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Dear Companions:

We had nice weather for Christmas. The roads were not bad because we didn't have snow packed on them or icy conditions for driving. I am sure it will get colder later this month. For now, I would soak up these sunny nice days. This is Michigan and the weather is bound to change on us. My pals in the U.P. have run the white flag up the pole and told me they surrender. Stop the lake affect snow machine! I don't know why having to park their truck and ride the snowmobiles is such a hardship? It is earlier than usual in the year that they convert to riding snowmobiles. It probably won't be long before we get our share of snow.

There are several events coming up this month. Please take the time to read the Grand Secretary's article. You just might find a few outings that will curb those January blues.

The youth groups have nice articles and they have included some dates that you can attend. I enjoyed having them visit the Masonic Pathways. Especially the Ceremony of Lights that the Michigan DeMolay performed on December the 24th.



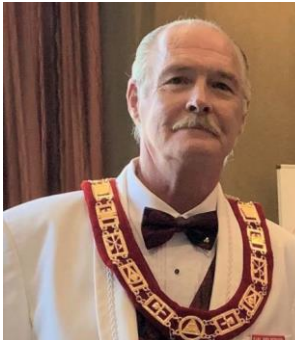
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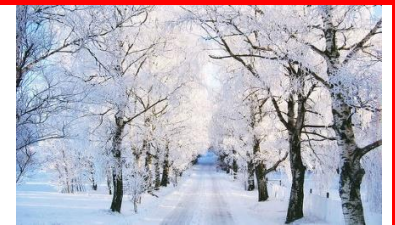
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Companions All:

It is my hope that all have had a very Merry Holiday Season and time with the family as well as friends. Happy New Year to all!!

December has been a very active month (always is) and I thank all who took part in Lodge installations of officers and the delivery of the Master's Pins to our new Worshipful Masters. Both Lodges and Councils Royal & Select Masters have new leadership for 2020 in most cases and may I say "CONGRATULATIONS", prayers for a safe and prosperous year. Remind your Secretaries that the Triple Tau is Grand Chapter's monthly communications, especially the Grand Secretary's remarks. This should be read as communication in Chapter. The times and dates of events are important.

I would truly like to see a good turnout at the upcoming "Educational Seminar" to be held in Alma this year. There will be many updates as to the "All Degree Days" and degree work. Also, a chance to let me know what Chapters need help as I will be planning more visitations around the state. With snow piling up, I'd like to travel south for visitations (far south) but they say keep it in the state. Should there be Chapters out there having trouble or contemplating it....CALL your Grand Officer, of that district or Myself. Let's keep 'er on track. Speaking of on track, Thank-you E.C. Dunken & MEC, Dennis Sharrow For stepping up to the plate and satisfying a couple of decimals in Chapters. We see our leaders and mentors at work again!! Good Job.

Companions, Excellent Companions and M.E.C's, we have plenty of the fiscal year left and work to do. Let's remind each Chapter starting now of the upcoming events and most important "Grand Session", that they may plan time to be in attendance. The "Golf Outing/Picnic, is a yearly event, fun for all while giving to a worthwhile cause. There is camping, games, and plenty of eats.

Here's enough for this month. Back on the Road.....Just keep it "MOVING FORWARD".

Be safe in all your travels and may God speed.

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Well, as I sit here trying to think what to put in this article, I ended up putting myself in a paradox. I thought this is was going to be easy, just say we have managed to squander not only another year but also a decade. Silly me as I was thinking this it begged the question, when does a decade begin and end? You would think that was an easy question to answer right, wrong. I went to that great encyclopedia on my desk for the answer. THE INTERNET knows everything. I ended up with more questions than answers, depending on which Ph.D. you wish to believe, it could end on December 31, of the year 9, with the new decade starting in the year beginning January 1 of year 0. Then there is the school that would lead you to believe that the decade ends on December 31 of the year 0 and begins in the year January 1 of 1. We took 1999 years to ask that question because if you remember the world as we knew it was going to on December 31, 1999, when all the computers at the stroke of midnight could not flip to 2000 and send us into total chaos. That, as we all know, didn't happen, but it did start a decade long argument. The one thing that all of the Ph.D.'s did agree upon is "the best way to start an argument or bar fight is to ask that question".

