



# *Michigan Triple Tau* *Official Publication of the* *Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons* **JANUARY 2024**

Dear Companions and Everyone:

Here it is January, and it is still warm enough to confuse the plants and wildlife. This green Christmas reminded me of another warm year where on our farm we rode horses and had a bonfire on the huge driveway and roasted hotdogs and marshmallows! My cityfied cousins thought it was great! At Masonic Pathways, the decorations overshadowed the fact there was little to no snow. It is amazing how everyone in activities knows just what goes in all the corners of this place. We may find glitter on the carpets and floors until April but my it looks so nice!

Thank you to our article writers. There is a flyer for a celebration dinner for some of our much deserving Companions and Blue Lodge Brothers. We also have a future Celebration for the Annual George Washington's birthday. It has changed the location, but I am sure you would all have a good meal and a great time.

To everyone out there, have a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,  
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From the Editor:

The deadline is here, and I have no copy from our MEGHP Brent. I am sure it is just an oversight due to the odd days between Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Many of us have trouble figuring out what day it is and when something is too late to send. So, for this issue I have abbreviated his message from the last issue. Hopefully, next month's issue will not have any missing reports.

Fraternally,  
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

Greetings Companions,

Nancy and I would express our sincere wish that everyone in the Grand Chapter experiences a happy and joyous holiday season.

Fraternally,  
Brent Helm, MEGHP\*

\*Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
Royal Arch Masons of Michigan



\*The triple tau is a symbol of Royal Arch masonry. The circle, the triangle, and the tau itself are all symbols of the Deity from ancient cultures. The symbol contains esoteric meanings to those who have been admitted and exalted to the Royal Arch degree of the York Rite of Freemasonry.



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## *Scribble's From the Secretary*

We will be in a brand-new year, by the time you will receive this edition of The Triple Tau. We will be starting a new year and should be looking ahead for new ideas and suggestions to enhance the craft. The only bad idea is the one we never tried. The ideas do not have to be glandular in design, if they start with one chapter and grow it is a start.

The end of January should have all the Masters Pins presented and reported on your database for your Chapters. I have noted that Eastern Star has been presenting a Masters Pin at the lodge installation this year, with enormous success. Grand Chapter has been presenting the Masters Pins since 1950. This should be an enormous success for us in presenting these pins and getting recognition for our local Chapters, but it seems to be floundering in recent years. We can never get too much good exposure.

Events for January, the only degree work that is on the calendar for January is Iosco No. 83 Chapter doing the Mark Master Degree, being held in Mio on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Michigan DeMolay will be holding Winter Fest January 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> held at the Double Tree hotel in Detroit- Dearborn 5801 Southfield.

Just a reminder of the George Washington celebration in February, will be held in Port Huron at the Masonic Temple on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The venue has been moved from Marysville so **Mark** it on your calendar.

The article is a little sparce, but I am doing between the holidays and the calendar is a little bare. I hope the secretaries begin populating it the first of the year. I hope you had a great holiday season.

Fraternally,  
Donald





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Greetings Companions:

Did Santa bring your Chapter a great degree team?? He probably didn't. The degree team in your Chapter more than likely did not come from the north pole. I am not so much as an optimist to believe that EVERY Chapter can perform all the Capitular degrees, but I would expect that each Chapter can perform ONE of the 4 degrees. Even if you have a small part in your Chapter degree team, you will be part of a team in pursuit of excellence! No ONE person can put on a degree, we can never reach our full potential on our own. Since we are part of a team, we will encounter various personalities with various abilities all in pursuit of the same thing: success!

This does not only apply to degree teams, but also think of our own individual Chapter as a team, each man working to do his job to the best of his ability, and when each of us does our job to the best of our ability, the Chapter will grow exponentially. From the Sentinel, Second Veil, and Secretary, each of us has a part to perform for the success of the Chapter. Do your best beginning with 1's: One word at a time, one more minute of studying, one more sentence, one more Chapter visitation, one more phone call to a Companion, one new Companion to exalt.

