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Greetings to all:

I know this will disappoint some contributors, **but** I must have the deadline today. As of the 25th, if you did not get your article into me, I am so sorry. You can work the “News” into November’s Triple Tau. We try to work with everyone and I realize that everyone is busy. I also must be a responsible person and allow our Grand Secretary to do his part too!

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. This is the Last reminder because the money and your preference of meal must be in by October 2nd, 2018.**

A hearty “Thank you” goes to all who did a wonderful job of sending in your articles this month. There are sometimes that I need a “filler” for covering “White Space”. If you have a FYI or an antidote, please send it to me. I am hoping that after the reception in October, we will have new pictures of our present grand officers.

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

Best routes for Fall colors drives in Michigan!

Best time for full color is in the middle of-October.

Best “Tree Peeping” routes in Michigan! Saint Ignace to Naubinway on U.S. 2! Then, there is the Cut River bridge. Take a picture of the valley below. On M-37 from Grand Traverse Bay to Old Mission Peninsula. Don’t forget to check out the Grand Traverse Lighthouse! Take M-22 from Traverse City to Empire. This byway covers the length of U.S. 41, heading straight up the Keweenaw’s Peninsula’s spine through Michigan’s wildly scenic and historic Copper Country. Must-stop spot: The 9-mile Brockway Mountain Drive is one of the most gorgeous roadways in the state, with several spots to pull off and admire the scenery. Don’t forget M-116, from Newberry to Paradise. It is a winding road, but the scenery is well worth the drive. This information was found on the Bing search engine.

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Greeting Companions,

We have reached September when most Chapters come out from being dark and fall begins knocking at our door. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and is ready to get back to work. I started my visitations this month with River Raisin Chapter #22 and Mount Vernon Chapter #37. I will be attending the All Chapter Degree Day in School Craft on September 22nd and the MSA Dinner at Wayne Chapter on September 29th.

Each Chapter should have received a copy of the **experimental** program being conducted this year allowing for District Schools and Inspections. We hope to promote fellowship, education, and a new retention tool with this **experimental** program. Here is an excerpt from the letter mailed to the Chapters:

I would like to announce a new **experimental** program. This year you will be allowed to conduct both your School and Inspection by districts. In order for this to be legal, each Chapter in the district needs to have representation for both the School and Inspection. You do not need any special permission to participate in this program. This **experimental** program is for this caputular year only.

If you have any questions on this experimental program, please contact me at mickey422@yahoo.com

We will be introducing the membership to a new piece of information as part of our School this year called "The Rusty Chapter". This piece was put together by Richard Hitch, PGHP and follows the Chapter degrees covering the signs and passwords in all four degrees. This should benefit our membership from the newly inducted Companion to the Companions who have been away for a while and are looking to knock some rust off.

On another note, each Chapter should have received a copy of a Monthly Education booklet in the packets picked up at Grand Session. This is intended to help your Education Officer with material to use during his meeting presentations. Regular, relevant education will assist the Chapter members maintain interest and involvement.

A copy of the Enhance the Secret booklet was also included in the packets picked up at Grand Session. This is a membership recruitment program, and contains information for the York Rite, not just Chapter. If you know of any Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandry interested in having this presentation given, please have them contact me.

If you did not receive any of the above information, please contact me and I will get it to your Chapter.

I hope to see you in my travels and remember we are always working **Together Towards Tomorrow**.
Fraternally,

R.E.C. Mike Roberts, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan



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Secretary's Scribbles

“And another one bites the dust” as the song goes. Where has September gone? It is official the year is three-quarters gone. Seems like Christmas was just over, or maybe I haven't finished paying all the bills yet. This month we have Halloween to look forward to. The young at heart will tell stories of their youth and all of the loot they collected from their neighborhood. Those of us that are a little older remember the hay rides, barn dances and other things to tell stories about. Those of you that have never visited the New England states at this time of year have missed something to behold. Not just the Fall colors, but just how excited they get about this month. They go all out to decorate for this season. Salam Mass. does it right with the whole town getting involved. Those who are sportsmen also know the significance of this time of year, upland bird hunting, bow hunting, waterfowl, and a very good reason to go for a walk in the woods.

