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Dear Companions And Everyone:

Happy New Year! Good news from the Masonic Pathways HFA. We were given the first Covid-19 virus vaccine shot on December 28<sup>th</sup>! Three weeks later we will receive the last dose and be protected against getting sick. Yes, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Page 7 is by itself so you can take it and send in your reservations for St. Clair's Chapter. They are sponsoring the George Washington's Birthday Celebration dinner on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Wear your mask and bring the hand sanitizer with you too. You can never have enough of the sanitizer on hand.

Thank you to all who sent in articles. Especially the awesome photo from Afghanistan! If you have an article that would inspire or help us educationally, please send it to our Grand Secretary. If we can use it we will.

Fraternally,  
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

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Greetings and Happy New Year Companions

I hope that everyone had a great and safe Holiday. With a new year comes a renewed hope that things will get better soon. We have a full lineup of Chapter activities coming up in the months ahead. Keep your fingers crossed and pray that all goes well, and we can enjoy our masonic family once again. With the downtime of not being able to attend meetings or participate in degree work, I hope that everyone is still studying their ritual. We have many Brothers that are looking forward to joining Chapter and it would be great for them to receive the best work that I know you are all capable of doing. Be safe, take appropriate precautions, follow policies and procedures. I am looking forward to a great year and seeing all of you soon in person.

Fraternally,

Eldin Miller, M.E.G.H.P.





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## *Secretaries Scribbles*

You should receive this after the New Year and we can only hope that 2021 is better than 2020. I will not jinx us by saying that it couldn't get any worse. One of the biggest mistakes I ever made was buying a 2020 pocket planner, which was a total waste of money. We know as of this writing, we have two covid vaccines. I will not editorialize here on the pros and cons of getting the vaccine, that is a decision that has to be made by you and you alone.

We are embarking on a new year and at this time we have no idea what the future will bring. There are a couple of things on the calendar at this time, but they are not for certain. We can not make long-ranging plans as we still do not know what the Governor will do after the first of the year. I for one will not even try to second guess her. Everything that is planned so far is in February, as January is a non-start at this time.

We as an organization that lives by future planning and in these troubling times, it is impossible for us to do so. I would urge our Chapters to stay in touch with their membership, by zoom meetings or a conference call. Personal contact is paramount in these times. A brief phone call to a member can lift the spirit of a person who may otherwise be down in the dumps. We all get wrapped up in our thoughts and troubles. I find for myself that when I feel this way, I like to reach out to someone that I haven't spoken to for some time to see and hear how they are doing. Speaking or seeing facetime, is another way of communicating with a member, it is easy and a fun way to talk. If you don't know how I am sure one of your kids or grandkids can show you how in no time. Just don't be offended if they ask what you learned in kindergarten, Gramps.

2020 is past and we couldn't wait to have it over, it has been a trying year for everyone. We all have our reasons for wishing it over and it has finely come to an end. The bad part is 2021 isn't shaping up to be much better. We can only hope that as we get deeper into 2021 things will begin to turn, we will never get back to normal. We don't know what normal is, only what we think it was, and for everyone different. I am sure that things will get better. I am also sure that as time goes on. things will be different and we can only hope for better, not worse. I will leave with this thought. "Optimism is going fishing for Moby Dick and bringing the Tarter Sauce With You". Here is hoping for a much better New Year. Stay healthy and safe.

Donald



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Companions:

Everyone hang in there, we will get through this.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Heaven, Grand King

**Usually, we would have heard from REC Jeff Heaven but looks like he forgot!**

**I needed a place to put REC Tom Black's photo of him near the end of his deployment. Looks like it was warm there. Thanks for the photo, Tom. You look like a super tough guy.**  
The Editor



Greetings Companions:

The holiday season has just ended, hope all of you enjoyed this festive time of the year with families, friends, and renewed acquaintances. The most important celebration is the birth of our Lord and Savior at this very memorable time of the year.

On a personal note our Christmas Celebration this year is limited to the two oldest Grand Children and their parents.

I will admit I did miss the Lodge's New Year's Eve party and of course the Lodge's breakfast with Santa.

Let's not forget those New Year resolutions, I hope you made one for the improvement of your Chapter.

In the upcoming year let's show our PRIDE in being a YORK RITE MASON and pass this on to NEW MEMBERS and our current membership.

