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Dear Companions and Everyone:

Thank Heavens January is behind us. These temperatures in the single digits are nuts! If I knew it was going to be this cold, I would have got my thermals out sooner. I am hoping that the month of February will stay into the mid-twenties.

Masonic Pathways has opened, but we still have restrictions. Today we were Covid tested again. Our staff keeps getting it from the school-age kids. I haven't met anyone that isn't Covid weary. If you plan on visiting someone here, call first to get the latest on what is required.

This month's issue has just a few articles on up-coming events. I am glad to have the Youth Groups in this issue. If they don't tell what they are doing, how can we support them? The one restriction that is prominent is wearing a mask.

I thank my Grand Officers and all others for sending in articles. I couldn't do this without your help. Stay safe and healthy.

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Greetings Companions,

In January, Masonic Pathways hosted the Grand Chapter Education Seminar and the Forward Planning meeting. There was quite a bit of good content shared at these events and those in attendance received some great information. It is my opinion that all the Chapter High Priests should attend this event in the future so that they can take away the information and share it within their Chapters. This event is not limited to any specific group or office. It is open to any Mason, but it is built around York Rite Masonry. While not all the information presented would apply to everybody, there is still something that you would learn and gain knowledge from. Be sure to make it next year and see it for yourself.

February has a few events planned and we hope to see you at the Pontiac Degree Day on February 5th and at the George Washington Celebration in Marysville on February 19th. For more information, please go to: <http://grandchaptermi.org/> or reach out to me and I will get you the information.

Lastly, for those wondering, the month of January was way better than December was for me. The month proved to be much less stressful as family health was a lot better.

See you in our travels,

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Scribbles of The Secretary

Well, we have made it through the first month of 2022, without much fanfare. Covid is still with us, and some events have been cancelled for this month and into the near future. DeMolay Winter Fest has been cancelled; some local Chapter degrees have been cancelled. The all-degree day in Pontiac Oakland Chapter is still on currently. The George Washington Dinner at Shores Chapter is still on along with the Grand Chapter Midyear conference during the day, same location. The end of February will be the Angola all-degree day in Angola, Indiana.

March will be putting us at the East Central Conference in Ft. Wayne on the weekend on March 11th. March 19 there is a dinner for the Bronze Award recipient. Contact Grand Ledge Chapter Secretary for further information I have nothing else for March at this time, but I will send anything out to the Secretaries if your Chapter has something they would like to announce.

A note to the Secretaries that requested rituals from the Grand Office. I have a supply in stock. Send a request via email and I will fill it for you. You will not receive the Red Book with them as I do not have any in. When the Revised version goes to press, I will notify the Secretaries and you can request them.

I, and the Grand Officers are looking forward to the warm weather, so travel can become easier not only for us but for you. We are looking forward to the activities, which come with warmer weather. Stay warm and stay safe.

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Greetings Companions:

All Degree Day is scheduled for February 5th, at Oakland Chapter # 5. Plan to bring your Candidates so they can receive their Chapter and Council Degrees. Please see the Flyer on the rammi.org web page for details.

February 14th is Valentine's Day. If you are like myself, gifts alone do not show the true appreciation you have for your significant other. Johnny Mathis song, "I will love you until the twelfth of never" express true heart felt feelings to the one you Love. So, listen to the song and instill some of the feelings you have for her on Valentine's Day.

Washington's Birthday Celebration is February 19th, sponsored by St. Clair Chapter# 12, at the Marysville Masonic Temple. Please see the Flyer on the rammi.org web site for details.

Chapters have the chance to honor those who exemplify what it means to be a Royal Arch Mason. Nominate them for the Bronze or MSA. The forms are online. I would like to see Brent Helm overwhelmed with responses.

Grand Chapter Foundation Scholarship application is in the document section under downloads (rammi.org). The deadline is March 1, 2022.

Once again, time is fast approaching for Chapters to select new Officers. The Officers you select must have the desire to direct your Chapter to achieve growth and stability.

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

Greetings Companions:

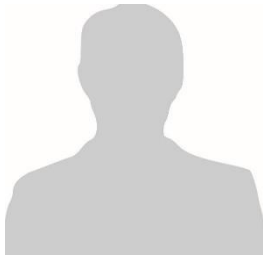
As we continue to attend our Lodge, Chapter, and other Masonic meetings, we cannot help but notice that many of the effects of COVID are still around us. Unfortunately, some of our Companions have traveled to that "undiscovered country from whose borne no one returns". We will miss them as we go on with our Masonic business. We will try to fill in the best that we can.

What is the lesson for us? I must wonder if it is not unlike the lesson of driving a car.

We do not stop driving, for we know that life does go on with all its responsibilities and duties. We do, however, try to maintain a prudent degree of safety. We wear masks when called for, we maintain social distancing, and we even forego going to meetings when we feel symptoms. Finally, we look to the providence of the Supreme Grand High Priest to hold us by His right-hand as we travel through these times.

