



Michigan Triple Tau *Official Publication of the* *Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons* **FEBRUARY 2023**

Dear Companions and Everyone:

I wonder if the last of January is a sample of how our winter is going to be? We did get snow in Alma, Michigan. I know some places got a load of snow and some did not get anything like it. Everyone who ventured out to family and friends last of December, over Christmas, gave us a bunch of Covid-19 cases on the residential side. We spent 18 days in quarantine and ate in our rooms. That was bad because we were eating off disposable diner ware. I got awful tired of foam cups. Hopefully, we are back on track now with just a few cases. You can dine in the dining rooms again. Yes, you can tell I got a touch stir crazy hanging out in my room.

Our youth groups had a lot of ceremonies, conclaves and ritual work at the end of this month. Thank you all for getting the flyers and Royal Arch articles in early. That was a big help. The flyers included in this issue are the George Washington Birthday Celebration, All Degree Day for Oakland Chapter #5 and Jackson Chapter #3. The Knights Templar of Traverse City Commandery are asking for all Masons, York Rite and Scottish Rite to march in the National Cherry Festival parade July 8th, a Saturday morning, to showcase all of our Masonic bodies and their appendant bodies. The information is in this issue as a flyer.

Thank you all for your help and support. February is usually very cold so keep your hat on and wear your gloves. I wish you a good month and a healthy one too!

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

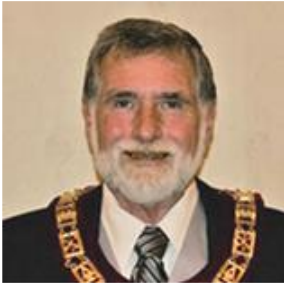


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Greetings Companions:

The month of January weather was very. warm and rainy. That should have encouraged you to make those Chapter visits.

As I read over the past issues of the Triple Tau, I ran across this article written by Mike Roberts when he was the Grand Scribe. The future of Royal Arch Masonry relies on its membership and the retention of that membership. I believe that. Communication, education, and visibility are the best tools we must use to achieve these goals. Communication needs to begin in our local Chapters. Each High Priest and Secretary should use a form of regular communication, such as e-mail, phone list, a form of social media, or a newsletter for example, to ensure as many members as possible of his Chapter are informed of the events. The High Priest should also take the time to contact his assigned District Deputy Instructor and assigned Grand Officer. I used Mikes first paragraph; communication is key for any organization to grow and stay viable.

The month of February has many opportunities. to bring candidates and for to renew acquaintances.

All Degree Day is scheduled for February.11th at Oakland Chapter # 5

All Degree Day is scheduled for February.25th at Jackson Chapter # 3

Washington Birthday Celebration is February 18th, sponsored by St. Clair Chapter # 12 at the Marysville Masonic Temple. Please see the flyer for details.

February 4th is DeMolay Winter Fest at the Double Tree Hilton at 5801 Southfield Fwy., Detroit, Mi. 48228. Please stop in and show your support for these young men.

February 14th is Valentine's Day. If you are like me, gifts alone do not show the appreciation you have for your significate other. The Johnny Mathis song, " I will Love you until the twelfth of never". Express your true heart! feeling of the one you Love.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
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Scribbles of the Secretary

The first month of 2023 is now in the record books. We survived New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, for us old guys that in itself is a feat. January is the time to set the dates for our degrees for the year. We try to keep the calendar straight so all the Chapters get a chance to put the dates they need and get help if they could use some. Remember, if you are planning on having Grand Chapter officers at your degrees, you need to contact the Protocol Chairman (that is the Grand Secretary) for the date. We don't want to overbook the dates for our Grand High Priest.

February is going to be a very busy month. We have every weekend filled. The first weekend is the DeMolay Winter Fest. The three youth groups will be enjoying a fun-filled weekend. If you should be in the neighborhood, the Doubletree Hotel on Southfield in Detroit, drop in, say "Hi", to the best young people around. The second weekend we have an all Chapter and Council degree day at Pontiac Lodge in Auburn Hills. There is more information on the calendar in the database and the website. It is also in the Triple Tau. The third weekend will put us at the George Washington Celebration being held in Marysville at Shores Chapter No. 12. The information for this event is also available in our February Triple Tau issue. The fourth weekend will be the Tri-State being held in Jackson, Mi. This is a six-degree day with help from Indiana and Ohio. For lunch reservations contact Donald Trumbull.

