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Dear Companions and Everyone:

What a great couple of days we had the last part of September. The days were not so hot and muggy, and the nights were perfect for leaving the windows open. That is if you had the window screens in, so you didn't get carried away by the mosquitoes. My, those biting insects are many this time around.

I heard that the Outdoor All-Degree day was another great outing to add to the books. We picked up 20+ new members this year. If you went away hungry, that was your own fault. Good food and new fresh faces what more could you ask for? I am so glad that it was a success again.

On upcoming events, the Grand York Rite Banquet and Reception will be on Saturday, October 26th. It is being held at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The address is 145 Creyts Rd., in Lansing, Michigan. You must have your Reservations in by October 18th.

If you haven't had the chance to see what the "Tuesdays with Tom" channel on YouTube is like. I have watched the first two episodes, and it is great! Wish the other Grands would do this for their masonic appendant bodies. The calendar is another tool you could use to tell others when your next meeting is or when your next degree work will be. Check these tools out. I learned how to fix my sink by YouTube. Being I am an "old lady", I was thrilled to get my sink back in working condition. Until next month, stay safe and well.

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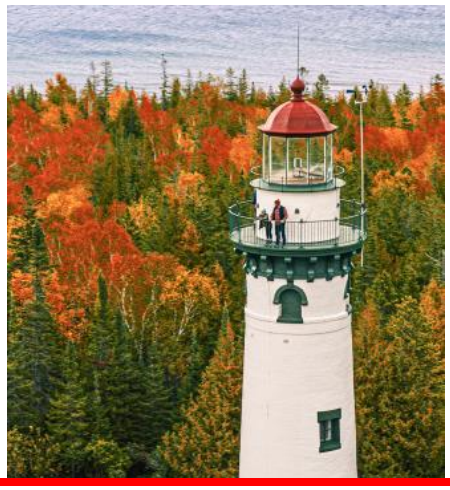
Greetings Companions:

Good Gawd; what a month!!! After the Michigan Grand Session, I was able to go to Iosco Chapter #83, Lapeer Chapter #91, Ingham #51, Paw-Paw #34, Hooker #38, and Grand Rapids #7. The Grand Chapter was an integral part of the Outdoor all-degree day where we exalted 22 candidates. I was also able to attend the Kentucky Grand Session, Tyre Council #10 R&SM, DeMolai Commandry #5, Lisbon-Crescent #229 F&AM, Grand Chapter Educational Seminar, the Grand Lodge Legacy Society, and Mt. Moriah AMD. Enough about me.

The Michigan Royal Arch Masons have exalted 24 men in the last month, with 4 more getting ready to receive all 4 Capitular degrees, and 4 more getting ready to receive just the last 2 degrees in Royal Arch. I know some Chapters are struggling with the basics of opening and closing after going dark in the Summer, but with patience and strength, and visits with their DDI's and Grand Chapter Officers, I am sure the Chapters will have everything memorized by Halloween.

The YouTube Channel "Tuesdays with Tom" is up and running with the first 2 episodes posted and the 3rd episode scheduled for recording this week. You can find it on You Tube as Tom_Black_GHP. Also, the Certificate of Excellence qualifications have been emailed to your Secretary over a month ago. Contact your Secretary for a copy and get with a mentor so you can receive your Certificate of Excellence: Framed, sealed with the Grand Chapter Seal, and signed by the Grand High Priest. Don't forget the Grand York Rite Banquet and Reception on October 26th. These also, have been emailed to your Secretaries. Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

With Fervency and Zeal,
Tom Black, MEGHP



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Fall is officially here, and the weather is starting to change. This is one of my favorite times of the year. The colors are changing, the weather is comfortable with a light jacket. When I hunted this was my favorite time of the year.

September was a busy month with having the Royal Arch degree day at the Grand High Priests property in Reed City. We had a good turnout for the degrees along with the work being done in very good form. The cooks put on a very good meal, as has been the case since the beginning. The grand line was in Kentucky for their annual convocation. This event is always a lot of fun as we have been visiting them for a long time, and they reciprocate annually with us. Next the Educational Seminar was held at the Midland Chapter this year. We could always have a larger attendance at this event as there is always good information that come from it, with the Grand Scribe putting a lot of effort onto putting it on.

