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Greetings Companions:

This is the last month of the whole year? Now I must make a great effort to remember in January to put down 2018! There have been those people who had their Christmas Tree and lights put up before Thanksgiving. They are going to have a big light bill for being early. I hope the shock has them wait till December 1st. I can't say too much about decorating before December. The last week of November Masonic Pathways is in full decorating mode. First is the Chapel, Foyer, Grand Living room, Order of the Eastern Star dining room and lastly all the little cubby holes. It seems like every square inch is Christmassy.

Thank you all for getting the articles in to me. This was a hard month because of the deer season and other folks putting up the cottage on the lake for the Winter. Every month I learned a new trick or two about enhancing this newsletter. I learn more about Royal Arch Masonry, Cryptic Masonry, Knights Templar, and all the youth groups. This month's issue I learned how to photoshop myself into a Christmas tree! There was a Halloween Party with the Royal Arch Grand Line. There were two awards given. One for the scariest and another for the most original. You can read all about further in this issue.

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

Have a Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year!
From Jane Todd
Editor of the Triple Tau





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Lady Connie



Greetings Companions:

I have had the pleasure of attending many events and Schools of Instruction since my last article. One such event was the annual Grand Officers Educational Seminar. This year The Grand Scribe, REC Carl J. Petersen, did a great job in obtaining a venue and in organizing the agenda and events. The Grand King, REC Mike Roberts, also did a great job in presenting much of the educational material that was new to our newer Grand Chapter Officers and a great refresher for those who have been in line for a while now. There was some sort of representation from each of the various Grand York Rite bodies in attendance to help in forming a much needed united York Rite calendar. To follow our meeting, there was a good meal and a Halloween party, hosted by the Gaylord Eagles. If you were unable to attend or had to leave early, you missed a great evening. During the party, a costume party was held, which our very own Grand Scribe REC Carl won 1st place for the scariest costume, and my wife, Lady Connie, won first place for the individual best costume. Lady Connie went as the Green Lantern.



I have also had an opportunity to approve many of the outstanding by-law changes that have been awaiting approval. If your Chapter is still in need of or awaiting approval of your by-laws, please contact the Grand Secretary or myself.

Also, remember that on May 12th, 2018, Traverse City Chapter #102 will be holding an all Capitular Degree day and an all Order Day and they still need some help with the Most Excellent Master and Past Master Degrees. If you can and are willing to help, please contact Sir Knight Loren Winn, grktmi@yahoo.com, as soon as you can.

Again, if you know you have not yet submitted your required Annual Report for last year. Please submit it immediately so that the information supplied to all is correct.

As the weather, has changed and as we approach the holidays, please remember to take time and enjoy your families company. Please 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.

Happy Holidays and 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

'Tis the season to be jolly. Okay, so where did the last eleven months go? Seems as though I just wrote an article like this, but alas that was last year. November is a month in which holds many conflicts. The greatest has always been for the avid sportsmen, do I have a Thanksgiving dinner with the family or a cold bologna sandwich in the woods hunting. A successful hunter prior to Thanksgiving Day will not have to think about that question, the other ninety percent will. Should you have been successful, congratulations, if not you still have the rest of the year. 2018 licenses go on sale in the spring. Is it me or have we lost sight of what Thanksgiving is all about, our media networks seem to think the reason we have Thanksgiving is to start selling Christmas right after Halloween. That is what they have done the last couple of years, if it keeps up we will be watching Christmas commercials New Year's Day. I will get off the soapbox and hope everyone had a thankful Thanksgiving.

December is installation season, with the lodges installing the newly elected officers. Our Chapters also have a task, which is to present the incoming Master with our token and symbol of his office for the year, which are our Master's pins. This gives the Chapter a great opportunity to put the Chapter in front of the Lodge. You have a minute or two to explain what Chapter is about and why we recognize the Master with the pin. December is also a time for your Chapter to start thinking about your MSA and Bronze Award candidates. Every Chapter in this state has at least one or more members that are worthy of these awards. The application is on the web on the download page, it has been streamlined for ease of filling it out. Use the same form for either award. I would like nothing more than to hear the committee complain that they are overworked trying to choose from all the candidates that were submitted.