The two major events for the month October are: On the sixth of October the DeMolay State Master Councilor reception being held at the Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton Michigan. Then comes K.Y.C.H. to be held October 13th in Alma, Michigan's Doig Chapel for those of you that are members. On October 28th, The York Rite Grand Reception for the leaders of all our grand bodies will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, Bay City. There is a flyer in this issue of the Triple Tau.

The Royal Arch Mason Foundation is hosting another Gaming event from November 28th thru December 1st at a new venue. The Players Golf and Event Center, 33463 W. Eight Mile Livonia, MI 48152. It is not hard to work these events and they are a lot of fun. We can cut the hours down if we could get enough people to sign up to work. We only need 24 people to work a four-hour shift to make it easy for everyone. The venue is not hard to get to from almost anywhere in the Southeast. There are at least six Chapters that are an hour or less from this venue, which would make it much easier on everyone to work this and other events next year. Every member of a Chapter is able to work these events. All we need is your name and contact information to send in with the application to the state. We need three members at each shift (four hours) as per state regulations. Contact Wayne Turton (989-463-1160) if you would like to take part, it will be a great experience and you will get a better idea of just how easy it is. You may also want to take this idea back to your local Chapter to help boost your treasury in the future.

Get out and enjoy the season. It is one of the nicest times to live in Michigan. If you get a chance go for a walk in the park or a drive in the country. Stop at a cider mill and enjoy a cinnamon donut. Enjoy all that Mother Nature has to offer and Thank her for it.

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:

River Raisin Chapter No. 22 – Royal Arch Masons
Northville Council No. 39 – Council Royal and Select Masons
Lexington Commandery No. 27 – Knights Templar Commandery



Michael Roberts
M. E. Grand High Priest .
Grand Royal Arch Masons



Ryan J. Groat
M. Ill. Grand Master
Grand Council R&S.M.



Shawn Bashore
R.E. Grand Commander
Grand Commandery

To be held at the
Doubletree Hotel
1 Wenonah Park Place
Bay City, MI 48708

Social Hour with Cash Bar at 3:00 p.m.

Dinner at 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Dress: Black Tie or Business Suit

Mail-in Form for the Joint York Rite Grand Reception

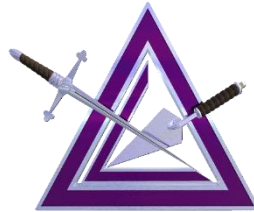
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Name _____ Title _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

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:

R.E.C. Don Mayville
148 Belmont Lane
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

Choice of Entrée: _____ 10 oz. Sirloin
_____ Bourbon Street Salmon
_____ French Lentils

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



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Greetings Companions:

Well by the time this is published it will be October. In September I took part in the Bark River tour with the Grand Commandery, where five companions were knighted. One of the Orders for the Order of the Temple was done in ancient regalia. I was fortunate enough to take a part. I feel it is essential for the Grand York Rite Bodies to attend the other events such as the Bark River Tour to show unity and support for one another.

I have started my Chapter visits and hope to get them all in by early December. Again, these visits are important as it is a way for the Grand Chapter to show its support for the local Chapters, just like our participation in all degree days. As of this writing the Schoolcraft all degree has not taken place, but I will be there and will take part in both the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees. On the 29th of September is the MSA in the Wayne Chapter and the Grand Chapter will be present.

October brings the State Master Councilor's Dinner for DeMolay on the 6th, the KYCH on the 13th in Alma. More visits to the Chapters in my assigned group and of course the York Rite Reception Dinner at the DoubleTree in Bay City. I hope that you have made your reservations and are attending. I am sure there are various other activities in your area and I urge you to attend and let them know that you are a York Rite Mason. In my lodge, I wear my Chapter name tag and let them know that I have petitions for those interested in joining. So far this year six brothers from my lodge have petitioned my Chapter and four so far have been exalted. It is important that we as York Rite Masons attend our lodge meetings and stay active.

It is inspection time for the Commanderies and I hope that if you are a Sir Knight that you will attend your Commandery's inspection. Also, reminding you that lodges can request an honor guard from the Commandery, at the lodge installations. Please don't forget to make the Masters Pin presentation.

Godspeed and God Bless,
 R.E.C. John A. Ames, Grand Scribe



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 One
 To
 Fill
 This
 Spot?



