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Dear Companions and Everyone:

Happy New Year! I was ready for the new year because last year's just never took off on the right foot. Even now, we do not know weather to wear a mask or not wear a mask. It depends on where one has or wants to go. I keep praying to the good Lord for patience and tolerance. Someday this too shall pass. I just wish it was sooner than later.

I appreciate all of you who put in your articles this month. It is difficult to squeeze another task into the mix of tasks we already have. Thank you for the extra effort. I am finding it hard to get everything done in the time allotted. Every once in awhile something comes along and tosses a "Monkey Wrench" into the fray of things.

This month has some degree work on the 7th at St. Clair, Michigan. Please see the flyer and it is also on the calendar website. There are 4 flyers in this issue of the Triple Tau. One is for DeMolay as a movie night. Sounds like a lot of fun. Thank you all for your support. I could not do this without your help.

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

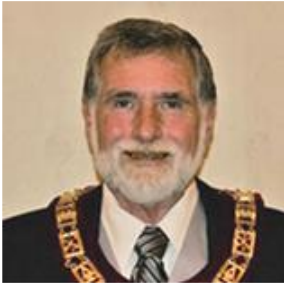


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Greeting Companions:

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.

On a personal note, just getting over pneumonia, I thought I had the common cold tried all the over counter remedies for ten days, then decided to visit the doctor, and my surprise he informs me I have pneumonia, three scripts and a lot of patience and what not what I should be doing. Joanne was right and should have seen the doctor sooner. Our Christmas Celebration this year was limited to the two oldest Grand Children and their parents.

February is a very busy month. DeMolay Winter Fest is the 3rd and 4th, at the Double Tree Hotel in Dearborn, contact Don Galway for further information. Oakland Chapter # 5 is sponsoring Chapter all Degree Day see the flyer in this month's Triple Tau

George Washington Celebration is February 18th at St Clair Chapter # 12 Royal Arch Masons, St. Clair, please RSVP William Herlihy at 810-459-0243 no later than February 18th. Super 8 Motel located at 1484 Gratiot Blvd.; Marysville has room starting at \$ 99.47 per night their phone # is 810-292-0328. February 25th Jackson # 3 will be holding a Tri State Chapter & Council Festival please contact Don Trumbull at 734-775-4045 for further information.

This upcoming Grand Conclave, Grand Chapter will have an open position for Royal Arch Captain, your deadline to get your Declaration letters to the Grand Secretary is February 18, 2023.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
Don Mayville MEGHP





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Scribbles of the Secretary

Well, we have made it through another year, 2022 is behind us and baby 2023 is ahead of us. 2022, being the year after Covid, was a learning curve for what we needed to do after Covid. We had about two years of every kind of obstacle nature and mankind could throw at us. We are recovering but it is going to take a little longer to get somewhere near what we had before Covid. We did exalt fifty-seven members through 2022, which helped us in numbers, which I hate using that term. My thinking is it should never be about numbers. Like in “Field of Dreams” if you build it, they will come. Masonry has always been a work in progress and the Chapters are no exception. The Chapter work is not a learning curve, it is a complete circle, and we need to keep up re-inventing ourselves.

We have presented about a third of the master’s pins so far and I know that there are several large installations coming up. I hope that the Companions presenting the pins are putting the information in the database. Using the information for future installations will be a great help, it will also make assignments a lot easier for the Chapters, as we can change the assignments to make it easier for everyone.

The calendar on the website and the database is becoming very useful for communication and we are using it more and more. The one thing that we are not using, as we should, is checking with the protocol committee for conflicts. The Grand High Priest and Grand Officers may not be able to make the events you wish to have them attend. We wish to make it as easy as we can without conflicts and not being able to hold an event. Some things are set in stone every year and we can put them on the calendar way in advance, only because we have done them for several years. We are working on events that are etched in stone, whether Chapter or Council that will be a standout color to make it easier for you.

The Grand Officers and I wish and hope that everyone had a pleasant Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We are looking forward to meeting and seeing you throughout the next year. One thing to remember is we are here to service you, the members, and the Chapters, so feel free to contact us when needed.

Thank You and Have a very successful and Happy New Year.

Donald





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Greetings Companions:

At the start of the New Year, individuals often adopt resolutions. Sometimes these resolutions show a determination to begin doing something. At other times it shows a determination to stop doing something. Whether the resolution is to begin doing something or to end doing something, it does show a conviction to improve one's life.