This is my last article for 2017 and my next one will be for 2018. Lady Sherry and I would like to thank each one of you, for putting up with us this year, and allowing us to serve the craft. We would also like to wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Fraternally,

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What is Royal Arch Research Assistance? The Board of directors has chosen to support three areas of research funding in 2016-2017. First there is Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) research out of the University of Arizona, second is the Hearing Foundation, and third is Autism Speaks.

Central Auditory Processing Disorder is a type of hearing problem that is more common than most would expect. It is not that the person is hard of hearing but more of an auditory perceptual problem. That means a person with CAPD may have good hearing, but bad comprehension.

Hearing Health Foundation (www.hhf.org) is the largest private funding resource of hearing research since 1958. Their mission is Research, Support, and Prevention. The Hearing Health Foundation has always kept research a priority, which led to cochlear implants today. They support improving the lives of people living with hearing loss, tinnitus, and other hearing impairments through outreach programs and education. By raising awareness of what can be done to prevent hearing loss the HHF have created the Safe and Sound program for companies that recognize the importance of protecting their employees and customers hearing.

Autism Speaks is the nation's leading Charity helping children with autism. Autism is a developmental disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate and develop relationships, and which is often characterized by repetitive behaviors.

These are the three charities that make up Royal Arch Research Assistance, which is the main charity of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons on Michigan.

If you or your Chapter is interested in donating, please send them to:

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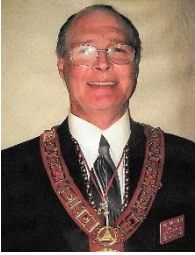
or

General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons-International
Attn: RARA
P.O. Box 128, Greenfield, IN 46140-0128.

I would like to thank the General Grand Chapter for providing me with the information data used to write this article and would like to encourage everyone to consider Royal Arch Research Assistance when considering who they are going to support in their charitable donations.

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Companions all:

Well, here we are with the Lords birthday and Holiday Season upon us. Most of us wait to give to our favorite charity until this time of year and some give all year around. It's my hopes that when giving this year each one of the Chapters that financially can consider a contribution to the RARA as well as helping on an individual basis. Gifts to the RARA can be sent to our Grand Secretary, Don Galway, PGHP and made payable to the RAM Foundation with a memo "RARA".

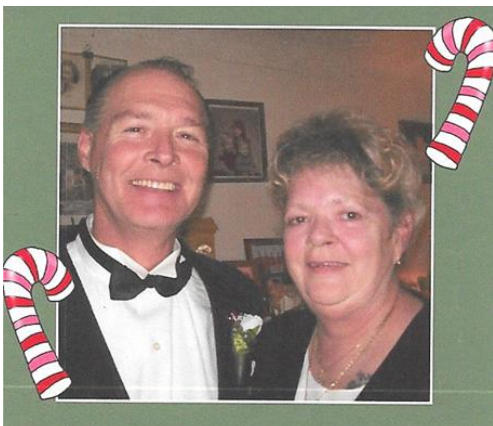
Snow is piling up here in the North country and just a reminder when you're shoveling" Rome wasn't built in a day", give it a break now and then and speaking of breaks, be safe in driving that slippery wet stuff. Midge and I will be staying home and letting the kids come see us.

Hope all the deer hunters were successful. Makes for a nice holiday dinner, that roast will. My cousin was lucky enough to bag an elk this year. Looking forward to some of that on the table.

From our family to yours, have a safe, prosperous and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!.

Fraternally,

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



Greetings Companions:

December, the month we celebrate the Birth of our Savior, and the end of one year and the start of a new one. Companions, as we gather with family and friends to share the memories of the past year events, and exchange greetings and possible gifts. Let us not forget the Companions and widows we have lost touch with, pick up the phone or better yet go visit with them, bring holiday greetings along with brotherly love and friendship.

