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Greetings Companions All:

Remember the last few weeks of September? It got very hot outside and humid. This was our 'Indian Summer' weather. At the Masonic Pathways Home, there are 2 trees that were golden yellow. They were beautiful! Now 2 weeks later they are nearly leafless. If you get a chance to see the 2nd Spring of Michigan, hop in the car and take a color tour.

I only had one taker for the spelling challenge. Terri Brower, Vice Grand Guardian, of the Jobs Daughters of Michigan who had them all correct. Terri gets the Gold Star! Yes, R.E.C. Carl asked me why I haven't heard of 'Roost Beef' before. All I could think of was a steer with 4 chicken legs or a steer with a large chest and wings. It's up to those who are sending me flyers for events to make sure I can edit them. If you do send in a flyer like the Educational Seminar. I will get in contact with you and we are going to fix it!

There were a lot of pictures from the Jobs Daughters this month. I just ran out of room to put them all in. Perhaps next month I will find some room for the rest of the pictures.

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

Below is a picture of many of the youth that were at the 5 F's this September 10, 2017.





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Lady Connie



Greetings Companions:

The year has already jumped into high gear and been busy. I recently had the honor of being one of many to represent the great State of Michigan at the General Grand Chapter RAM International's Triennial in Portland Oregon. I was accompanied by the RE Grand King, Mike Roberts and his lovely wife Lady Rebeca, MEC Don Galway, Grand Secretary and MEC Dave Dossette, PGHP, current Grand Governor for the State of Michigan and his lovely wife, Lady Susan. We were also in great company by many of the Grand Council current and past grand officers. We even got to see an old friend, MEC Paul Howell. Paul was named as the General Grand Chapter representative for the state of Arizona. REC Mike Roberts was named as the General Grand Chapter representative for the great State of Michigan, and MEC Dave Dossette was named to a prestigious committee for the General Grand Chapter. There have also been many installations and receptions of the many Masonic bodies and Youth Groups. I only wish I could have made them all personally.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Foundation has also agreed to donate \$2,000 for disaster relief for Texas.

As a point of information, if you have a request for an all Degree Day or for the presence of the Grand Chapter at an event, you must submit the request to the Protocol Committee, chaired by Michael Whiting: mikewhiting@webtw.net.

I also have recently found that there are several issues in our local Chapters that need the attention of Grand Chapter. Apparently, during the transition of our Grand Secretaries and Officers in the last couple of years, these issues fell through the cracks and the Grand Chapter dropped the ball. I can make no excuse for this, however, I can try to fix it. If your Chapter submitted any By-Law changes, corrections of meeting dates and times, general questions, or the request for assistance, please resubmit them. It is crucial that the correct information and needs are available to all Companions. Again, the Grand Chapter is there to help not hinder. You can do this by contacting the Grand Secretary, MEC Don Galway or myself directly.

There is also what is believed to be a current Directory on the Grand Chapter Web-site. I am asking each Chapter to check it and make sure that all the information in it is correct. If not, please let the Grand Secretary know so it can be corrected.

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to try our new program or has at least heard of it. The Chapter can now open, close and work in any of the four degrees, however, if receiving Grand Officers or Dignitaries, you must do so per the Ritual for "Receiving Grand Officers" that already exist. I highly recommend getting the newer and pipeline candidates involved by allowing them to come to business meetings.

Please also feel free to reach out to me at any time with your ideas, complaints or suggestions: richhitch62@gmail.com or leave a message at 734-612-4809.

Humbly and Fraternally,

Rich Hitch,

Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan



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Secretary's Scribbles

September will be over by the time that you receive this copy of the Triple Tau, and what an ending to the month. The first day of fall and the temperature was in the low nineties and stayed warm for the rest of the month. For those of you that are fall hunters and fisherman, this was a little hard to handle. We are not used to hunting in a t-shirt or fishing in the fall in shorts and a t-shirt.

So, September has come and gone which means all the Lodges and Chapters are back to work meeting every month planning degree work and activities for the rest of the Capitular year. If the Lodges that feed your Chapter are doing degree work, it is a great time to help and may increase your membership. If nothing else you will make new friends and impress the candidate with the volume of masons that came to take part in his degrees.

