



Michigan Triple Tau *Official Publication of the* *Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons* **JULY 2025**

Dear Companions and Everyone:

I can't believe how hot and humid it is. Yes, we wanted warmer but not this wet. If we have an activity on the front porch here at Masonic Pathways, we also need a 10-mile an hour breeze. Several people we know have come down with heat stroke. They were our workers we depend on. Please don't do that, I have already experienced it due to being stuck in a warm spot without water. Keep hydrated Companions and everyone you know!

Before I forget it, please have a happy and safe Fourth of July. It is weird but as a family we give everyone a call just to make sure we don't lose any fingers or toes. It's not just family either, our neighbors do crazy things too. Even here at Masonic Pathways, there are some things to get excited about.

This issue has two candidates for the open chair. If you are interested call our Grand Secretary Don. He can tell you what you need to know for running a campaign. The Grand Officers have written some good articles and left reminders for you too. In our Education section Companion Kevin Brown, PHP, is talking about "Brotherly Love". There is a flyer for the Cherry Festival in Traverse City, Michigan. A flyer for the Outdoor Degrees is in here too! Take care and see you all next month! No, the Triple Tau does not have summer months off because things keep happening all year round! Check out the calendar at the website.

Fraternally,
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Companions All,

It seems like yesterday I wrote my Triple Tau article for June, and here it is almost to July. There were all kinds of events going on with the summer weather here upon us. Picnics, parties, golfing, and other outdoor activities are awaiting all of us this summer. The Grand Master's reception on the 22nd of June, and the Rainbow Grand Assembly from the 26th through the 28th of June in Mt. Pleasant and Alma. The York Rite Golf Outing & Picnic will be held in Pinckney this year on July 19th, and there is still time to sign up for the exciting golfing fun, or to sponsor a hole.

Next month will be my last article for the Triple Tau, as there will be a new Grand High Priest elected at the York Rite Grand Session on the 14th of August in Bay City, MI. As I look back on my year as GHP, I sometimes wonder if I made a difference at all. Did I make things better or worse? Did I make things easier or harder? Until I can get answers to those questions, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

With Fervency & Zeal,
WFZ,
Tom Black, MEGHP





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Greetings Companions,

July is the month that we consider as a Golf Course Superintendent, we consider as the halfway point of summer. I always looked forward to slower times and easier workloads. Now as a retired older person I can only think it's half a summer closer to snow. I never look forward to that. Many of the Chapters are dark in July and August, but two big events are to take place.

July is our golf outing and picnic; August is our Grand Session in Bay City. Information and sign up are on the Grand Chapter website. I would like to see good participation at both events. Currently, I don't have any other items to inform you about. If any Chapters are having trouble getting candidates through degree work, please let me know or the Grand Chapter office. We can help you.

Fraternally,
 Dave Montgomery, Grand King



"Hey Mister, are you sure you put the ball in?
 I just can't see it for nothing, even with my whole
 head in here!"

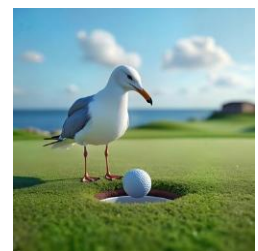
Greetings Companions:

How fast the month has flown by it seems like I just wrote an article yesterday. Spring is almost gone here in northern Michigan the trees are in full bloom and fruit is appearing on the vine. The wildlife has made their presence known the deer have dropped their fawns and it looks like a rabbit boom this year so be very careful if you are out and about. The summer months are about to begin so take extra caution when you are enjoying the boating season.