Resolutions, however, do not have to be confined to individuals. A Chapter can collectively identify something that they believe need improvement, and then work collectively to attain the desired improvement.

May all your resolutions this coming year lead you and your Chapter to positive results this year.

Sincerely,

Brent A. Helm, Grand King



Happy New Year Companions!!

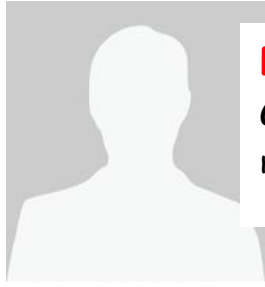
This month I want to share something that I read regarding showing up to Chapter events. "This is simple, basic, and obvious. Showing up does not require considerable thought; it is merely an action taken. Do it. There is more to gain from being present than from being absent. If you fail to show up, you can miss learning, or an opportunity you can miss seeing. Some opportunities rarely present themselves again. The man who is on time is in a better position than the man who is late, but the man who does not show up is in no position at all."

I hope all y'all had a great Christmas, and Loki and I look forward to the many state-wide Chapter functions in the future. Until then, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Fraternally,

Tom & Loki





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Greeting Companions:

First and foremost, I hope this communication finds everyone in good health, but for the sick and shut ins you will soon recover the Chapters are going to take part in many future obligations. Well, as myself and the other grand line direct officers we have assigned Chapters the official visit, which is an order of direction the Chapters are going...

The holiday season is upon us, which as I become older with the passing of time and being at the dinner table visualize the emptiness of chairs of family members no longer with us makes me feel sadder. So, I hope to recover with the help of God by going to his house of worship. As we all should do.

Yours Always,
 Steve J, Eliopoulos, G Principal Sojourner



Greetings Companions:

12/14/22

DECEMBER 2022 TRIPLE TAU

10 Schools of Instruction were reported. 23.0% completion rate.

0 Inspections were reported. 0% completion rate.

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

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

Total mileage traveled by all District Deputy

Instructors and the Executive Director as of December 14, 2022, is 8,736 miles.

Respectfully submitted,
 Louis D. Scott Jr., P.H.P.
 Executive Director of District Deputy Instructors
 Grand Chapter of Michigan Royal Arch Masons



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MOVIE

night



*A night for
Family Fun*

**Bring your friends,
prospective members &
family to join the event**

**Sunday, February 19th
3 pm-6 pm**

**Historic Howell Theater
315 E. Grand River, Howell**

**Movie: GhostBusters AfterLife
\$10 Movie with unlimited
popcorn and pop.**

RSVP to Mom Stewart at:
cstewart@michigandemolay.org
Or 734-560-1570

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**Michigan Job's Daughters
The Magic Within 2022-2023**

Hannah – Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Dana Burtrum, PHQ – Grand Guardian
Dale Fulkerson – Associate Grand Guardian

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Grand Bethel Exemplification Honoring the Women of Masonry and Royal Arch

December 3rd was a beautiful day filled with fun, food and fellowship with a Grand Bethel Exemplification honoring some of the Masonic Organizations we serve with and see emblems for in the windows of the Doig Chapel in Alma. Royal Arch, Eastern Star, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine and Social Order of the Beauceant. Additionally, we paid tribute to the legacy members of District 3 and those that served at Grand Guardian, Associate Grand Guardian, and Grand Bethel Honored Queen from that District over the last 100 years.



The afternoon and evening continued with caroling in the home a workshop at the Masonic Center, an overnight and every sleepy drive home... As you can see, fun was had by all.



Upcoming Dates to mark on your calendars:

Bethel Installations in January – We would love to see you at an installation or five

- January 6th – Allen Park (at Lincoln Park) at 7:00 PM
- January 7th – Walled Lake at 7:00 PM
- January 13th – St. Clair Shores (at Roseville) at 7:00 PM
- January 14th – Clio at 11:00 AM, Grand Blanc at 4:00 PM
- January 21st – Grand Rapids at 10:00 AM, Grand Haven at 1:00 PM, Mt. Pleasant (at Alma) at 3:00 PM
- January 28th – Crystal Falls at 10:00 AM (CST)

January 28th – Jobie University in Alma & Mt. Pleasant

February 24th – BUNCO for District 3 in Taylor

February 25th – Exemp. Honoring Michigan Masons in Roseville

Bethel #30 Grand Blanc

Majority Ceremony and Honoring of Masons and Eastern Stars



Bethel #30 Grand Blanc held a wonderful event on December 17th honoring the Masons, Eastern Star with a Majority Ceremony. Hannah Clute, Haley Rau, and Caitlin Huskins received their Majority. Members from Bethels around the state came in to celebrate this event. Thank you to the Masons and Eastern Stars in the Genesee and surrounding areas for your continued support. Your love shows each time you set foot in one of the Bethels. Best of luck to the ladies receiving their Majority. We wish you well and look forward to seeing you at a council nearby.