This month has been kind of slow compared to last month. The Grand High Priest and his Lady along with my Lady and myself were in Kentucky for their grand session. We had the opportunity to enjoy some southern hospitality and meet with old friends again. We also had the honor of attending the MSA dinner for Manuel (Manny) Sanchez of Wayne Chapter No. 182. The bonus to the evening was the Royal Arch Degree that was done after the dinner in which Wayne Chapter exulted six new members (writers note, this number may be wrong).

October is starting out to be a busy month for us. Ohio's Grand Session will be held on October 3rd thru the 5th at the Holiday Inn Cleveland - South Independence, Independence, Ohio. The DeMolay State Master Councilor Reception is being held October 7th at the Wayne Lodge No. 112 in Westland, MI. October 14th takes us to Tecumseh, MI. for Michigan Priory No 22. October 22nd brings us to Lansing MI Crowne Plaza Hotel for the reception dinner for the Joint York Rite Grand Officers. Next, we drive to Gaylord for the 2017 York Rite Educational Seminar being held on October 28th at F.O.E. Hall, 515 South Wisconsin Ave. There are flyers on the web for all events being held in Michigan. For the information on Ohio, you must go to their website.

The great thing about traveling this time of the year in Michigan is you will experience some of the greatest scenery mother nature can offer. This is the best time of the year for me. If you have the ability, find some State land and take a walk through the woods. If you are quiet the animals will treat you to a great show, be they squirrels, deer, and chipmunks or at dusk the owls. Should you choose not to be quiet, and the jays will inform the forest that you are indeed there. Enjoy the season, it is one of the splendors of living in the mitten.

Fraternally,

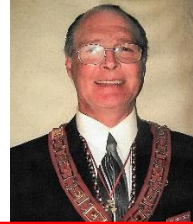
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Enhance the Secret of the York Rite of Freemasonry

This program has been set up to provide membership information to Master Masons who may have interest in joining the York Rite. This program can be set up in many different forums as per the hosting Chapter designs. It includes the following information:

- 1. Enhance the Secret short talk (Chapter only)**
- 2. Michigan History for each York Rite Body**
- 3. "What is" information for each York Rite Body**
- 4. Short video on the York Rite**
- 5. Philanthropy information for York Rite Bodies**
- 6. Petitions for each York Rite Body**

If your Chapter, Council, or Commandery wish to set up a Grand Officer to come out and present this program at one of your events, please contact the Grand Secretary for more information.

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



Congratulations to Companion Manuel Sanchez of Wayne Chapter # 182 in receiving the MSA (Meritorious Service Award).

It is a fine thing when a Chapter sees to the work of recognizing one of its own in having him distinguished by the Grand Chapter of the craft. Good work Manuel!!

Companions, there are plenty more out there that are going over and above, and have been, in the work and attendance of the Chapters. We need to hear from those Chapters for their recognition. It is never too late nor too early to send in a Companion's name and accomplishments for consideration for the "MSA" or the "Bronze Award".

You can download and print the forms from the Grand Chapter web site. Fill them out and this year send them to me;

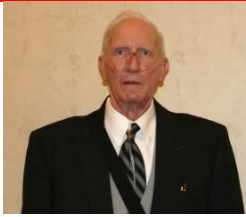
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I'm looking forward to my visitations this year and meeting with some of the candidates that may have sent me.

Oh, yes, Schools of Instruction are now being set up by the Chapters and DDI's. Places, times and dates for these schools would be much appreciated with notification to the same E-mail address as above. Participation is what makes a Chapter!

Fraternally,
R.E.C. Carl J. Peterson,
Grand Scribe, K.Y.C.H.



R.E.C. Eldin H. Miller

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Greetings Companions:

When you receive your Triple Tau summer will be finished and the Fall season began. The leaves will show its colors and are starting to fall. This is the time for the DDI to conduct their school of instruction in the Past Master degree and the Allegory.

The MSA dinner for Companion Manny Sanchez was held at Wayne Masonic Temple, it was well attended. October 14 at Tecumseh they will be hosting KYCH and HRANTP meeting.

October 22 the Joint York Rite Grand Officer Reception to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Lansing, MI. October 28 the Education Program will be held in Gaylord by REC Carl Peterson, Grand Scribe.

Fraternally,

REC Eldin H Miller,
Grand Principle Sojourner



R.E.C. Brent Helm

Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
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Greetings Companions:

It should be the goal of every Chapter to be able to confer all the Capitular Degrees. With that said, as we look at the parts in some of the degrees, it appears to be a very daunting task.