March is almost as crowded as the month of February. I have no doubt that it will be just as full within the next few weeks. The first weekend will be at the Commandery Tri-State in Bryon, Ohio, contact will also be Donald Trumbull for more information. The second weekend will be in Ft. Wayne, IN, for the General Grand Chapter East Central Conference. The conference is a York Rite conference with all three bodies conducting seminars. This is also a leadership class for York Rite members. It is one of the best sources for information within the York Rite. Our database and websites have calendars and websites with the information that is available for you there. Your secretaries and recorders can fill in the information on the calendars with information and flyers to make communication available for all of our members. One of the things that we live by is communication and we can never get enough. The more we are informed the more viable we will become.

Enjoy the Winter,

Donald





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Greetings Companions:

How are you making out with this year's resolutions? Have you made progress in accomplishing your goals? We are reminded in the Master Mason Degree that time, patience and perseverance, accomplishments to all things. I am also reminded of the pastor who saw that resolutions are adopted for New Year's and given up for Lent.

It is my hope that this year will prove to be a productive and beneficial year for your Chapter and yourselves.

I will be more than happy to offer my assistance to your Chapter as it works to accomplish its resolutions this year.

Fraternally,
Brent Helm, Grand King



Greetings Companions:

After all the Lodge and Council installations, I have about a 2 week break before the busy month of February is upon us. DeMolay Winterfest in Detroit will be the 4th of February, All-Degree Day in Pontiac is the 11th, George Washington observance in Marysville will be the 18th, and All-Degree Day in Jackson will be the 25th. I would encourage all Royal Arch Masons to attend at least one of these events, if not participate in all of them.

In a few months, new officers will be installed in the Royal Arch Chapters in Michigan. Are your new officers already proficient in the positions they are about to ascend? If not, there are still a few months to prepare them. Make sure all the Past High Priests of your Chapter are helping the incoming officers by letting them know what is expected of them. By making a strong and proficient Chapter, you will be able to retain the members newly exalted.

Until we see each other, keep seeking further light in Masonry,
Tom & Loki





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Mid-Winter Greetings My Companions,

Let us welcome the New Year together with excitement and great expectations.

2022 was a fine year, and 2023 should even be better. I hope that all of you had safe travels to the various family gatherings and parties you were invited to. I am sure you limited your libations, and did not convert the means of refreshment into intemperance, or excess.

During the winter months, our family and friends might need our extra attention. Perhaps they just need someone to talk to, or someone to help with their winter chores. A heartfelt conversation and willingness to help those in need is perhaps the most important gift we can give. We should always consider the less fortunate above ourselves and give them what we are able. We as Royal Arch Masons, should look out for each other. The Companions, their families, their widows, and orphans.

Royal Arch Masons should always try to visit other Blue Lodges to promote our Chapters, seek companionship and possibly gain a Companion. The Red Jacket is quite fashionably worn anytime, but most especially, during the months from Thanksgiving through Valentine's Day.

Please continue reading the ritual and studying the esoteric work so you may be prepared for future candidates in 2023 and beyond.

Fraternally yours,
Harold R Staley, Jr., Grand Royal Arch Captain



Greetings Companions:

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JANUARY 2023 TRIPLE TAU

16 Schools of Instruction were reported. 36.0% completion rate.

0 Inspections were reported. 0% completion rate.

2 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. .05% completion rate.

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

Total mileage traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of January 10, 2023, is 9,432 miles.