Enough, we cannot make the Triple Tau large enough to satisfy this argument. I do hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and will be looking forward to the coming new year. We have some things coming in January, starting with the Education Seminar, January 5th being held in the Doig Center at Alma Pathways, starting at 10:00 AM and ending at 3:00 PM or so. The next event will January 12th, which is the Howell chapter no.30, the 35th Annual Master's dinner, honoring the master of the lodges in Livingston county. Cost \$15.00 for the dinner and all are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the Howell chapter by January 9th. The weekend of the 17th starts DeMolay Winterfest, all three of our youth groups will be there for the weekend.

On February 1st, Pontiac Council No.3 will be putting on the Council degrees starting at 12:00 with council degrees start at 1:00 PM dinner at 6:00 PM. Please send reservations to Michael Whiting. February 22nd will but us in Caro for our seminar and dinner celebrating George Washington and I believe this year is the 101st year. (I could be wrong) contact Kevin Wightmen for reservations and information. That brings us to February 29th and the Tri-State meeting being held in Michigan Center. There is more information on our web site.

March will put us in Grand Rapids the first weekend for a seven-degree day a flyer is on the web site for more information. The next weekend puts us in Fort Wayne, IN for General Grand Chapter - East Central Conference.

This all that I have on the calendar so far for this year. Remember this is your publication if there is something you would like to see, or you have an event you would like everyone to know about send it to me and I will put on the web and here in the Triple Tau.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Greetings Companions,

Well, December is behind us as well as the calendar year 2019. There were many activities in December, Lodge installations, Council installations, Christmas, Christmas Parties and other activities.

I myself attended six Lodge installations, a Christmas Observance by the Knights Templars, the election in the Grotto and get the house ready for the winter months. I hope all of you had a happy and joyous holiday season.

January is here and there are several events coming up this month, with the Lodges and most York Rite Bodies resuming their work. My Chapter has three brothers who will be receiving their Royal Arch Degree, and we have two more candidates to start through the Chapter degrees.

Saturday, January 5th is the education seminar in Alma from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Masonic Pathways. Winter Fest in Ann Arbor 16th through the 18th, plus I have meetings for Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery, not to mention my own Lodge's installation on the 11th, Mt Clemens #6. The last of the inspection season will come when Detroit #1 does theirs on January 18th. Lots of things to do this month and a lot of places to visit. I hope that all of you will remain busy and do your best to promote the York Rite and visit your lodges. That is all for me for this month.

As always, God speed and God bless,
 John A. Ames Grand King



Dear Companions:

Happy New Year, and congratulations to all newly installed Worshipful Masters and Thrice Illustrious Masters. With a new year, it gives us a chance to reflect on our past and prepare for our future. As most of us start the new year out with a resolution, I will make my New Year's resolution to "Speak with honesty, think with sincerity and act with integrity."

The Origins of New Year's Resolutions
Ancient Babylon

The Ancient Babylonians were the first to hold recorded celebrations of the new year, which took place in the spring when crops were planted. During a 12-day religious festival, they would choose a new king and make promises to their gods to pay their debts. Keeping their resolutions would ensure the gods' favor during the coming year.

Ancient Rome

Around 46 BC Julius Caesar established January 1st as the beginning of the year. The Romans made promises of good conduct to the two-faced god Janus, who looked back over the past year and forward to the new.

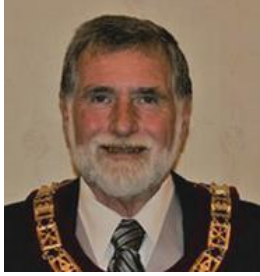
Middle Ages

In the medieval period, knights took the "peacock vow" (les voeux du paon) at the end of the year to reaffirm their commitment to the code of chivalry.

18th Century

New Year's has traditionally been a time for Christians to look back at their failings and make resolutions for the future. In 1740 John Wesley established Covenant Renewal Services (also known as watch night services) held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day for Scripture reading, prayer, and singing.

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

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

In the upcoming year let's show our pride in becoming a York Rite Mason and pass this on to new potential Companions and our current membership.

Looking forward, we have All-Degree Days, educational seminars, Chapter Inspections, Grand Conclave, Tri-State and the Tri-Annual. Please try to attend and participate in as many events as you can. With your participation, you'll receive a much better understanding of being a York Rite Mason.

By the way, information on the upcoming events can be found by going to RAM-MI.ORG, scroll down to the bottom of the page and see the flyers that pertain to the event you are looking for.