The Grand Officers have been very busy making visitations and helping the Chapters with their work. I hope those of you who attended the Grand Masters reception on Sunday, June 22nd, had a great time. I enjoy visiting Chapters and see the Companions doing most of the degree work themselves. The month of July will be a busy time for us all, remember on July 19th is the Joint York Rite picnic and golf outing so if your Chapter, Council or Commandry wishes to sponsor a golf hole please get your application forms sent in as soon as possible to REC Companion Mike Clark. Please DO NOT wait until the last minute. Also, a quick reminder of the Grand Session will be held on August 14th through the 16th. The information is on the Grand Chapter web page and to get your reservations made early the block of rooms will fill up quickly. I hope all the Fathers had a wonderful Father's Day with their children.

May God bless us all,
 Harold Staley, Grand Scribe

"No Jack, leave my golf ball
 alone!"





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Scribbles Of The Secretary

This may be hard to believe, but we have made it halfway through the year 2025. The duration of the winter season was prolonged, the spring season was notably short, and the summer season has now begun. Most of the Chapters are dark for summer and we are looking for some time off. This of course is not part of the Grand Secretary's routine. The build up for the grand session starts in June and ends in August, and as a reminder to all the committee chairmen of Grand Chapter, your reports are **due July 15th**. This is a dead date for the Grand Secretary as the advanced reports must be printed and sent to the Chapter Secretaries and Past Grands. The Grand Chapter Officers are not off the hook either as their reports are due at the same time.

Summer features various activities, including parades, golf outings, and barbecues. The best place to look for information is the York Rite calendar, which is on the website along with the database. You may also receive information from the Grand Lodges newsletter or website. I can never say this enough, the cheapest way to advertise your event is to use our calendar along with the newsletters that York Rite and Grand Lodge have.

I will look forward to seeing you at one or more events this summer or maybe at a Chapter degree, but should I not see you enjoy your summer.

Fraternally,
Donald.



Did you know there is a lion on the green?

Hooker Chapter #38 is excited to announce the decision for Excellent Companion Brent Raterink as a candidate for the Grand Chapter line of Michigan. His heart is deeply invested in the York Rite, and he is eager to bring positive, impactful attitude. He pledges to work tirelessly to foster growth and serve the Companions of Michigan.

Brent Raterink



For the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

Past Master-Sparta #334, 2018

Alexandria Lodge of Research and Study #1002

DDJ-District #11, 2021-Present

High Priest-Hooker #38

Tyre Council #10 R & S.M.

DeMolai Commandery #5

Mt. Moriah Council #128 AMD

Western College #10 York Rite College

President-Beer City #807 High Twelve Club

Saladin Shriners

Scottish Rite

Robert Cooper PMEGHP, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.



Hello Companions,

My name is John Blanchard, and I am a candidate for one of the open chairs at the annual communication of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. I am proud to carry the support of both my Chapter and Craft Lodge into this adventure. I also carry the support of a steadfast family and social group, grown in large part from this fraternity we enjoy. I look forward to introducing new ideas and creative ways to promote our events and aid our Chapters. Together, we can build our next 177 years.

Past Master - Ira A Beck Lodge No. 503
Past High Priest - Battle Creek Chapter No. 19
Thrice Illustrious Master - Zabud Council No. 9
Captain General - Peninsular Commandery No. 8
Jackson College No. 3
Trinity Council - Knight Masons
Senior Warden - Kalamazoo Valley AMD
Regis Cordis Court - Masonic Order of Athelstan

If you have any questions or need assistance, my personal contact information is below.
I look forward to seeing you all at the Grand Session.

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Royal Arch Education – Brotherly Love

