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Dear Companions And Everyone:

Yes, my dear Companions and All, we have survived another month of quarantine again. We all have been vaccinated with just a few who had a reaction of some sorts. I remember one of the 'Senior: residents told me that, "You do not get to call yourself Old, unless you are tough. Being Old is not for sissies.". I am of the age, over 60ish, and understand those aches and pains. The most of the residents consider me and a few others 'Just kids!'. I have no idea what the age of respect is around here.

This month we have Groundhog's Day and Valentine's Day. There is a big Birthday bash going on at St. Clair No. 12 Temple on February 20<sup>th</sup>. No ticket sales at the door so get those reservations in. You must wear a mask to go to the party. Remember the precautions and rules of the state to keep yourself and others safe. Other activities are located on our website at [www.ram-mi.org](http://www.ram-mi.org).

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Greeting Companions,

The George Washington Birthday celebration dinner at St. Clair Masonic Temple will be on February 20, 2021. This will be a great opportunity to see old friends, make new ones, and make some great memories. I do ask that you please follow all state and local guidelines. Wearing a mask, washing your hands, and the use of hand sanitizers and social distancing when appropriate. If you are experiencing any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness, we respectfully ask that you refrain from attending. The same request applies to the All-Degree day, March 6, 2021, in Grand Rapids.

Sunday, February 14 is Valentine's Day. Companions, remember your loved one this day and do something heartfelt. We spend a lot of time away from home to attend lodge functions because they let us and because they know that we care about the craft. Think of them in this way, they are the foundation from whence you placed your cornerstone to build upon your arch of life as one, and the keystone that locks it together to make it complete. They are the tools we use to make us better men. They are the 24-inch Gauge we use to measure our accomplishments in life. The Gavel they use to chip away our rough edges. Their virtue is the Square of all morals and values. With them, we have the same goals and are equal on the Level. They are the Plumb helping to keep us honest to ourselves and upright in an unjust world. They are the Compass that we draw lines around our desires and passions. They use the Trowel to spread the cement of their love that truly holds us together.

Fraternally,  
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## *Secretaries Scribbles*

Here we are, February 1, 2021, and the bad thing is that nothing much has changed from the past year. We have been locked down, locked out and without a doubt fed up with uncertainty. We are hoping that we can get back to some degree of normal, but I am afraid that may take longer than we had hoped. We have lost a year from our masonic life that we will never get back. Some good has come of it, we have learned that new technology is not all bad, video meetings are now the new normal and can be used for committee meetings without having to travel long distances, which I would hope that our committees would utilize the technology to meet more often. Our work is going to be cut out for us as we try to get back to some degree of normal. With a year off, some of our members are going to become complacent and not be willing to come back to face-to-face meetings. We have to make them want to come back, which means there has to be more than we came, we met and left, types of meetings. Programs, education, and conversation should be the new norm. How to make our fraternity better and more exciting should be the conversation for all our meetings. Heaven knows we have had enough time to think about it and come up with ideas on how to make it better and more exciting for all our members. Everyone has something to contribute, all we must do is listen.

We have a George Washington celebration on the 20<sup>th</sup> which will be held at the St. Clair No. 12 Temple. There is more information on our website, but you had better hurry as tickets are going fast and I am not sure when the cutoff date is, if in doubt call to make sure.

We have an all-degree day in Angola, IN on the 27<sup>th</sup> with information on our web site. **NOTE** the location has been changed from Bryan, OH. The state of Ohio is in lockdown currently. The first event in Michigan will be March 6<sup>th</sup> and will be held in Grand Rapids which will be a seven (7) degree day with information on the web.

If you are planning an event, please pass the information along to me and I will make sure that it is placed on the website. Make sure that we have enough time to advertise your event in the Triple Tau and on the website.

General Grand Chapter has a new magazine out for your reading enjoyment and information. Be sure to check out the new General Grand Chapter website. It is very informative (<https://www.ggcrami.org/>)

That is all for now.

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**Greetings Companions!**

Here we are entering into February already. Time sure has a way of flying by without us noticing. I hope everything is well with you and that you enjoyed the Holidays. Hopefully, you were able to spend some good time with family and enjoy some shared festivities.