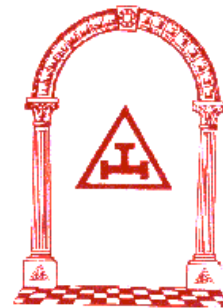
In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
 Don Mayville, Grand Principial Sojourner



From the Editor:

Does anyone know if we can get a crisper image of the Royal Arch emblem? These are nice but they get fuzzy. Let me know and thanks.

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The new year begins, rejoice in the love of God who grants us forgiveness. My fellows as we enter a new year and the resolutions, we made for it, I encourage you to remember that God's forgiveness is available to all who seek it. A new resolution or a renewal of faith should be deeply considered, look back at your spiritual life this past year, how did you respond to the voice of our Lord and savior? If you heard his voice and answered, "thy will be done" remember that each day begins anew and consider making a resolution to continue that response. If by chance you heard his voice in your life and answered any other way, Well, that resolution should be obvious.

The measure of a man by chivalric standards is seen in his actions, especially towards others. Our ancient companions cherished the relationship with God, and with his children so much that the focus of their lives was to protect and defend the weak and downtrodden. We have many chances now to do the same just look around you and listen to his voice. I encourage you to answer in the affirmative when God places these opportunities before you. Every mason no matter his stead will have some chance in this coming year to do some good, don't overlook the chance wondering if it is too big or too small for you. Draw your strength from **Colossians 3** where we are reminded "*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,*"

I am scared of my friends by many of the things happening in the world today but encouraged to see that true Christians are beginning to remind themselves of the need to step in, drawing on his word to do his works despite those who try and stop us. Take strength from **the book of James** remembering "*What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?*" These familiar words should always remind us to help his children whenever the chances present themselves.

As I close this new year's message and you review the resolutions for the coming year, I encourage you to revisit the Old testament **especially Galatians 6**: "*So then, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*"

Until our travels bring us together again, peace and love in support of "Making Good Men Better" to you all and remember to "Serve Passionately until relieved" in all your life endeavors.

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Michigan DeMolay

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas or holiday season. December saw the State Officer team going to the Chicago Shrine Hospital to deliver children's books and coloring books to the children at the Hospital. The State Master Councilor wanted to do this charitable event and the State Team responded. More than 500 books were collected and delivered. Many thanks to Moslem Shrine for providing the bus and driver to get us to Chicago and back. The team was treated to a tour of the facility and then Michigan DeMolay paid for lunch before we headed back home. It was a long day but was worth the trip.



The State team also went to Alma on December 21st to support Livingston County Chapter's performance of the Team Ceremony of Light for the residents. Livingston County does a wonderful job and I thank them for doing this for the residents.

The State Officer Christmas party was also held on that day in Mt. Pleasant at the Ponderosa. Livingston County was invited to join us as Mom D'Aguanno and I appreciate what their members did for the residents. All had a great time and I can truly say that these young men know how to eat.



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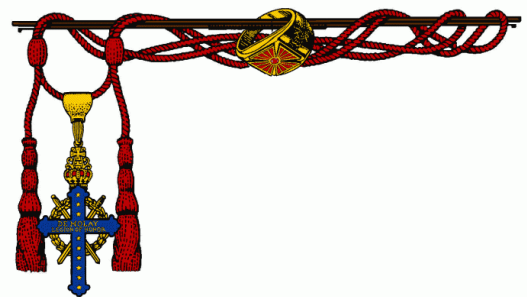
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December was Lodge Installation season and Michigan DeMolay was out in force, attending sponsoring bodies Installations and doing Honor Guards. The young men of DeMolay appreciate the things their sponsors do for them and are always willing to return the favor. One of the best parts of being in DeMolay is the friendships that are established with not only the members in your Chapter or Jurisdiction but with members from the Fraternity.

Now all attention is turning to Winterfest. Winterfest will be held in Ann Arbor at the Sheraton on January 17-19, 2020. This year's theme is "A Renaissance Winterfest", a Medieval theme and will include costumes, jousting and other fun and games. There may be some outdoor games if the weather permits. This is the big fun event for the DeMolay year, and we look forward to having a big turn out from all the Masonic Orders. The companions would enjoy Winterfest as all the youth groups have a great time. Maybe, you could team up with youth for a game or even volunteer for the charity event. The State team will now look forward to the second charity for this year, which is Paws with a Cause. The State Master Councilor would like to raise at least \$1500.00 to present at Conclave. Michigan DeMolay is on the move with membership as several Chapters have almost doubled their membership. Remember if you have a son, nephew, grandson or know of a young man between the ages of 12-21 ask any of the State Officers or any Advisor for a petition. We will get in contact with the young man and his family as soon as possible to answer their questions about DeMolay. Please try to attend any of the upcoming events and show these remarkable young men that the Masonic Family is willing to support them. If there is anything that Michigan DeMolay can do to help support any of the works of the Companions, please let a State Officer know or contact the Executive Officer.