October will be almost as busy as September was. The DeMolay State Master Councilors Reception will be held on October 5th at the Port Huron Masonic Ballroom. Degrees will be at 2:00 PM and followed by the Social Hour at 5:00 PM and Dinner at 6:00 PM. Information is on the DeMolay website. Ohio's convocation is the 9th and 10th in Crowne Plaza, Columbus North-Worthington, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43229. The York Rite Grand Officers banquet will be held on the 26th of October. This should round out the month of October.

The secret of getting information out to the Chapters, is to use the calendar for that purpose. We are not fully using this venue. Your Secretaries are the best resource for this information, conclaves, degrees and events are all available to be placed on the calendar. We color coded the calendar to make easier for Chapter, Council and Commandry. The best thing is it doesn't cost anything but a little time.

Fraternally,
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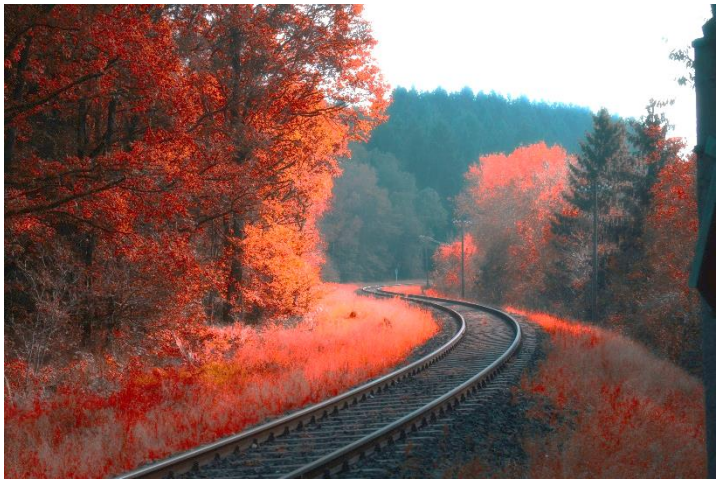
Greetings Companions,

September was a busy month for me and all the line of Grand Officers. The outdoor degree was a great success again this year. The Kentucky York Rite Grand Session was well attended by most of the Michigan Grand line, and everyone is out and visiting all the Chapters.

October 26th is the Michigan York Rite Grand Officers Reception. It will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel at 145 Creyts Rd., in Lansing. Reservations must be made by October 18th.

I will be out getting my remaining visits in for my assigned Chapters and sitting up Schools of Instruction for my assigned Chapters. Get out and participate in your Chapter, look forward to seeing everyone.

Fraternally,
Dave Montgomery Grand King



Greeting Companions,

This is the time of the year our days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting longer. Fall in northern Michigan has finally arrived. This is the time of the year everyone is waiting for the beautiful color foliage. The vegetable gardens are almost harvested, and the birds are starting their migration.

This year the outdoor degree was another success Kudos to MEC Tom Black for all the preparation he does. The Grand Chapter officers have just returned from the Kentucky Grand York Rite Session. We all had a wonderful time. Thank you, Kentucky.

I just held the Educational Seminar on September 21, 2024, at the Midland masonic center. There was a great turn out of Companions around twenty-five Companions! Four of them were Past Grand High Priests. I thank you for your attendance. I was disappointed that only one DDI was present. I thank you PMEC Brent Helm for your attendance. I would like to thank the companions who did attend and engage in participation. This is what a training instructor hopes he can accomplish and that's what we accomplished on Saturday, September 21st, 2024.

Please check out the Grand Chapter Calander for some important upcoming events in October. In closing I would like to thank Midland Lodge for the use of their facility and a special thank you to my friend and Companion Brother Craig Sharp who made my Educational Seminar a success.