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





Greetings, To All Fellow Masons,

The Sir Knights of Traverse City Commandry #41 would like to invite all Masons, and their spouses, and families to join them for the National Cherry Festival Parade to be held on **July 8th, 2023, in Traverse City Michigan.**

This invitation is open to every Mason, come to Traverse City, and march in the parade with the Shriners and Commandry. This is a great way to show our Masonic pride on a national level, and we have a great opportunity to show the different bodies of Masonry at this parade, and for people to take notice and to ask questions, which could lead to new members for this wonderful Brotherhood that we have, so please mark your calendars for **July 8th, 2023 in Traverse City Michigan.**

We meet at the Traverse City Masonic Lodge, **13360 West Bay Shore Road** between 8:30-9:00 am on the day of the parade, and then go to the starting line. When the parade is over, we will go back to the **Traverse City Masonic Lodge** and have lunch together. There is plenty to do for the entire weekend if you choose to do that. There are plenty of hotels in the area without staying in Traverse City, if you choose to do that. The hotels in the city can get rather expensive, due to this being their peak time.

The festival is a great time to be had by the entire family. There are activities the week prior to the parade, and they have fireworks throughout the week, and they usually have them on the evening of the parade. Come join us as we put Masonry on a **National** stage and share our Brotherhood with the thousands of people along the parade route.

Please RSVP: James Rutherford by June 30th, 2023, email norruth0123@yahoo.com

Courteously,

James DeGuise Rutherford
Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Grand Commandry of Michigan



DeMolay Of Michigan

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Michigan DeMolay is continuing to grow with two new Chapters in Coloma and Iron Mountain operating under Letters Temporary and busy recruiting Advisors and Youngmen.

Walt Disney Chapter Order of DeMolay has moved its Charter to Livonia Masonic Temple and held their first Induction. One of the new members is an exchange student from Switzerland. The Chapter is recruiting new members at their new home.

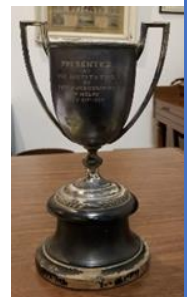


Don't hesitate to contact the local Chapter or Lodge with possible members near these new Chapters.

Now Michigan DeMolay is again on the move with many activities. On Saturday, October 1st, we had the honor of our MWGM and the RWDM at the State degrees, followed by the State Master Councilors Reception.

The following week we attended the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, where our advisor Dad O'Connor was the outgoing WGP, and another Youth Advisor, Ms. Linda Koshowsky became the WGM and will lead the Order of Eastern Star for next year. Michigan DeMolay, led by the State Master Councilor Eric Zervos, carried the opening ceremony flag, and delivered his remarks.

Following the OES Grand Session, Port Huron DeMolay held a Hundredth Anniversary Party of the original Charter of Post Huron DeMolay. Many Senior DeMolays attended or sent notes of congratulations. Sr. DeMolay John Cooper presented a scorched Trophy dated 1922 salvaged from the fire at Port Huron Masonic Temple. Memories of old activities were given by many brothers in attendance, including the reading of letters from Sr DeMolays and a Proclamation from the City of Port Huron.



Following their remarks, Brother John Premo gave a vivid talk about the destruction of the Order of Knights Templar and the final and horrific death of Jacques De Molay.

Later that afternoon, we held a Halloween party at the Port Huron Masonic Temple for all Three Youth Groups. A great turnout with some prospective members!





The following day, I attended the Grand York Rite Reception and the Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Michigan Rainbow for Girls. Ms. Kathern Ellis, Grand Worthy Advisor, and I gave remarks from our youth organizations.

Our annual honors days were next and held at Wayne Masonic Temple, with the Degree of Chevalier presented to two outstanding DeMolays: Doug Wolf and Aaron O'Hagan. Followed by the presentation of the Cross of Honor to our distinguished advisors: Ashley Fulmer, Tara McCallium, Daniel Henderson, Stefanie Phillips, Tamara Busick, and Bud Prough. (Pictured Below).

The Legion of Honor degree was presented to David McCord and Tony Lawson. Adam Lenfestey will receive his Honors later. (Pictured Below)



The Collar of an Honorary Member in the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay was presented to Bob Pate, Jack Brown, Gary Paquet, Matt Shelton, and Ryan Toll. The Collar of a Deputy Member was presented to Ron Blaisdell. Earlier, MW Grand Master Leonard Davis received his collar at Conclave.