I remember shortly after being exalted, the High Priest said that he had a part for me to learn - the Principal Sojourner's part in the Royal Arch Degree. Luckily for me, I was not expected to have it all down at once. Thus, at each Royal Arch Degree, I would start out and go as far as I felt comfortable. Each time I would go just a little bit further until I did the complete degree.

This was not a new concept. It was something that the lecturers in the Lodges in the area routinely did. Eventually, those Lodges would be able to have the capacity to confer a degree without being dependent on one individual.

Just an idea for thought.

Fraternally,

R.E.C. Brent Helm,
Grand Master of the 2nd Veil



In celebration of their election at the 2017 Annual York Rite Session

Wayne Chapter No. 182 Royal Arch Masons
 Marine City Council No. 59 Royal and Select Masons
 Pontiac Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar
 Invites you to a Joint York Rite Reception and Dinner Honoring

Excellent Companion
Richard G. Hitch
 as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

Illustrious Companion
Gary L. Paquet
 as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council
Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

Sir Knight
Michael Whiting
 as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of Michigan

To be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
 825 S. Creyts Road
 Lansing, Michigan 48917
 Sunday, October 22, 2017

Social Hour with Cash Bar 3:00 p.m.
 Dinner 4:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$45.00 per person
 Dress: Black Tie or Business Suit

-----cut along line-----

Name _____ Title _____
 e-mail _____ Phone _____

Request Reservations for _____ persons. Reservations with remittance are to be turned in by **October 14, 2017. Please make checks payable to Livingston Chapter No. 30.**

Remit to: Don Mayville
 148 Belmont Lane
 Whitmore Lake, Michigan 48189

Choice of Entree:

- _____ Parmesan-Encrusted Chicken with Rice Pilaf and Vegetable Medley
- _____ Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin with Whipped Potato and Broccoli
- _____ Signature Steak with Whipped Potato and Broccoli
- _____ Ponzu Glazed Cod with Rice Pilaf and Vegetable Medley
- _____ Stuffed Portobello Mushroom with Rice Pilaf and Asparagus
- * All Entrees include Romaine Salad and Marble Cheesecake



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Greetings All!

It's amazing how quickly time passes. It feels like we just left the Grand Session and yet, so much has happened. I could attend the Grand Assembly of New York and bring Greetings on behalf of all the Cryptic Masons from our wonderful state. New York normally has their session at the same time we conduct ours, so we can never bring greetings, visit with friends or share our experiences other than visiting with each other at our common sister jurisdictions. My friend, Curtis Banks, was installed as the Most Illustrious Grand Master and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to be there for this special day in his life.

The very next week, Ryan Groat, Gene Newman, Warren Caruss, Steve Striggow and I all made our way to Portland for the Triennial of General Grand Cryptic Masons International. Our new Most Puissant Grand Master is David A. Grindle, congratulations to him and all the officers. Speaking of officers, our own Most Illustrious Companion, Stephen R. Striggow, has been selected to serve as the Right Puissant Deputy Grand Master for the East Central Region and Most Illustrious Companion, Edward P. James as the Right Puissant Ambassador for Michigan. Congratulations to both fine Companions. I look forward to new ideas, programs and initiatives that move the ideals of Cryptic Masonry to greater heights.

Now, I'd like to take a moment to invite anyone who is interested in attending the York Rite Reception to honor our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Richard Hitch, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Michael Whiting and myself. It will be held in Lansing at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on October 22, 2017. I hope to see you there.

In my travels around the state, I can't help but see the themes of "Unity" and "Stronger Together" championed this year by MEC, Richard Hitch, REGC, Michael Whiting and myself in action! I just got back from the Bark River Tour. The Companions and Sir Knights that assembled up north from all around our state to assist the Commanderies and the welcoming of new Sir Knights is to be recognized, encouraged and applauded. The York Rite was well represented. Each Companion, Sir Knight and their lovely ladies that gave and continue to give freely of their time and talent in assisting our brethren, as well as making sure our York Rite continues to grow and prosper is the foundation of who we are. The product the "collective we" presented, was tremendous! Never doubt the power of Unity for a common purpose and the strong bonds when we work together.

Until our paths cross again, safe travels to wherever this journey takes you.

Fraternally,

Gary L. Paquet,

Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. Masons of Michigan



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Sir Knights and Ladies:

Our annual trek to the North Country known as the Bark River Tour is now history. I'd like to thank all the Knights and especially the Ladies who gave of their time, talents and delicious goodies to make it a success.