God Bless,
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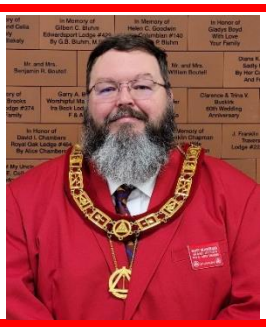
Greetings Companions All.

The month of Halloween is upon us. Be careful and kind to the little beggars at your doors. The month of October also opens many areas to deer hunting (archery, etc.) Be careful to and from the woods, afield and such at this beautiful time of year. Enjoy what mother nature has provided. This of course would include the pesky squirrels which sometimes sounds like a herd of deer coming your way. And too, the darn bluejays that alarm every deer within miles that you are in the woods. Amazing how God's little creatures know.

Already said by others, the All-Degree-Day of September 07, 2024, was well attended. I believe there were 19 or 20 candidates now exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons. Cast work done well by all. If you have never attended the All-Degree-Day in Reed City, Michigan, you are denying yourself.
I have not been to all outdoor degrees in our great State, but hard to imagine any one better. I encourage you to attend the All-Degree-Day in Reed City 2025.

I will close this month's article from myself only to remind all Royal Arch Chapters, if you need help with something, reach out to your Grand Officers for guidance. Be sure to attend your Chapters. I am now going out to mow my orchard so I can see the wildlife.

Fraternally yours,
David A Patterson PHP, REGPS



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Greeting Companions:

It is with great humility and gratitude I write my inaugural article for the Triple Tau. I would like to thank the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, and especially the Companions of Battle Creek Chapter No. 19 for entrusting me to serve as your Grand Royal Arch Captain. I am additionally beyond blessed to have the support of my wife, Lady Dawn.

It has been a busy month since Grand Session. Initially, traveling to the Outdoor Degree Day in Reed City where we exalted over 30 new Companions. I have had the pleasure to visit Lapeer and Alma Chapters where I had opportunity to reconnect with friends and forge some new ones. My travel partner and I returned to Lapeer for a Royal Arch Degree in which two new Companions were exalted. It is always a blessing to have new Royal Arch Masons.

It has come to my attention; some Chapters have candidates in waiting. If you could use assistance performing degree work, please reach out to your DDI, the Grand Secretary, or any Grand Officer. I'm sure many Companions would be willing to assist.

I encourage all Companions to be active in their local Masonic community and promote their Chapters to the members of the Blue Lodge. They won't know what they are missing if we don't let them know.

I look forward to the journey ahead.

Respectfully,
Scott Blanchard, REC Grand Royal Arch Captain

Royal Arch Education
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The first experience a new Companion has upon petitioning a Chapter is the Mark Master degree. It is very much a continuation of the Fellowcraft degree, expands our working tools to reinforce discipline & education while correcting our irregularities, teaches us honesty, and reminds us of our obligation to another Brother Mark Mason in need.

It is the first time in our masonic journey that we reference the New Testament, but when we read Mathew 20 our thoughts align with the context of our recent experience – to that of being paid for our work in the quarries. We are cautious not to have firolous levity at this point of the ceremony but we do highlight our frustration that the newest Companion gets the same pay for barely working just one hour. It is human grumble a bit, especially if you are one of those that were hired early in the morning. The message however, isn't about jealously or that rich vineyard owners can do whatever they want with their money. So what is the point of the parable? Aren't we all Masons that "meet on the level?"

I was taught by Pastor Brian Weaver (Peace Church of Hurst,TX), that reading preceding verses often gives you additional context. Matthew 19:24-26 *"Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

Then as I re-read the parable of Laborers in the Vineyard it takes on a completely different meaning. Paraphrasing the notes in the Lutheran Study Bible, we cannot earn our way into that house not made with hands. No matter how hard we work to perfect our rough ashler, even with refinement by the engraver's chisel and mallet, we will never truly achieve perfection but this does not mean we shouldn't continue our efforts. Our admission to that celestrial building is through the grace of the GAOTU and we should be thankful that we have the opportunity for "the last to be first, and the first last."

Fraternally,

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