Fraternally,
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Greetings Companions:

I hope this communication finds all safe and in good health. To maintain that right our government is asking everyone to get Covid-19 vaccine shots along with a booster shot to control and protect everyone against the different variants showing up.

I am Steve, Grand Royal Arch Captain, and at this time I would like to respond on the Royal Arch Capitular Degrees, known as those degrees in the York Rite. It confers four degrees in which they go in numerical order as noted. 1, The **MARK MASTER DEGREE** dates to where this honorary degree focuses on charity and honesty. 2, The **PAST MASTER DEGREE** is primarily in America, because it is a requirement that a man could not take the Royal Arch Degree until he has been a Worshipful Master, and if not a Worshipful Master, he is given the title as virtual Past Master with no other honors afforded to his rank. It teaches a lesson of leadership on how to transfer power to others. 3, The **MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE** sees the Temple of King Solomon completed. Here, a Mason learns that work may change once the project is done, but there is more work to do. 4, The **ROYAL ARCH DEGREE** is considered the fourth degree in English masonry. It is so important that it is called **THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH** in Britain. It is here that the lost word of the Master Mason degree is discovered. I will close for now.

Fraternally,
Steve J. Eliopoulos, Grand Royal Arch Captain

Greetings Companions,

18 January 2022

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

24 Schools of Instruction were reported. 55% completion rate.

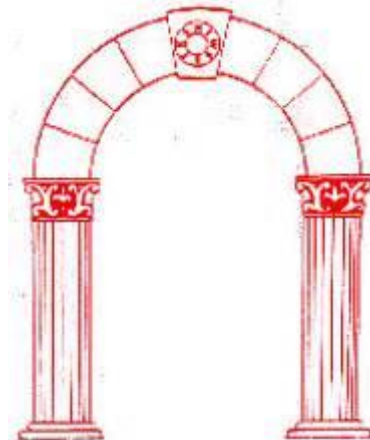
0 Inspections were reported. 0% completion rate.

3 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 7% completion rate.

Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of January 18, 2022, is 8,349.

Respectfully Submitted,

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DeMolay Of Michigan

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Unfortunately, Winterfest had to be canceled due to the spike in the Covid-19 case and the new variant. Michigan DeMolay will endeavor to hold several one-day fun events over the next several months to make sure we can keep our Youth engaged. It has been a struggle for the last two years, but we will continue to keep Brotherhood alive. These events are big opportunities for Masonic support for the youth. The members of Michigan DeMolay love to see the Companions attending our events and I know that Rainbow and Jobs appreciate it as well. Michigan DeMolay will be holding State Degrees on January 29, 2022, at the Wayne Masonic Center. We are looking forward to a great afternoon. Michigan DeMolay will now turn its attention to the Installation Season which begins in March. Please try to attend an Installation of one or more of the Chapters as they change their leadership for the next six-month term. Michigan DeMolay is on the move with membership as several Chapters have begun to initiate new members. 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.



The State Master Councilor
and the Grand Worthy Advisor



MWGM and two Masonic Youth Leaders:
State Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay and
Grand Worthy Advisor for Michigan Rainbow.



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Lodge Installation season is now Past, and this is a perfect time to remind Senior DeMolays who have completed their terms as Worshipful Master of a unique recognition program sponsored by Michigan DeMolay. Certificates and pins are available to commemorate these occasions. On December 11th, 2021, the State Master Councilor presented Worshipful Brother Jim Watters of Brighton Lodge #247 with a certificate and pin recognizing his year in the East. Additionally, at the installation, the state officers and the Master Councilor and Senior Councilor of Livingston County Chapter also performed the Ceremony of Light for those in attendance. As indicated by its name, this impressive ceremony explains the Seven Cardinal Virtues of DeMolay through candlelight maneuvers. Michigan DeMolay will continue to present this recognition to Senior DeMolays, Past Masters. If you know of a Senior DeMolay who will be completing his term in the East as Worshipful Master, don't hesitate to contact Grand Master and Executive Officer Vince D'Aguanno daguannov@comcast.net.

Michigan DeMolay

Congratulates

Brother Donald H. Pax, P.M.

having received the rank and distinction

of a

Worshipful Master of Fowlerville Lodge No. 164

located in the City of Fowlerville, Michigan

We have set our hand and seal this day December 11, 2021

Eric Ferrvos

State Master Councilor



Vincent A. D'Aguanno, GM

Executive Officer

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Hello from Michigan Job's Daughters. It was once again Installation season and many of the Bethels held full, in-person, installations for the first time in 2 years. Some of the Bethels opted to start back in smaller ways by installing their officers during a regular meeting. But no matter how it was done, we are Re-opening our gates. If you were able to attend any of these ceremonies, thank you for your support.