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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

MICHIGAN RAINBOW

Even though it's January we are still celebrating Christmas. December 8 found us at the Berkley Masonic Temple. The Rainbow Girls and Eastern Star Counterparts celebrated their annual Christmas Party. We had around 100 people plus Santa Claus, so the dining room was really full. We played Christmas Bingo and Christmas trivia and lots of people won prizes. Of course, we had food! 24 feet of delicious homemade soups, sandwiches and salads, cookies and cupcakes. In the top picture are Krissy, Kendra and Cheyenne, our Grand Line officers, along with Heather Vollans, the State Mother Advisor, and Bob Otte, the Rainbow State Dad, and Maureen Riley, Supreme Inspector and Santa. The second picture shows Krissy, Grand Worthy Advisor, Dawn Talbot, Worthy Grand Matron, John Groves, Worthy Grand Patron along with Santa Claus. We had a great, fun time and it was a wonderful day.



Several of the Assemblies have been working on their service projects. Roseville participates in "Wreaths Across America" laying Christmas wreaths on veterans' graves. Phoenix (Ypsilanti) Assembly worked with Food Gatherers (food rescue and food bank) out of Washtenaw County. New Hope Assembly (Howell) helped to provide for a 5K run that is held in downtown Howell the day after Thanksgiving. Congratulations to these young ladies for being of service to others.



In January we will be participating with our Brothers and Dads at the DeMolay Winterfest weekend to be held in Ann Arbor. It is a fun weekend filled with games, lots of food, and time for friendship. Please come and join the young men as they celebrate a Renaissance Winterfest weekend.

While the girls enjoy a little downtime along with Winterfest, the adults will be busy doing year-end reports and a whole lot of paperwork. It's my favorite time of the year (not so much!).

Take care until next month,
Maureen Riley, Supreme Inspector



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Holiday Greetings from Michigan Job's Daughters!

We held a Grand Bethel Exemplification in December, at the Alma Masonic Temple, hosted by three different Bethels, with an initiation performed by the Grand Bethel. We initiated the daughter into Bethel # 26 Grand Haven and we were all very excited to welcome her into our family. We are also very excited to have an exchange student from Brazil as a dual member of Bethel # 74 Ewart, from Bethel # 11 in Brazil! This photo below includes the dual member, the new member, the three hosting Bethels, as well as the Grand Bethel.



We held a sleepover after the dinner, where we had a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and then the "Dads" of Alma Lodge came in very early Sunday morning to provide, serve, and clean up after breakfast for the 50+ who stayed at the sleepover!



After breakfast, we headed over to the home of Bob & JoNeil Conley, for the annual MI Job's "front porch family picture". It sure has grown over the past few years!





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Straight from there, we headed over to Masonic Pathways to help with the Sunday morning church service, including some Christmas Music. After which we headed downstairs for our holiday party, where we were able to share some fellowship and fun with our Eastern Star counterparts!



And finally, we were off to visit with the residents, do some caroling, and deliver Christmas Cards! Some of the girls took the caroling to a whole new level!

January brings our Bethel installation season, and we hope you will be able to visit one of the installations at a Bethel near you!

Here is the list as we have it right now. Please check our Facebook page for the updated list!

Bethel # 10 Grand Rapids 1/11 at 3:00 p.m.

Bethel # 20 Genesee 1/4 at 6:00 p.m.

Bethel # 23 Walled Lake 1/20 at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel # 26 Grand Haven 1/18 at 1:00 p.m.

Bethel # 33 Clio 1/11 at 6:00 p.m.

Bethel # 52 St Clair Shores 1/25 at 4:00 p.m.

Bethel # 61 Mt Pleasant 1/24 at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel #74 Evart 1/20 at 6:30 p.m.

We hope this holiday season brings joy and time spent with loved ones, to all of our Masonic Family!

Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Brower, PGG

STAND IN THE LIGHT!
Michigan Job's Daughters