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Dear Companions and Everyone:

Happy New Year to all! I have waited for the year 2021 to be ending before it was Halloween in October. All around our world there have been temporary shutdowns of offices, schools, shopping malls and other stores. You never know if a restaurant will be open or closed because a lack of staff. So, I have decided to turn the page and move on.

Masonic Pathways has opened up, but we still have restrictions to deal with. If you want to visit someone here, call first and get the latest scoop on what is required. Our Christmas Dinner was good and so was our 2:00 p.m. New Year's Party. A few of us watched the ball drop in New York City!

I have been promised that next month the Youth Groups will have copy for us. This month's issue is a repeat from Job's Daughters, but the article tells you where you can visit them. Only restriction is wearing a mask.

I again thank those of you for sending in articles. My heart goes out to those of you who had the Covid virus attack you or your loved ones. It is still a scary place out there so stay safe and healthy.

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Greetings Companions,

On December 2nd, 1996, the band Counting Crows released a song called "A Long December" Their Lead singer Adam Duritz was inspired to write the track after his friend was hit by a car, making the song about reflecting on tragedy with a positive disposition. This song has been on my mind this past week as I heard myself saying those same words. December started out with my Mother-in-Law being hospitalized and incubated on a ventilator for over two weeks with Covid. Happily, she survived and is recovering, although slowly. Two weeks without moving causes a person to lose muscle and she lost 45lbs worth. After lots of physical therapy and rehabilitation she came home on Christmas Eve, therefore we are calling her our Christmas Miracle. So too, like Adam Duritz, we are reflecting on a tragedy with a positive disposition.

It's been "A Long December" and I am glad to see it come to an end.

Here's to the New Year. May we all be blessed with a fantastic 2022!

Fraternally,
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Most Excellent Grand High Priest





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Scribbles of The Secretary

Well, the first thing that I can think of is, we made it through this year. How I will never know, but we did. For the most part, our members made it through the year and for that we can be very thankful. We seem to be having a little trouble getting our members back into a routine of attending meetings again and I hope that this doesn't take too long.

We have a number of events coming in the next few months. January will host the Education Seminar on the 22nd. Masonic Pathways will host this event (if Covid doesn't interfere). February will start with an all-degree day on the 5th, being held at Pontiac Masonic Temple. Oakland Chapter No. 5 will host this event. February 19th the George Washington Dinner and Grand Chapter meeting will be held at the Shores No. 12 Masonic Temple. Then on February 26, 2022, in Angola, Indiana for Chapter and Council Degrees. This rounds out February.

I am looking forward to 2022 with the hopes of a good year. The last two years have left a lot to be desired for the Masonic world. I don't know how long it will take us to get back to something that looks like normal, if we ever do. From information that I have been receiving to date, the Chapters are beginning to do some work with candidates. Nothing can bring our members back into Chapters like doing degree work. Looking forward to seeing everyone this year. Have a Happy New Year.

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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

Let's not forget those New Year resolutions. I hope you made one for the improvement of your Chapter. Wear your red coat to as many Masonic events as you can. Let's show our Pride in being a Royal Arch Mason.

This upcoming year we have many events; Educational Seminar, all Degree Days, George Washington Birthday Celebrations, East Central, Grand Conclave, and Tri State, Please try to attend as many events as possible that you can. Through participation you'll receive a much better understanding of being a Royal Arch Mason.

This upcoming Grand Conclave, Grand Chapter will have an open position for Royal Arch Captain. Please speak with any Grand Officer. He will explain the duties and responsibilities of being a Grand Officer.

By the way, information on the upcoming events can be found on the Grand Chapter Web Site (ram-mi.org) scroll down to the bottom of the page and see the flyers that pertain to the event you are looking for.

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



Greetings Companions:

We approached 2021 with the sincere hope that we could put the Covid virus behind us and return to "normal". It now appears like that will have to be the hope for 2022.

As someone who ended up spending four days in the Lapeer Regional emergency room prior to Thanksgiving, I can sincerely implore everyone reading this to be very careful of your health in the upcoming months. Entertain a degree of prudence in going about your daily lives. Stay in touch with family and close friends. Cherish these people as you would a sacred treasure, for that is what they are.

As of this time, we are still planning to hold the Educational Seminar on January 22nd at Masonic Pathways in Alma, Michigan. Any Companions wishing to attend should contact me so that appropriate resources will be available.

Fraternally,
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Greetings:

The busy holiday season is past, and I hope everyone is ready for the slower part of the winter. For the next two months we have several sessions to report on. On January 22nd the Grand Officers and DDI's have an Educational Session to be held at the Masonic Temple or at Masonic Pathways in Alma. There will be a forward planning meeting to follow. In February on the 5th there will be an All-Degree Day at Pontiac Lodge. Coffee and donuts at 7:00am and the Chapter Degrees will start at 8:00am. Lunch will be between the Chapter and Council Degrees. February 19th, the George Washington Celebration will be held at the Marysville Temple. This event always provides a very good guest speaker and dinner.

To the Secretaries of the Chapters, please remember to get your Chapters pins report to Lou Scott as soon as possible. I have been making my Chapter visitations and find that many Companions have not returned to their Chapters since the Covid lockdown. I know many older Companions have health concerns that keep them away. Make a special effort to get them back or at least keep them included and a part of their Chapter. Stay safe and I hope we cross paths somewhere in our great state.

Fraternally,
Dave Montgomery,
Grand Principal Sojourner



Greetings Companions,

30 December 2021

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17 Violations of Michigan Capitular Law have been reported and recorded.