The first stop on the tour was on Thursday at Cheboygan Commandery #50 where we welcomed one new Knight, S.K. Steve Charles. Then with a mad dash up to Manistique to our host hotel at the Comfort Inn. That evening we had our Welcome Dinner at the 3 Seasons Restaurant, a buffet dinner beyond compare. If you are ever traveling through Manistique and need nourishment, make the 3 Seasons your destination. After dinner, we adjourned to the Hospitality Room for more food and refreshment. Several games were played and some great conversations were had. While not all the problems of the world were solved, I think we made a little progress.

Friday morning, we packed our gear and headed to Lake Superior Commandery #30 where three more Knights were greeted. S.K. Lance Malberg, S.K. Bryan Nancarrow, and S.K. William Robson. Lake Superior won the Membership Gain Banner last year and looks like they are off to repeat again this year. Afterwards, we traveled back to our host hotel for more fun, food, and refreshment.

The final Inspection was Escanaba Commandery #47 and although they didn't have a new Knight this year, we look forward to seeing some new Knightings in the future. One bright spot was seeing Knights from Traverse City #41, Sunrise #34, Lake Superior #30 coming together to support Escanaba Commander #47 at their Inspection. It is my earnest hope that more Commanderies will work within their Battalions as we try to help each Commandery get stronger.

On Saturday evening, we had eleven new members inducted into Bark River Commandery #1313. Without revealing any secrets into what happened that fateful evening, we welcome you into the fastest growing and largest Commandery in Michigan. Afterwards more games, food, and hospitality.

Sunday morning several Knights and their Ladies attended the United Methodist Church Services before packing up and heading home. If you have never experienced the Bark River Tour, consider it for 2018 and see why we come back year after year.

Until next month, God Bless
 In Unity,

Michael Whiting,
 Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan



DeMolay

Well, it is not officially Fall, but it is close enough. Michigan DeMolay is going through Installation month and the State Team is traveling all over. By the end of the month, the new leadership in the Chapters will be set and they will begin to implement their plans for the term. Just for informational purposes, the young men in leadership roles in the Chapters plan their own events and then seek to put them into motion. This is a great learning experience for these young men. Some examples of this are the Memberships events being planned by the Chapters. Clifford C. Reeves Chapter in Lincoln Park has planned a trip to a corn maze on October 28, 2017, at Debucks in Belleville. If you can attend any of these events the young men of DeMolay would appreciate it. We just finished up with the Fantastically Fun Filled Fall Festival (5F's) at the International Center in Howell. It was a great time for all 203 participants from DeMolay, Jobs, Rainbow, Grand Lodge, Eastern Star and even the Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Don Galway, showed up to dazzle us with his hot dog cooking expertise. As we progress through the month of September with Installations the next big event is the State Master Councilor's Reception and degree day to be held on October 7, 2017. The reception starts at 5:30 with dinner at 6 PM. Before, that starting at 1 PM, will be the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees. This event is at the Wayne Masonic Center in Westland. Membership is starting to grow in Michigan DeMolay as there are plans for more degrees in Bellaire, Michigan, Livingston County and possibly Port Huron. Remember if you have a son, nephew, and grandson or know of a young man between the ages of 12-21, ask any of the State Officers or any Advisor for a petition. We will get in contact with the young man and his family as soon as possible to answer their questions about DeMolay. Please try to attend at least one Installation in September and show these remarkable young men that the Masonic Family is willing to support them. If there is anything that Michigan DeMolay can do to help support any of the works of the Companions, please let a State Officer know or contact the Executive Officer.

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



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

On September 10th, all three of the Masonic Youth Groups, along with the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Youth Committee and several the Eastern Star Grand Officers along with our Most Worshipful Grand Master, all met at the International Center in Howell. This was the Fantastically Fun Filled Fall Festival otherwise known as 5F's. It was a beautiful day with 203 people in attendance to just have fun together.

The 203-people had a marvelous day playing games including the traditional Tug of War which was won by Job's Daughters. There was lots of volleyball, many squirt guns and some even managed to go swimming in the lake. Our Grand Master, Josh Woodwyk, and his wife did an excellent job of drenching most of the youth with all kinds of water. Well done Grand Master!

Besides the games, there was plenty of food to eat. Hot dogs, nachos, vegetables, cookies, and lemonade. However, with 203 hungry people, there had to be 2 more store runs to have enough food to serve everyone. There was not much left over at the end of the day.

