michigan DeMolay: E-Mail: daguannon@comcast.net.

Thank you to R.E.C. Sherman Parker for the wonderful pictures. These were from the DeMolay Conclave held in Flint, Michigan. Please help me in furthering my masonic education by sending any further information on what is happening in the following pictures. I only have what is labeled on each picture.



SMC SSH with MWGM



Taking the Obligation



Being collared by Parents



2018-2019 Degree Cast



WD Sweetheart



SMC and His SSH



Outstanding Sportsmanship



Youth having fun at the conclave



One very tired Dad!

Wow! Nice group of pictures. If anyone wants their picture. Please contact myself or R.E.C. Sherman Parker.



Hello Masonic Family! Greetings from the desk of the Grand Guardian of Michigan Job's Daughters! We have been very busy little bees since our last article! We spent a week in Utah, for our Supreme Session, which was amazing.

The girls got to see a lot of sites (including swimming in the Great Salt Lake) and participate in meetings and events on an international level, with their sisters from all over the world! We came home from Supreme with a brand-new Supreme Line Officer - congratulations to Mom Diane Bloch on her election to Supreme Marshal! And to Kaitlyn Hensley, Kaylin Bolton, and Lea Kelley on their appointments to the Supreme Bethel!!!



The very next weekend, we traveled to Alma to volunteer our services for the annual resident/family picnic at Masonic Pathways! What a great day, and to see all the Masonic Family come together for this event is simply inspiring!

The weekend after that, we traveled to Grand York Rite, where our Grand Bethel Honored Queen gave inspiring remarks about our theme for this year, which is "Be the Change You Wish to See in the World". You may recognize that fella to her left...Dad Bill LeVeque!



Straight from there, we headed to DeMolay Conclave, to celebrate a job well done with Junior Past State Master Councilor Justin Long, and embark on a new year with State Master Councilor Brandon Stewart! We were thrilled that our own daughter Miss Elisabeth McCallum from Bethel # 52 in St. Clair Shores, was chosen to serve as the DeMolay State Sweetheart for the 18 - 19 term! (Pictured below!)



The weekend after that, we boarded a bus and traveled to Crystal Falls...way up into the U.P., for our annual Leadership Camp weekend. This year we had the 70's/hippie theme and learned a lot of (sometimes hard) lessons about self-love and being proud of who you are.

After an exhausting, but the fun-filled weekend...we had the pleasure and the privilege of having lunch with the Masons from Lodge # 369 in St. Ignace. When I asked these gentlemen if they would be willing to cook for us, if I provided the food...they took it one step further, and provided, prepped, and cooked the lunch! What an amazing act of kindness!!! And we even managed to get them to take a picture with us!



On August 25th, we are back to Alma Masonic Pathways for the Michigan Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception, honoring Miss Samantha Brock. (Pictures to come next month!)

That will be followed up by the Annual 5 F's event (Fantastically Fun-Filled Fall Festival) in Howell, on Sunday, September 9th. This event is hosted by O.E.S. and brings the 3 youth groups together for a "family picnic" fun day, complete with water balloons, lawn games, and a good old-fashioned tug-of-war.

Please join us in Clio on September 29th, for our first Grand Bethel Exemplification, and 'Pay It Forward' event. We will be hosting a community carnival, benefitting the Kids' Foster Closet. Feel free to reach out for more information regarding this event!

Looking forward to seeing you all down the road!
Fraternally,

Terri Brower, Grand Guardian

Be the Change YOU Wish to See in the World!



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW
FOR GIRLS

Michigan Rainbow

It has been a very busy summer for Michigan Rainbow. Starting with our Grand Assembly Session the end of June. We celebrated the 4th of July with Jackson Assembly #7 at the Grass Lake parade and then moved on to Job's Daughters Grand Session. Then we moved to Hampton, Virginia for our Biennial International Supreme Session. This is a picture of the Michigan delegation. We were so proud to watch the Michigan Rainbow Girls on the Supreme Assembly floor. McKenzie Pollick served as a Supreme Page and served as an officer in the Grand Cross of Color Investiture. Samantha Brock represented us well in a fast-paced Cavalcade of Flags. Krissy Garrett presented a group skit with girls from other parts of the country. Maureen Riley was appointed as Supreme Drill Leader for the next two years. We had a marvelous time and even had a chance to go out to dinner together as one group.



We returned home from Virginia and went right to Alma for the Masonic Pathways resident's picnic where we helped serve over 1,000 people. Then the very next weekend, one group attended DeMolay Conclave while several others attended the York Right Grand Session. Then a third group this same weekend, attended Canada's Grand Assembly and a good time renewing friendships. It was a very busy weekend.

Then just 5 days later, 35 girls and 10 adults attended 'Grandie' Camp in Howell. 'Grandie' Camp is 3 days of leadership training, Ritual and drill training and a lot of music. We had a great time, beautiful weather and new friendships made. The adults came home exhausted.

This last weekend of August will find us at Masonic Pathways once again for our Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception. The new Grand Family Officers will be presenting the Ritual for their first time as welcome two new members. It should be a day filled with nerves and lots of fun.

As the girls all head back to school, we will take a little break and catch our breath and then begin our fall activities on September 9 at the 5F's Festival held at the International Center in Howell.

It has been a wonderful and exciting summer and we are looking forward to more new adventures.

Fraternally,

Maureen Riley, Supreme Drill Leader and Supreme Inspector in Michigan