21 Schools of Instruction were reported. 48% completion rate.

0 Inspections were reported. 0% completion rate.
0 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 0% completion rate.

Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of December 30, 2021, is 8,249.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sir Knights and Ladies:

Happy New Year! Another fresh beginning is upon us. Another opportunity to set personal goals, modify ones already established, and for others, the sentiment, “eh, I’m good!” If you fit in the first two categories, have the strength and conviction to make them come to fruition and if you identify with the third, “eh, I’m good,” congratulations, you’ve made it. Myself, I like to challenge the status quo. I need to do things to stir things up, to keep myself moving forward. When you elected and installed me to serve as Grand Commander, I shared with you a couple challenges for this Chivalric year. First, I set a goal of growing the Commandery of Michigan by 10%. Basically, that would equate to around 140 Sir Knights. The other challenge was to get 100% of our Commanderies to have all their Sir Knights become life sponsors of the eye foundation. That would mean a donation of thirty dollars for each Sir Knight. A progress report-Membership: As of a couple days ago (12/23/21), the number of new Sir Knights, those knighted since August 21, 2021, stands at 14, those reinstated one, and new affiliations, zero. That puts us at .107% of the goal set. Sir Knights, there are many Masons who are not Sir Knights. I truly believe we have a product that is worthy of their time. We just need to let them know. Many brothers don’t know about the York Rite. It is incumbent upon us to share who we are and what we stand for. Designate Sir Knights from your Commandery to become liaisons to their home lodge. Have them report activities your Commandery is doing. Invite the Brothers and their spouses to your awards dinners, Christmas Observances, membership days, drill events, and provide an honor guard for their installation. Make your presence known, share our chivalric ideals. For those Sir Knights who were dropped for NPD or who demitted on their own, reach out and invite them to attend a conclave and invite their lady to attend the ladies auxiliary. Plan a dinner before or fellowship activities after. Offer to pick them up if they need assistance. Make them feel welcome and rekindle that fire they once had that made them want to become a Knight in the first place.

Eye Foundation: The following Commanderies have 100% of their Sir Knights enrolled in at least the Life Sponsorship-Adrian, Bad Axe, Caledonia, and Lexington; 90-99.99%- Genesee Valley, Lansing, and Pontiac; all other Commanderies are under the threshold of 90%. The MMS System does not list anything under 70% unless you search each Commandery individually. If you would like an individual report, contact your local recorder. They can let you know exactly where your commandery stands. The eye foundation has several levels of contribution: Life Sponsor-\$30.00, Associate Patron- \$50.00, Patron-\$100.00, The Grand Commander’s Club-You donate \$100.00 and pledge to make an annual donation of \$400.00 for nine more years, at which time you are enrolled in the Grand Master’s Club. The Grand Master’s Club is a donation of \$1,000.00. I understand not everyone has the means to donate to this fine philanthropy. Whatever you feel comfortable with is greatly appreciated. For those who do not have the means, maybe your commandery can donate on your behalf, something to consider.



Sir Knights and Ladies, as we push the reset button on a new year, let us push the reset button on our fraternity. We have great ideals and a product across the board that is truly remarkable. Let's tap into those moments of when we first became involved and all the excitement of the new adventure that was unfolding before our eyes. We were enthusiastic and adventurous. We didn't know where the journey was going to lead. Let's rekindle that excitement as we start this new year. Let's think of the possibilities and venture to make it happen. Until our paths cross again, safe travels to wherever the journey takes you!

Gary L. Paquet, Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Michigan

Did You Know These Facts About January?

From the internet on January facts.

- 1. On January 3rd, 1959, Alaska became our 49th State of the United States.**
- 2. The first Emmy Awards was held January 25th, 1949.**
- 3. January is National Donate Blood month.**
- 4. The full moon in January is called the Wolf Moon.**
A wolf moon is the term for a **full moon during January**. Why is this related to wolves? Well, the first few months of the year is the mating season for wolves in the wild. We all know wolves howl at the moon, and during mating season, these howls are generally longer and louder. Thus, the full moon in January is called the wolf moon.
- 5. The name of January is from the roman god Janus. He is always depicted with two heads, one looking over the past year and one looking forward to the new year.**



How did you get the Black eye?
The wife was giving me a lecture and I corrected her three times.

Did you know that these two old guys have names, other than "Old Guys"? The one on the left is Conrad Waldorf. The one on the right is Statler. They were named after famous hotels.

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To those we love and see each day and other loved ones far away, to all good friends who mean so much and those with whom we're out of touch... Wishing you every happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

Michigan Job's Daughters is looking forward to celebrating this holiday season and re-opening our gates for the New Year. Here are a few dates that are on our Grand Bethel Calendar, and we would love to see you in attendance at one or all of these events.

- January 28 - 30, 2022** Leadership Weekend, Camp Henry in Newaygo
- February 5, 2022** Grand Bethel Exemplification, Honoring the Masons in Mt. Morris
- March 12, 2022** Multi-State, Honoring Mother Mick in Bay City
- April 9, 2022** Grand Bethel Exemplification, Honoring the OES in Alma
- April 10, 2022** Palm Sunday at Pathways (Pending their allowing visitors)
- May 14, 2022** Grand Bethel Exemplification, Grand Team Honoring (GBHQ Reception) in Grand Rapids
- July 7-9, 2022** Grand Session – Last Year in Grand Rapids

Another one of the greatest joys of this season is to say THANK YOU. So let us take this opportunity to do just that; We THANK YOU for the love and support extended to the Michigan Job's Daughters by each of our Masonic Family organizations and members and once again wish you the very best for this coming year.

Fraternally,
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