Let us not forget the less fortunate, especially the children. Reminder this adage, it is far better to give than receive. Reach into your heart and pocket book and give a helping hand to those in need.

On a personal note, we have just returned from Seattle, Washington. We had a great visit with our two youngest grandchildren and of course their parents.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
R.E.C. Don Mayville,
Grand Master of the 3rd Veil.





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Greetings!

Last month I featured an article on the trowel. I hope it sparked a discussion or provided an opportunity for you personally to pause for a moment and reflect. While I won't be including an educational piece every month, my intent is to share more in the coming months. I believe "Masonic Education" is one of our founding principles that we have, over time, allowed to fall by the wayside. I'm hoping it finds its way back into our Masonic meetings or featured at special gatherings such as a Table Council.

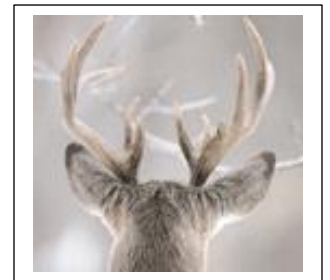
As you know, much of Masonry is based on symbolism rooted in a deeper meaning to guide our day to day thoughts, words and deeds. It's through this study of these founding ideals that we could build our temple into a strong edifice worthy of what our creator had envisioned. As we travel along on our busy paths, we need to pause and take heed of what we are doing and how our words and actions are impacting those around us whether it's our family, friends, neighbors, Masonic Brothers and Sisters or society in general. This time of year, naturally tends to lend itself to our pausing and reflecting. So, whatever your faith, I hope this season finds you taking a moment to enjoy the treasures all around us and provide you the opportunity to display the true meaning of our ideals. When we do this, we are worthy of being called a Mason!

Throughout my travels as Most Illustrious, I have had the pleasure to meet many new Companions. What a blessing each of you are. Your dedication to the craft, your years of giving of your time, talent and purse is greatly appreciated. Your stories and experiences are the thread that binds us all together as one "Sacred Society of Companions and Brothers."

From my home to yours, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah or Kwanzaa to each of you! May the New Year be filled with good health and memories to last a lifetime.

Safe travels, enjoy the journey and God's speed to all.

Fraternally,
 Gary L. Paquet,
 Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. Masons of Michigan



Upcoming All Degree Days:

Flint will be hosting an All Degree Day on February 3, 2018 at the Flint Masonic Temple and Schoolcraft will be hosting one on March 3, 2018. Any Council that has a Brother desiring obtaining "further light in Masonry" by joining the Council, here's yours and/or their opportunity. Please contact Ron Siegwald for Flint or Richard Stange for Schoolcraft. Additionally, if you are interested in performing a part, there will be a sign-up sheet on our website: www.rsm-mi.org. Hope to see you there.



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Dear Sir Knights and Ladies:

Christmas is a very magical time of the year. With the stores revving up with their sales, they seem to start earlier and earlier every year. All the hustle and bustle, the Christmas decorations, the Christmas music and the shopping for those special presents for Family and Friends. And all the children (young and old), trying so hard to be good so Santa will keep them on the NICE list.

As Christians what should always be foremost in our minds is the Birth of our Blessed Redeemer. As Sir Knights, we have the chance to Worship with our fraters as each Commandery has their Christmas Observance. As I have attended different Commanderies through the years I've noticed that each one adds their own unique touch to their services. However you decide to Worship on that day, bear in mind that thousands of Knights throughout the world are celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ our Savior with you.

The Grand Commandery Officers will once again be visiting the Masonic Pathways on December 10 at 10:00 a.m. We will be passing out goodies to the residents after the Service. Contact our Grand Generalissimo if you would be available to join us and to what kind of goodies that you will be bringing to pass out. Last year was a success with the residents and we hope to once again bring some Joy to our Brothers and Sisters.

I hope that you make every effort to attend the Blue Lodge Installations in your area. Many may want an Honor Guard for their Installation so take the time to explain to them what we are all about. Have a petition with you and you might get a New Knight in the future.