DeMolay was active in attending Lodge Installations; our Executive Officer was Installed as the Worshipful Master of Livonia United, Dad Zervos was Installed as the Worshipful Master of Lincoln Park Ionic, and Dad Parker, our Sr Past Executive Officer was installed as Sovereign Master in Crusader Chapter AMD.

We held our annual Christmas Party at Baldo's restaurant all had a good time. Michigan DeMolay hosted a virtual game night, with several chapters participating and all had a great time.

In January, we held both degrees in the Milford Masonic Temple with several Grand Lodge Officers, including the MW Grand Master and the RW Deputy Grand Master, in attendance with Grand officers of other bodies, including many Master Masons.





Many Senior DeMolay's, including several Past State Master Councilors assisted in bringing our new Brothers into the Order of DeMolay

To the left, PSMC Ryan Binkley presenting the fifth preceptor's part to our new Brothers.



To the left, John Premo PMC presenting the DeMolay flower Talk.



And left, Seth Moore PSMC gave the Junior Councilors lecture to our new Brothers.



(Picture to the Left). DeMolay cast for the Order of DeMolay at Livonia Masonic Temple.

In February, our Sister Masonic groups Rainbow and Jobs Daughters, will be holding their Installations. Please give them your support by attending their installations.

Next month we will be holding our Winterfest in a new location, the Detroit/ Dearborn Double Tree – looking forward to having a weekend of Fun.

If you know of any young man interested in DeMolay, please get in touch with dad Jeff Stewart at Dad Stewart at jstewart@michigandemolay.org.





Michigan Job's Daughters The Magic Within 2022-2023

Hannah – Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Dana Burtrum, PHQ – Grand Guardian

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Jobie University Academics - Athletics – Fellowship

January 28th the Michigan Job's Daughters held "Jobie University" as a part of their Leadership program for the year. The day started at the Alma Masonic Center with a workshop: The Master of the Lodge left the members a beautiful bowl of fruit which the daughters enjoyed all day.

The Daughters were working on Ritual and Floorwork in the Bethel Room. They ended their session with Jobie Trivia that was notable by the laughter coming from the Bethel Room. The adults working on Council Duties in the dining room were a little jealous of the fun sounds coming from the other room.

What would the day be without food? So, a tasty lunch of Jimmy Johns was served before the entire group met together for an Outward Mindset session and how it related to Job. There was an appearance of Job, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar (Job and his three friends from the far east) and we outlined the Mindsets that they showed throughout the story.

After the "Academic" sessions were completed in Alma, we loaded up the membership and headed over to Mt. Pleasant and the Soaring Eagle Waterpark for the "Athletic" portion of the event. What else can be said, there was a waterpark, Job's Daughters, and a room to the side with pizza, because we cannot starve the members. Basically, there were smiles all around!



The plan was for the daughters to have an overnight at the Masonic Center that evening, but the forecast was showing that the morning weather was threatening. So, the group headed home following the waterpark.

Upcoming Dates to mark on your calendars:

February 24th – BUNCO for District 3 in Taylor

February 25th – Exemp. Honoring Michigan Masons in Roseville

January 2023 Installations Around the State



Bethel #82 Allen Park once again held an installation that filled the seats. There is always a Beehive full of Jobie to Bees and friends from DeMolay wishing the Bethel a successful term.



Bethel #61 Mt. Pleasant is in the process of moving to Alma. They held a beautiful installation followed by an ... *Enchantment Under the Sea* reception. Everyone had a great time!!



Never say never!!! The Squires family has been a part of **Bethel #33** Clio for more years than we are going to place a number on. Daughters, cousins, moms, and sisters all have worn the crown. But Sarah is one of the most devoted members and they said she would never be Honored Queen. The ladies of this Bethel said, "Oh yes she will!!!" And the Bethel members are working to make the Magic Within come OUT!!!

Bethel #52 St. Clair Shores is also in the process of moving. Their installation was held in (their soon to be), new home of Roseville. By the smiles on the faces, things are going well. Congratulations.



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

Chapter / No.	Date	
City		
Station	Companion	Score (1-5)
RWM		
KS		
SW		
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		