Bethel #10 Grand Rapids held their installation with many friends and family members in attendance. The Grand Rapids OES Chapter also came out to support the girls and presented them with a donation.

Bethel #61 Mt. Pleasant is starting the process of moving to Alma. The installation was attended by several members of Alma Lodge #244, who, led by their Worshipful Master Kevin McCormack, presented the Bible at the altar, and welcomed the Bethel to Alma.

Bethel #30 Grand Blanc just initiated 3 new members on January 3rd which doubled their membership. Then they held their installation on January 21st in a beautiful ceremony.



Bethel #10 Grand Rapids



Bethel #61 Mt. Pleasant



Bethel #30 Grand Blanc





Bethel #82 Allen Park had a beautiful addition to their installation by including 5 Jobie to Bees – this is a Bethel to watch, they are growing by leaps and bounds. With all these members, they outgrew their lodge room and moved the ceremony to Lincoln Park Ionic. It is wonderful they have 2 amazing lodges that support their girls not only with a home but with their presence.

Bethel #52 St. Clair Shores took the Grand Family theme of “Dream BIG” and ran with it. They were able to hold their installation in the Detroit Masonic. With 3 Worshipful Masters and their lodge members, a Potentate and his Divan, and the Oriental Shrine Ladies – it was a packed house. The Bethel did not disappoint, they performed beautiful ritualistic work and a heartfelt send off to their newest majority members. As a bonus, the Bethel performed the lighted cross using black light for a new take on an old tradition.

February 5th will be our first exemplification of this Grand Bethel year that we are able to invite guests. It will be at Mt. Morris Masonic Center; lunch **is at Noon** with Exemplification to follow (this is a revised time from the original invitation). They will be doing initiation and honoring the Michigan Masons. Lunch is \$15 and reservations go to Lenzy Lewis.

The Grand Bethel will be selling Funky Socks starting February 5th – if you are looking for a fun gift for that hard to buy for person, see one of our daughters. Additionally in February we will be holding an on-line Auction with many fun items for cooking, consuming, viewing, collecting, traveling, and playing.

Spring will also bring opportunities for us to support our global philanthropic project called H.I.K.E. which stands for Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment where we earn money to purchase hearing devices for kids. Money earned in our state is spent on kids in our state. Watch for the updates in the next newsletter and through social media.

Planning for summer... Grand Session in July will be our last year in Grand Rapids. This is truly an end of an era. If you can find it in your schedule, see if you can attend, even if it is only for Thursday Formal Opening or Saturday’s Installation of Officers. Help us say goodbye in a big way. Our new Grand Session location will be Shanty Creek.

We look forward to seeing many of you in our travels and remind everyone to Dream and Dream Big.



Bethel #82 Allen Park



Bethel #52 St. Clair Shores



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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

Greetings,

Because of Covid, Michigan Rainbow has been rather quiet. We did have a wonderful time at our Grand Family Christmas party which was attended by our Rainbow Grand Family as well as many of our Eastern Star Grand Family. The theme was based around a Hawaiian Christmas complete with hula dancing. Our Grand Worthy Advisor, Cheyenne, is quite a dancer! Her dance group, which included young adults as well as some elementary school young ladies, entertained us with several different hula dances. The Rainbow Girls and others were then invited to participate in learning the hula. Even our Worthy Grand Matron, Dawn, got out there with the girls and learned to play a Hawaiian instrument!



On January 15th, we had been scheduled to have our Dads Day Grand Officer Exemplification at the Grand Ledge Masonic Temple but because of Covid, that had to be rescheduled. The rescheduled date for the GOEX is February 19th and will still be at Grand Ledge. The Dads Day has become an annual event where our Rainbow Dads plan the day, including the meal, for everyone in attendance and everyone looks forward to seeing what they have come up with this year! If you would like to attend, reservations go to Dad Michael Waldo by February 12th. We would love to have you visit and see the wonderful work our Rainbow Girl's do with their Ritual.

Since then, we had to reschedule the Dads Day GOEX, we also had to move our annual Diggin' with the Deputies Day at Berkley Masonic Temple. Diggin' with the Deputies is a statewide service project day where we all work on different projects such as gifts or centerpieces for the Masonic Home in Alma as well as other projects for charity. In the past we have made dog toys, greeting cards, centerpieces, sachets for the residents (even Grand Lodge Officer Leonard Davis helped make some), tied many fleece blankets, made pillows for cancer patients, etc. This year Diggin' will be on Sunday, February 27. Everyone is invited to join the



fun and it's casual!



Watch Michigan Rainbow or Eastern Star in Motion Facebook pages for the invitations and reservation instructions. Michigan Rainbow would love to see you at a formal meeting, or a fun meeting so come on out and join us.

Fraternally,
Sister Sally Brock in for Sister Maureen Riley
Michigan Rainbow Girls