We, here in Michigan, are very lucky for the relationships that we have between the three youth groups along with all our adult supporters. Many states are not as fortunate as we are to have such special friendships.

Many thanks to Brother Don Galway for making the arrangements for us to use the International Center. Thanks to our 3 youth leaders, Mckenzie, Lily, and Justin, along with the other adults for making this day a success.

Fraternally,
Maureen Riley,
Supreme Inspector



MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL

Michigan Job's Daughters is recovering from a busy weekend! On Saturday, September 9th, 2017 the Grand Bethel of Michigan held an exemplification where we initiated 3 new members into our order! This was the first exemplification for our new Grand Bethel, and they did a phenomenal job, under the guidance of their Queen, Miss Liliy. We had a ceremony for TEN little "Jobies to Bee" (girls who are not quite old enough to be Jobies yet. :)



Each year, the Grand Bethel Honored Queen gets to create her own Bible Ceremony, which she performs at the beginning of each exemplification. Our Miss Liliy is fluent in sign language, and while presenting her ceremony, she signed the song, and it was amazingly beautiful!!

This meeting was also an honoring for our Grand Guardian, Mom Cheryl Davis and our Associate Grand Guardian, Dad Franz Langegger. The Grand Bethel did presentations to both, and very touching tributes to their love and dedication for Michigan Job's Daughters. There were also presentations made by Bethel #52 St. Clair Shores (Mom Davis' adopted Bethel) and Bethel #20 Genesee (Dad Langegger's home Bethel). The dinner and party afterward were Hawaiian themed, complete with Elvis beach music, and hula lessons from a Bethel #52's daughter who used to live in Hawaii, miss Elizabeth McCallum.

The young ladies had a sleepover that night at the Mt Morris Masonic Temple. Well...they CALL it a sleepover but not a lot of sleeping goes on! On Sunday morning, we were greeted with the delicious aromas of eggs and pancakes and sausage for breakfast, lovingly prepared by the Lewis family, who are famous for their country breakfasts!!

That same day, on 9/10, we headed to Howell for the annual Fantastically Fun-Filled Fall Festival (or 5 F's), which is an outdoor event for all 3 Masonic youth groups, sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star. The gentlemen (including WGP Bob Otte) grilled up some hot dogs, and the ladies (including WGM Colleen Wilcenski) served up the lunch including hot dogs, chips, cookies, lemonade, and iced tea! It was delicious!!

We had a great turnout, and were even joined by MWGM Josh Woodwyk, First Lady Danielle, and our personal favorite, First Daughter and Jobie to Bee Giselle (you can find her in the bottom right corner of the picture below with the water gun...which she fearlessly used against her daddy as soon as this picture was done!). [* Editor's Note-We just didn't have room.]

Each youth group oversaw some activities for the afternoon, and there was volleyball, water guns, human ring toss, and another personal favorite of mine...TUG OF WAR...which was skillfully and artfully won by the Job's Daughters of Michigan, who went UNDEFEATED against the Rainbow Girls, the DeMolay Boys, and even the adult advisors from all 3 youth groups!!! That's how it's done!

The month of October will find us very busy, as our royal leadership travels to Anaheim, California for Supreme Leadership training, returning just in time for OES Grand Chapter!

- On October 14, 2017, we travel to St Johns, MI where we are partnering with St Johns Lodge to host a Harvest Party from 6 pm to 8 pm, complete with hayrides, bonfire, smores, cider and hot chocolate! If you know any daughters in St Johns that you believe would benefit from being introduced to Job's Daughters, please invite them!

- On the weekend of October 21, 2017, we travel to the home Bethel of our Queen, # 18 Menominee, for a Grand Bethel Exemplification. Miss Liliy and her Bethel have been working very hard to plan a special event to replace the Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk for HIKE which we had to cancel due to safety concerns. We will be taking pledges and donations to sponsor our walk from the Menominee, Michigan Masonic Temple across a NEW bridge that will take us to the Marinette, Wisconsin Masonic Temple and back...which is coincidentally 5 miles...the same distance as the trip across the Mackinaw Bridge! I have heard that there may be some special guests and super surprises along the way! Plan a trip to see the fall colors, and join us for this amazing event! We are hoping to raise record-breaking numbers for our official philanthropic project, HIKE (the Hearing-Impaired Kids' Endowment).

We hope to see all of you at many of our events this year!

Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Brower,
Vice Grand Guardian