By Comp. Kevin Brown, PHP of Oakland Chapter No. 5

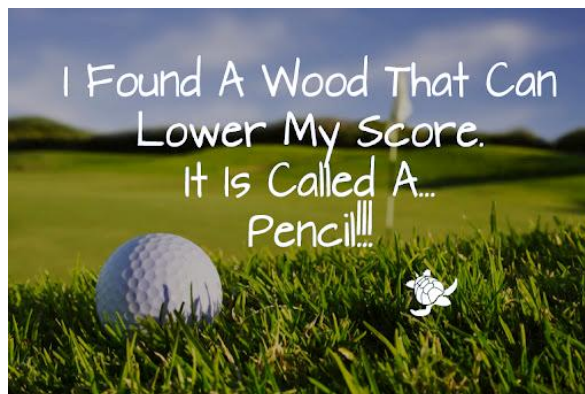
Each individual Royal Arch Mason has his own personal reasons for seeking initiation into Craft Masonry and ultimately joining his local Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. I would encourage all of you, as you enjoy a cup of coffee before or after your Chapter meetings, to ask another Companion the simple question “why did you become a Mason?” Over the years, as I have listened the various answers of Companions I’ve encountered and one common theme tends to emerge: Brotherly Love. Each Companion describes it in his own way using phrases like friendship, brotherhood, a sense of belonging, or a fraternal bond but Brotherly Love is consistently an underlying theme.

If you recall back to the lecture you heard after your initiation into Masonry, we are taught that Brotherly Love is one of the tenets of our profession. It was described as regarding the “whole human species as one family, the high and low, the rich and poor” and we are encouraged to “aid, support, and protect one another.” So often in society today and in our professional lives we are focused on climbing the corporate ladder, earning financial riches, keeping up with the Jones’, or simply looking out for yourself. How refreshing is it to spend a few hours within a Lodge or Chapter in an environment where we are all on the level regardless of what worldly wealth or honor you may have? How comforting it is to know that there is Companion in that room that is looking out for you or simply put “has your 6”?

If you think back to why you sought initiation and if you, like many others, were hoping to find that sense of connection and brotherhood, I would encourage you to spend some time with a Companion you haven’t socialized with in a while. Perhaps invite a new member to meet for coffee one morning or have them join your usual table before the Chapter meeting. You might be surprised how meaningful those discussions and conversations might be for both of you. It would take very little effort to bring life to that statement that “Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.”

A due attention to our ritual and instilling the morals and lessons they are meant to convey is a critical foundation for our beloved institution, but I would caution not to overlook the true value of membership – true friendship and experiencing sincere Brotherly Love.

Fraternally,
Kevin Brown, PHP, Oakland Chapter No. 5





27th Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing

Saturday, July 19th

27th Annual James R. Sprague Memorial York Rite Picnic

- Pinckney Temple, 210 Mann St., Pinckney, MI 48169
- Noon-??? Arrive ~2:00. Food will be served at approx. 3:00 pm.
- Potluck, burgers, brats and hotdogs. Bring a dish to pass. Alcohol is BYOB.
- Water and soda will be available.
- Picnic costs: \$5.00 per person.
- There are several motels nearby, so plan to come early and stay late.

Charity Golf Outing

- Whispering Pines Golf Club, 2500 Whispering Pines Dr., Pinckney, MI 48169
- Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. Single tee start at 9:00 AM.
- Registration fee includes golf and cart. \$65.00 per player.
- The event is a four (4) person scramble. Teams may be all men, all ladies, or mixed. You may submit your team, or we will gladly put one together for you.
- There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, a “Closest to the pin” hole and a “Longest Drive” hole.
- Hole sponsorship is available for \$25. Individuals, Businesses, and Masonic Organizations are welcome to show their support!
 - All profits will be divided between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery Charities.

Make checks payable to: Grand Rapids #7

AND

Mail to: Mike Clark, 6815 Sunrise Ct., Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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2025 York Rite Golf Outing

Sponsor & Registration Form

July 19, 2025

I /We would like to sponsor (individually, as an organization, or as a business) a hole or tee box for only \$25.00 for each hole. Please let the sign(s) read:

Number of holes sponsored _____ x \$25 Total.....\$_____

Golf Sign Up

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

(Registration fee includes golf, cart and picnic) \$65.00/Player

Playing with: _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Enclosed, please find my payment in full of..... \$ _____

Picnic only (\$5.00/person) \$ _____ Number attending picnic: _____

* Make checks payable to: Grand Rapids #7

Please enter "YR GOLF OUTING" on the memo line.