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 28 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,

What is the first thing you think of when you hear “school of instruction”? Yep, me too. Instruction doesn’t have to be on ritual, does it? So, let’s try something different this year. In keeping with our strategy of increasing the operational efficiency of our Councils, we have adopted a program modeled from our companions in Ohio. Your Arch Deputy will be presenting to your Council several questions surrounding our ritual and laws. They are designed to inspire meaningful conversation and help separate common practice from proper procedure. No scores will be published, and Councils will not be ranked. This can be a good tool for your newest Companion and a good reminder to newly installed officers of your Council. Additionally any Companion can review the questions online at <http://www.SchoolofInstruction.com>.

Each Council or individual will have the opportunity to submit a response ONLINE using a computer, tablet or smartphone. Response is encouraged but not required. Those Councils who have responded will be recognized during our Grand Assembly in August 2019.

Once submitted, your results will be immediately available containing a detailed explanation to each and/or referencing either our law book or ritual. During his official follow up visit (inspection) your Arch Deputy will review statewide commonly missed questions. I hope you find value in this approach to “instruction”.

This brings me to our survey response this month. During our Grand Assembly, Companions were asked to respond to the following statement. “I know my Arch Deputy and feel I can call on him at anytime.” The good news is 49% of those polled said they totally agreed. It’s the 12% that totally disagreed that has caused us to develop some action items for our Arch Deputy team. I can assure you your Grand P.C.W. and Grand Lecturer are working diligently to see we make progress in this area. Again, any companion can participate in the survey at <http://RSMSurvey.com>.

Please remember to have fun and cherish the time with your Companions. “If our work in Masonry has taught us but one thing and brought but one result, and that result has been the forming and cementing of true and lasting Friendships, then our labors about the Altars of Masonry will not have been in vain.”

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
W.B. Ryan Groat, Most Illustrious Grand Master



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Sir Knights,

We have turned a page in Michigan Templary. At this past Grand Encampment Triennial, the voting delegates voted to change Section 66 of the constitution to allow a Grand Commandery may provide for a lesser number for quorum purposes, provided it is not less than five entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to open the same. Sir Knights this should be a great tool for some of our smaller Commanderies. I therefore during recess of the Grand Commandery have set the quorum for a Michigan Commandery to be five.

I am also asking each Commandery not to forget to reach out to some of our inactive Sir Knights. Invite them to dinner or a social event. There is a reason they joined, tap into your membership and provide them with what it is they are looking for.

I invite you all to attend the Joint York Rite Grand Officers Reception on Sunday, October 28th, 2018 at the Bay City DoubleTree Hotel, 1 Wenonah Park Pl., Bay City, Michigan. A social hour will begin at 3:00 pm with Dinner starting at 4:00 pm. Reservation forms can be found on the front page of our web site at kt-mi.org and click the on Joint York Rite Officers Reception.

Remember to support our Youth Groups as they are the future of tomorrow.

I leave you all with this charge, to be kind to someone new every day and together we will build this Grand Commandery [**One Good Sir Knight at a Time.**]

God Bless,

R.E.G.C. Shawn M Bashore, K.C.T., K.Y.C.H.



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What happened here?



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She forgot to send me something this month!



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Michigan Rainbow



The busy summer of 2018 ended when we held our official reception for Samantha Brock, our Grand Worthy Advisor on August 25th. One of the biggest highlights of the day was when we initiated two new Rainbow Girls into our Order. Our Grand Officers did a marvelous job with their Ritual work and the Assembly girls also impressed us with their Ritual work. There was lots of excitement in the Assembly Room with many Ritual Proficiency pins being awarded. We were also able to present to the Grand Representatives their official Commissions so that they could begin corresponding with their counterparts in other parts of the country.



After the Initiation we moved downstairs to the dining room for lunch and the fun of all of the presentations. The picture taken before the Initiation shows Samantha Brock, Grand Worthy Advisor, Krissy Garrett, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, Kendra Pollick, Grand Charity, State Rainbow Dad, Bob Otte and Maureen Riley, Supreme Inspector. This was the official start to our year. The year then continued with the 5F's celebration with many members of our Masonic family.

On September 29th, you are most welcome to join us at the Pinckney Masonic Temple at 2:00 p.m. where we will have a Grand Officer Initiation, and, at this point, we hope to welcome another two new members. Please come and visit.

Safe travels,
Maureen Riley, Supreme Drill Leader & Supreme Inspector