I am still looking for Sir Knights who want to enroll in the Emerging Leadership Program put on by Grand Encampment. This year it will be held in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on March 10, at the East Central Conference. It is by Invitation only, so I need your names and addresses as soon as possible so you will be pre-registered. It is a very worthwhile training experience for anyone who aspires to become a better leader.

We welcomed the following 10 Sir Knights into our Order Last month: S.K. Kevin Alan Rumsey from Marshal #17, S.K. Dennis D. Southwell and S.K. Jeffery Wayne Miner from Adrian #4, S.K. Elin Reed from Pontiac #2, S.K. Bruce Wayne James from Jackson #9, S.K. Scott Dehaan from DeMolay#5, S.K. Brian Keith Simon and S.K. Scott Douglas Waldron from Lansing #25, S.K. David Lawrence Weil from Northville #39 and S.K. Glenn Marshal Dickerson from Mt. Clemens #51.

Finally, from our house to yours, Jeanne and I wish the very best to you this Christmas Season and the Happiest New Year. Don't forget about our Service Members who are not able to be with their families during this Holiday Season. May God protect them and keep them safe from all harm while they are protecting our FREEDOM.

In Unity,
 S.K. Michael Whiting,
 Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan



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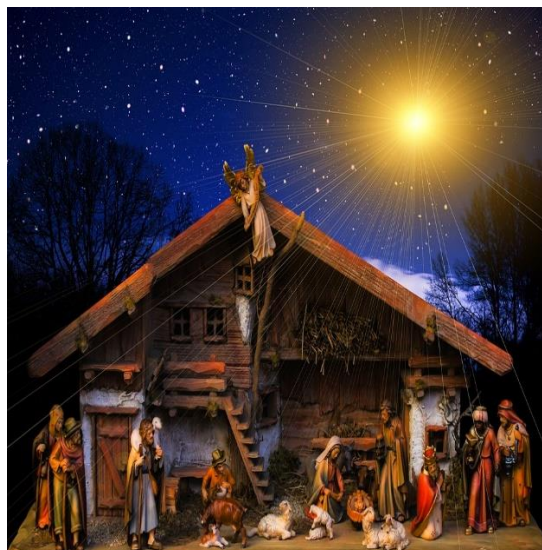
Christmas Message

The Yule season is upon us once again. Originally Yule was a pagan celebration of the winter solstice marking the shortest day and longest night of the year. It was looked upon as a new beginning of gaining more light every day. Under the influence of Constantine, Christianity adopted this time to celebrate the birth of our Savior, which is another kind of new beginning for mankind. God became incarnate upon the earth, a unity of divinity with humanity through Jesus Christ, and through this union a new path to salvation for fallen man. I can think of no better reason to celebrate this time of year.

Let our celebrations be a time for renewing friendships with each other as we share in God's gift to man. Jesus gave us instructions on how to treat one another. Forgive those that may have offended you and return kindness to all. Give to the needy, care for the sick and love one another.

To our Right Eminent Grand Commander and all the Sir Knights of Michigan, let us celebrate the season with a new beginning within ourselves.