Happy New Year from Michigan Job's Daughters

January 7th, 2023

St. Clair Chapter # 12 R.A.M.

**Masonic Temple
1800 St. Clair Highway
St. Clair, Michigan, MI 48079**

Saturday morning,
Weather permitting

Companions All:

St. Clair Chapter # 12 has three candidates to initiate, visiting Brothers invited to attend with their candidate if applicable.

S&F,

Companion David Patterson

Secretary

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Time: 08:00 am Complimentary Breakfast,
scrambled eggs/sausage/toast/refreshments.

Degree Starts: 08:30 am with colored veils.

Finish: about 11:00 am



OAKLAND CHAPTER No. 5



Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

In Memory of Michael Whiting, P.M.E.G.H.P.

2181 Willot Road

Auburn Hills, MI

All Degree Day

11 February 2023

Oakland Chapter No. 5 invites you to join us for our all-degree day.

Agenda:

7:45 A.M.---Opening Oakland Chapter No. 5

8:00 A. M.---Mark Master Degree (Oakland Chapter No. 5)

9:00 A. M.--- Past Master Degree (Royal Oak No. 164)

9:45 A.M.--- Most Excellent Master Degree (Oakland No. 5)

10:30 A.M.---Royal Arch Degree (Grand Officers)

12:00 P.M.---Reception of Grand Officers

12:15 P.M. –Casual Luncheon..... \$15.00

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Pontiac Council No. 3

Royal and Select Masons of Michigan

In Memory of Michael Whiting, P.M.I.G.M.

2181 Willot Road

Auburn Hills, MI

All Degree Day

11 February 2023

Pontiac Council No. 3 invites you to join us for our all-degree day.

12:00 P.M. –Casual Luncheon..... \$15.00

Agenda:

1:00 P. M.---Opening Pontiac Council No. 3

1:10 P. M.---Royal Master Degree (Pontiac Council No. 3)

2:00 P. M.--- Select Master Degree (Durand Council No. 38)

3:00 P. M.--- Reception of Grand Officers

3:30 P. M.---Super Excellent Master Degree (Grand Officers)

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Grand Chapter Ritual Competition

The Michigan Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is proud to be sponsoring a ritual Competition.

This Capitular year's Ritual Competition will be the Mark Master Mason Degree. Let your DDI or Grand Officer know if your Chapter plans on participating by January 1st, 2023, for scheduling purposes.

There will be two judges for each participating Chapter, and they will be Grand Officers from the Michigan Grand Chapter.

The degrees will be performed between February 1st and April 30th, 2023, in the host Chapter's own Masonic Temple.

Grading will be based on number of parts filled, ritual memorization and overall performance. Visiting Companions can participate; but points will be deducted. Books can be used; but points will be deducted. Each Grand Officer will rate the degree on a scale of 0-100, for a total possible of 200 points.

Special Ritual Competition Aprons will be awarded to the winning team, that they can wear with honor until the following year's competition.

This is a chance for your Chapter to showcase its talent and passion for Royal Arch Masonry.

We will look forward to many fantastic degrees this spring!

Mark Master Mason Degree Scoring

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| Chapter / No. | Date | |
| City | | |
| Station | Companion | Score (1-5) |
| RWM | | |
| KS | | |
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| JW | | |
| SD | | |
| JD | | |
| S. Stew | | |
| J. Stew | | |
| MO | | |
| SO | | |
| JO | | |
| Marshal | | |
| Chaplin | | |
| Exemplar | | |
| Working Tools | | |
| History | | |
| Charge | | |
| Chapter Members Present | _____ | |
| Visiting Companions Present | _____ | |
| Visiting Companion degree part -1 point | | |
| Book used by Companion -1 point | _____ | |
| Overall | 1-15 | _____ |
| Total | _____ | |
| Grand Chapter Officer | | |
| Grand Chapter Officer | | |