Looking forward, we have all Degree Days, East Central, school of instructions and inspections, Grand Conclave, Tri-Sate, and above all let us not forget George Washington's birthday celebration on February 20, 2021. Please see the flyer on the [ram-mi.org](http://ram-mi.org) web site. Please try to attend and participate in as many events as you can. Through participation, you'll receive a much better understanding of being a York Rite Mason.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,  
REC Don Mayville, Grand Scribe



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## George Washington's Birthday Celebration

Held on

**February 20, 2021**

### Greetings Companions:

This year will be a Christmas to remember as we mask up, socially distance, and facetime or zoom with family and friends. I remember my first Christmas in the Middle East and it was just another day. Nothing had changed from the day-to-day operations except there were packages from home for many individuals and a Christmas tree in the mess hall. After many Christmas and New Year's spent overseas, the days just rolled into each other, as the mission never changed. I remember asking a teammate of mine when Christmas Day was; he told me it was yesterday. I had missed it. As I have been back in the United States for 8 Christmas' in a row, I will never take Christmas Day for granted again.

Please remember this holiday season that it is not just an expensive present with flashy wrapping paper and a bow; but giving the gift of time, effort, and energy to those who cannot experience Christmas as I have the last 8 years. Military, police, and emergency responders will be seeing the 25<sup>th</sup> of December as just another day to work and continue with their mission of keeping Americans safe. Loki and I wish you all the blessings our Creator can bestow on you. As this year comes to a close, and the holiday season is upon us, please remember that it is in giving that we receive. God bless you all.

REC Tom Black  
Grand Principal Sojourner

### Greetings Companion Secretaries,

As most of you know, Caro Chapter hosted the George Washington Birthday dinner for 100 years. Unfortunately, they are no longer able to host this fine event. St. Clair Chapter has decided to continue the tradition by hosting a birthday celebration for Brother Washington on Saturday, February 20, 2021.

Attached to this email is an invitation letter, dinner reservation form, and motel accommodation information. If you would be so kind, please read the attached information at your stated Convocations in December and January, whether you meet in person or online. We would like to share this information with as many Companions as possible.

If you are no longer the Secretary of your Chapter, please pass this information along to the current Secretary or High Priest of your Chapter. Thanks in advance for your help in getting the word out.

We at St. Clair Chapter wish each of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. Wear your masks and stay safe.

Fraternally,  
Bill Herlihy, PHP



## St. Clair Chapter No. 12, Royal Arch Masons St. Clair, Michigan

November 1, 2020

Dear Companions,

For 100 years, Caro Chapter hosted a dinner every February in honor of George Washington's birthday. It was always an enjoyable occasion, with good food and great Masonic fellowship. Sadly, Caro Chapter is no longer able to host this wonderful event.

With that thought in mind, St. Clair Chapter No. 12 has decided to continue the tradition, and host a birthday celebration in honor of our first President. A traditional turkey dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2021, at the Marysville Masonic Temple, 1569 Michigan Ave., Marysville, Michigan. A brief program will follow dinner.

Reservations are required, with advanced payment. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Please see the enclosed page for a dinner reservation and motel accommodation information.

**The dinner reservation deadline is February 1, 2021.**  
**The motel room reservation deadline is January 18, 2021.**

Companions and Ladies, please plan to attend and help carry on one of Michigan's great York Rite traditions. We look forward to seeing each of you.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
David A. Heise, High Priest



# George Washington Birthday Celebration Dinner Reservation Form

Name: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending @ \$20 per person: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ **There will be no ticket sales at the door**

Please make checks payable to **St. Clair Chapter No. 12.**

Send reservations with payment to:

St. Clair Chapter No. 12, R.A.M.

Terry G. Baker, Secretary

875 Wadhams Rd.

Kimball, MI 48074

The dinner reservation deadline is **February 1, 2021**

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## Motel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved for Friday, February 19, 2021, and Saturday, February 20, 2021, at the SUPER 8 Motel, 1484 Gratiot Blvd., Marysville, Michigan.

The following special rates have been arranged:

2 double bed standard room - \$89.99 per night plus tax

1 king bed standard room – \$84.99 per night plus tax

Rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis. Make your reservations early. When the rooms are gone, they're gone. If you need special accommodations (e.g. handicap accessible room) please make arrangements when you make your reservation. All rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card. Make your room reservations directly with the motel at (810) 364-7500.

Please mention the Group Name **Royal Arch Masons** when making your reservations.

**The room reservation deadline is Monday, January 18, 2021.**

**Please note that this is not the same date as the dinner reservation deadline**