Mail advance registration & checks to:

Mike Clark
6815 Sunrise Ct
Grand Rapids, MI 49546



Greetings, To All Fellow Masons,

The Sir Knights of Hugh DePayen Commandery #47 would like to invite all Masons, and their spouses, and families to join them for the National Cherry Festival Parade to be held on **July 5th, 2025, in Traverse City Michigan.**

This invitation is open to every mason, come too Traverse City, and march in the parade with your fellow masons, and the Commandry. This is, a great way to show our Masonic pride on a national level, and we have a great opportunity to show the different bodies of Masonry at this parade, and for people to take notice and to ask questions, which could lead to new members for this wonderful Brotherhood that we have, so please mark your calendars for, **July 5th, 2025, in Traverse City Michigan.**

We meet at the Traverse City Masonic Lodge, **13360 West Bay Shore Road** between 8:30 am on the day of the parade, and then go to the starting line. When the parade is over, we will go back to the **Traverse City Masonic Lodge** and have lunch together. There is plenty to do for the entire weekend if you choose to do that, there are plenty of hotels in the area without staying in Traverse City, if you chose to do that, the hotels in the city can get rather expensive, due to this being their peak time.

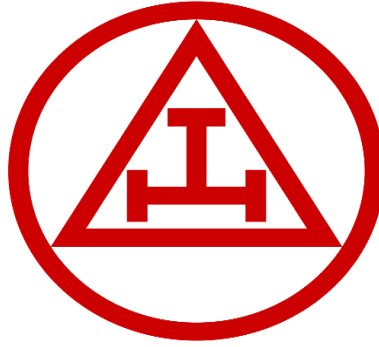
The festival is a great time to be had by the entire family, there are activities the week prior to the parade, and they have fireworks throughout the week, and they usually have them on the evening of the parade. Come join us as we put Masonry on a **National** stage and share our Brotherhood with the thousands of people along the parade route.

Please RSVP **Edward Gonzalez, Recorder of #47 @ darthzalez211@gmail.com.**

Courteously,

The Sir Knights of Hugh DePayens Commandery #47





MM, PM, MEM, RA

In Reed City, Michigan, carved out of the woods on the Eastern border of the Manistee National Forest, is the home of the Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day. Owned by a Royal Arch Mason, this 5-acre property will host the Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day the first Saturday after Labor Day every year. This year, the outdoor degree will be on September 6th, 2025.

2021: John Ames Class	71 individuals total	17 candidates
2022: Mike Whiting Class	97 individuals total	33 candidates
2023: Larry Inscho Class	99 individuals total	34 candidates
2024: Bob Cooper Class	91 individuals total	22 candidates
2025: Dave Dossette Class	?????	?????

Beginning at 10:00 Sharp!!!

- Mark Master
- Past Master
- Most Excellent Master
- BBQ lunch
- Royal Arch Degree
- Fun, Fellowship, & Hospitality all day long.

“Royal Arch Outdoor Degree 2025” hats are \$13, and “Royal Arch outdoor Degree 2025” red polos are \$20. This IS outdoor in the woods. Normal attire, for this degree will be what you would wear in the woods: hiking boots, jeans, perhaps a red shirt. Wear what you want; however, this is **not** the best place for a coat, tie, & dress shoes. But please bring a chair. Candidates are encouraged to bring an extra pair of shoes & socks.

Exit 159 on US 131. Approximately ½ mile north of 10417, 220th AVE. Reed City, MI.
Follow the Royal Arch signs.



Outdoor Degree Sign-Up

(Please print legibly)

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Shirt Size and quantity _____

Hat quantity _____

Make checks payable to “Judy Simons” for hats & Shirts. Please send information BY SEPTEMBER 1st for your shirt and hat. If you don’t want a shirt or hat, please sign up anyway to ensure we have enough food.

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