Fraternally,
S.K. Lawrence Hyde, Grand Prelate





DeMolay

The Christmas Season is approaching and Michigan DeMolay wants to wish a happy and safe Holiday Season of all the Companions and their families. We also wish a safe and happy Holiday Season to the entire Masonic family. Michigan DeMolay has been busy and will continue to be busy through the end of the year. The Legion of Honor Investiture was held on November 4, 2017, at the Clio Masonic Center and seven new Legionnaires were created. Most Worshipful Grand Master Woodwyck was not able to attend but was invested privately upon his return from England. The event was well attended and both Michigan State Chapter and the Legionnaires of Michigan performed wonderful ritual work. On November 11, 2017, members of the State Team went to Grand Rapids and participated in their dinner for the Veterans and First Responders. DeMolay thanks all our Veterans and First Responders for their service as they live our seventh precept of Patriotism. In the upcoming weeks, there are a couple of events that the Companions should consider attending. First, on December 15, 2017; Port Huron Chapter is holding their membership event at a local theatre for a showing of the new Star Wars movie. The cost of this event is \$8.00 and all members and prospects are invited. Tickets are limited so please contact Dad Olson at 810-824-3423. Second, Michigan State Chapter will be holding a degree day at the Clio Masonic Center on December 30, 2017. Both degrees will be conferred and for most Companions, the DeMolay Degree is a must-see event. This Degree has a play as a component and the young men of DeMolay do an excellent job. For more information contact Justin Long, State Master Councilor or myself. Now, there are five (5) new candidates that are scheduled to become new DeMolay and we hope that there will be more. Michigan DeMolay is on the move with membership and by the end of the year, we could have initiated over 15 new members. Remember if you have a son, nephew, 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 any of the upcoming events 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'Aguianno, Exec. Officer of MI DeMolay



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

It's that most wonderful time of the year and Michigan Rainbow Girls are no exception. Thanksgiving is done, and our Christmas activities are just beginning.

December 2nd will find us at the Livonia Masonic Temple for our Dad's Day Grand Officer Exemplification. As of now, we have one new member joining us that day and we will all be excited to have her. That evening, we will be joining the Trenton Masonic Family at the Trenton Christmas Parade where we will march in the parade and help to hand out 100's of stuffed animals to children along the parade route. Then we'll go back to the Trenton Temple and have a sleepover (probably not much sleep).

On December, 10th the Rainbow and Eastern Star Grand Families will be getting together at the Howell Masonic Temple to celebrate Christmas. I understand that Santa Claus is going to make an appearance along with an ornament exchange, good food, and good visiting with our counterparts.

A short 15 days later is Christmas Day. We take a break from our Masonic activities to spend time with our families and to let the girls enjoy being out of school. Many of the local Assemblies plan fun events between Christmas and New Years. Meanwhile, the adults get to conclude the 2017 year of service and begin plans for 2018. We wish you a joyful Christmas season and a happy and healthy 2018.

Fraternally,
Maureen Riley, Supreme Inspector



MICHIGAN JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL

Hello Masonic Family!

Michigan Job's Daughters has been busy, busy, busy! Our November exemplification day started out with having the amazing opportunity to march in the Grand Rapids Santa Parade early in the morning of November 18. It was a cold morning, but the rain held off until we were finished, so that was amazing! We carried Job's Daughters signs, and passed out candy with business cards attached, to promote our order...and even made it onto the local news!



After the parade, we had a soup and sandwich lunch at the Grand Rapids Masonic Center, where we assembled shoeboxes for "Operation Christmas Child". The items have been collected over the past few months, and the boxes came from the non-profit organization that sponsors the program and distributes the life-changing gifts to children in need all around the world. Our Grand Bethel Honored Queen (Miss Liliy) set a goal to fill 50 boxes, and we surpassed that goal, by filling 58 boxes!



Michigan Job's Daughters continues to grow by magical leaps and bounds. At our exemplification on November 18, we initiated a new member for Evart Bethel # 74. And then on Monday, November 20, we traveled to Mt Pleasant, to help initiate 2 MORE members. [Mt Pleasant Bethel # 61](#) started this term in June with ONE active daughter, and have steadily gained new members since then. Following the initiation on November 20, they are now up to EIGHT members!!! Being such a small Bethel, with mostly brand new members, several Bethels came together to help with the initiation. Shout out to Bethel's 10 Grand Rapids, 18 Menominee, 23 Walled Lake, and 86 Ravenna for the help and support! And especially to our Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Miss Liliy, who took a supporting role as the Guardian Angel of the brand-new members to help with their initiation parts.



Coming up, we have our Christmas party in Alma on December 2, which will be followed by a holiday variety show to entertain the residents of Masonic Pathways! Please feel free to come and join us for the show, at 2:00 p.m. on December 2!

Happy Holidays to ALL!

Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Brower,
Vice Grand Guardian
Michigan Job's Daughters