In the Navy, no matter how complex the mission was from infiltration, to extraction, and actions on the objective, if we began each sentence with, "all I have to do is..." our mission was a success. Every person doing their own individual job to the best of their ability. From the officer to the medic, to the sniper, to the breacher, to the communications guy. Each of us had a job to do, and if we did our job...

Greetings Companions.

I am hoping that everyone had a good and safe holiday season. I attended many different masonic activities this last month and wanted to touch on Masonic Courtesies this month.

One of the characteristics of a good Mason is his attention to Masonic courtesies. These include true friendship for his fellow members and visiting members, social, state, and national levels. Your friendship should extend to all Companions. Help them feel at home and part of the activities so they will have a stronger desire to keep coming to Chapter.

Visits I have made have been very encouraging the last couple months. Most Chapters will make a special effort to meet and fellowship with a visiting Companion.

My purpose for writing this month is to remind all our Companions to share the courtesies that bind us together. Take care and safe travels.

Fraternally,  
Dave Montgomery, Grand Scribe

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the best we could, the entire mission would be a success.  
Happy New Year, and until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry,

Your servant,  
Tom Black, Grand King





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## Some photos from our Grand Officer's travels.



Winters Greetings Companions,

I hope your Holiday Season was Joyous and Merry. Never forget the meaning of Christmas and what it is all about. Please remember, as Christian Masons, when partaking in New Years Libations, do not convert the means of refreshment into intemperance or excess. As the New Year begins, we want to have better participation in our ritual and Masonic activities.

The members of Iosco Chapter No. 83 held an event on December 1st, celebrating a District 6 gathering of Blue Lodge brothers alongside our Royal Arch Companions. The dinner was a complete success and we received 4 petitions from the attendees. I suggest other Chapters enhance the secret and host their own parties in their Districts to increase membership and fraternal relations.

Fraternally yours,  
Harold R Staley, Grand Captain of the Host.



Iosco Chapter No. 83, R.A.M. and District 6 Blue Lodge Brothers.

December 1st, 2023

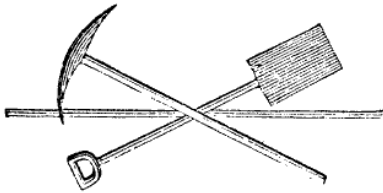




## Livingston Chapter #30 RAM

210 Mann Street  
Pinckney, MI 49169

Cordially Invites you to attend our Worshipful Master's dinner, where we will honor all the incoming Worshipful Masters in our area. This is our way of congratulating you on reaching the Worshipful Master seat in your Lodges. The Brothers of Livingston Chapter RAM know how important this position is in our Lodges, and we feel that you need to be recognized for your service to the Craft of Masonry.



Join us on January 21, 2024  
Gathering will start at 2:00pm  
Dinner at 3:00pm



There is no charge for the Worshipful Masters and their spouses. All other guests there will be a \$20:00 charge.





**St. Clair Chapter No. 12,**  
**Royal Arch Masons**  
**An Invitation to the Annual**  
**George Washington Birthday Celebration**

St. Clair Chapter No. 12 once again will be hosting the George Washington Birthday Celebration. Please join us on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 pm. This year we will be celebrating Brother George Washington's 292<sup>nd</sup>'s birthday. The dinner will be at the Port Huron Masonic (Center) Temple located on 927 Sixth Street, Port Huron, Michigan. A brief program will follow the dinner.

For those wanting to stay overnight, we recommend the Super 8 Motel on 1484 Gratiot Blvd., Marysville, Michigan, phone number (810) 292-0328 or the Hampton Inn on 1655 Yeager Street, Port Huron, Michigan, phone number, (810) 966-9000. No rooms have been reserved.

Dinner reservations are due no later than February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Dinner is paid for by reservations only. No dinner tickets will be sold at the door. To make your dinner reservations please fill out the bottom of this page and send your check out no later than February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We look forward to seeing you at dinner!



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ (In case we need to call you.)

Number of dinner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00 each Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check(s) out to **St. Clair Chapter No. 12, RAM:**  
Mail this information to **Bill Herlihy, 874 Crystal Lane, Marysville, MI 48040-1598.**