As I sat there at the computer thinking about what to write I started watching the flickering candle's flame cast its light on a nearby wall and I couldn't help but think about our souls being in darkness before the light of Masonry illuminated that once dark space. These troubling times sure give more meaning to that metaphor. Right now the craziness of the world has clouded many a man's soul and now more than ever we need to bring light to the world, but how? How can we help our fellow man and bring light onto their souls while the world is shut down and we are not supposed to get close to anybody? The great question in these trying times. I believe that we need to focus our energies on others right now. I think it is time to get back to the basics and treat each other with dignity and respect, show them that there is hope. Sure, people are scared and worried about the future. Sure, people are hurting by not being able to see their families. Surely some are worried about not being able to pay their bills. We need to show them that there is still goodness in the world. Hold the door for somebody the next time you are out. Offer the person standing behind you in the checkout line to jump ahead of you. Pay for some strangers' tank of fuel and wish them a blessed day, or do not say a word to them and let them share that joy with somebody else. Just be kind to each other. Give people a spark of happiness and just see what happens.

Fraternally,  
 Jeff Heaven, Grand King

**Greetings Companions:**

Valentine's Day February 14th, if you are like me your wife has been showered with candy, flowers, dinners, jewelry, articles of clothing, gift cards, and of course Valentine's Day Card, she is so appreciative of those items, but let us think out of the box. Remember all the things your wife helps with: dinner, laundry, cleaning the house, acting as your secretary and a thousand different things, Maybe we try to make this Day a one she'll remember. There is a song with lyrics that go 'I WILL LOVE YOU UNTIL THE TWELFTH OF NEVER.'

Washington Birthday celebration February 20th at the St. Clair Lodge. The flyer and reservation form is at the bottom of ram [mi.org](http://mi.org) web page.

Grand Chapter Foundation Scholarship application is located in the document section under downloads, (ram [mi.org](http://mi.org)) The deadline is March 1, 2021.

March 6, 2021, all degree Day at the Grand Rapid's Lodge agenda can be found at the bottom of the ram [mi.org](http://mi.org) web page. Please make every effort to attend and bring your candidates for Chapter and Council Degrees.

Upcoming Joint York Rite Golf Outing July 17: Picnic, 18<sup>th</sup>: Golf outing at the Gladwin Heights. Golf Course, please remember to purchase tee boxes and flags at only \$25.00 each. Please come out and join us for a round of golf. Flyer and registration form on the bottom of ram [mi.org](http://mi.org) web page.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,  
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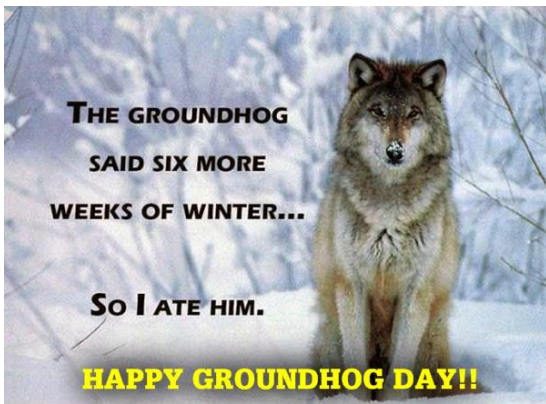
Greetings Companions,

The past year has been a real challenge for our many different Masonic organizations. I have made visitations to many of my Chapters, and I find some are not having meetings or are very lightly attended. It has been a year since the start of Covid-19, and the disruption of monthly meetings. To encourage members to resume regular attendance an extra effort should be made to keep in contact and get members to engage again in Chapter participation. This virus does not seem to be going away anytime soon and we are going to have to find a way to live with it.

Februarys All Degree Day in Pontiac has been canceled, but there may be one in the Grand Rapids area in March. The George Washington Birthday dinner and Grand Chapter officers meeting will be held at the Marysville Masonic temple, February 20th. Dinner will be the traditional turkey dinner, starting at 6:30 pm. Reservations must be made in advance. I hope to see many of you out for our activities, stay safe.

Fraternally,

REC Dave Montgomery, OPC, KYCH  
Grand Royal Arch Captain



Greetings Companions:

Here is the latest report for the year so far as of the following date.

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### 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT

7 Schools of Instruction have been completed. 15% completion rate.

0 Masters Pins Reports have been submitted. 0% completion rate.

1 Inspection has been completed. 20% completion rate.

The total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of this date is 1,699 miles.

Respectfully submitted,

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





# 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

