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Dear Companions:

February! The month of flowers and boxed candy. The month we celebrate two great presidents birthdays. The 2nd of February, Sunday, is Groundhog's Day. I figure he is going to lie again to us this year too. The 14th is on a Friday, Valentine's Day. The 17th is on a Monday, President's Day. When you read the Secretaries Scribbles, there are a few more dates to write down on your calendar.

This issue has some short articles and some that are very long. We had a lost member who disappeared for 2 weeks. Now, they have been found! Sir Knight Butch has a piece in here that asks the question, "Can't we all just get along?". Check out the Youth Groups pages. I ran out of room for the last paragraph of the Job's Daughters section. So here is the last bits on this page.

*Finally, at Bethel # 52 St Clair Shores, Miss Nicole was installed as a first time Honored Queen, by her cousin Miss Isabel. All of these officers did an outstanding job, and they invited the PAWS and Leader Dogs for the Blind to participate, which gave us the opportunity to meet the newest trainee under the care of Past Grand Patron, Dad Michael. This picture is Dad Michael with Sheba, and our Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Miss MaKeelie.



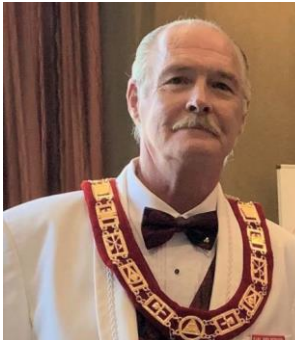
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Companions All:

As I believe most know of the passing of our Grand King, John A. Ames, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

It is to his wife Judy and his family; on behalf of the Grand Chapter, we offer our condolence and prayers. All of Masonry in Michigan has suffered a loss in his being called to the next level of life and he will truly be missed and remembered among our ranks.

I have appointed M.E.C. Michael Whiting, PGHP, P/P/ KYCH, and Proto Call chairman to stand in for R.E.C. John for the duration of this year. Craft take notice.

Well, the beginning of the year here 2020 has really given us our task and not at ease. The snowfall seems held off through December and a good part of January, but Mother Nature let us know she is still there with Old Man Winter dumping an amounting snowfall here in the north country, so those traveling this way and to the U.P., take care and be safe. I would hope that the roads south are in better shape for our DDI'S need to finish their schools and get the reports into the director, hopefully, before our mid-year meeting February in Caro.

All DDI's are encouraged to be present there and read their own reports, and seeking assistance with their Chapters can find it then through direct communications.

Shortly after Caro and the "George Washington B-Day celebration "dinner / for one hundred years, I'll be moving around in the lower part of the state with what information I acquire from the meeting. Any Chapter that would like myself and /or Grand Officers to visit can contact me directly by phone or Email. Also, through the Proto Call committee Chairman, Michael Whiting.

So, I see my neighbor has shoveled his snow and, in an effort to keep up, I'd better get after it. If you are out in this white stuff as I am, remember the rules on the cold and be safe, stay healthy, and I hope to visit soon.

Fraternal in Masonry,
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Scribbles

Well, the first month of 2020 is over, it would seem the time is not going to slow down any time soon, and in my mind, it is speeding up. January brought us several activities to keep us on the move. We had the Educational Seminar, the Livingston Chapter 39th annual Master's Dinner, and this past weekend was DeMolay Winterfest, from which I am still trying to recover. There are pictures from the event elsewhere in the Triple Tau.

February 1st Council will be doing a three-degree day in Auburn Hills (Pontiac Temple)! Please refer to the flyer in this issue of the Triple Tau! On page 5.

The weekend of February 22nd we will be in Caro for a Grand Chapter meeting and the 100th anniversary George Washington Dinner. Contact Kevin Wightman at klwightman@yahoo.com for reservations. February 29th will put you in Michigan Center for the seven-degree day for the tri-state, more information on our web site.

March will be rather busy, beginning with an All degree day in Grand Rapids on the 7th starting at 8:00 AM. The next weekend will put us in Ft. Wayne, IN, to the annual General Grand Chapter East-Central conference being held on the 14th of March.

Now for January's sad news. We lost three Companions this month Gene Hoisington, Harley Ridgeway, and our Grand King John Arthur Ames. They will be missed and will leave a large hole in our hearts. Prayers for the families for their loss.

It is not too early to place your name in contention for one of the open chairs available this year at our conclave. We will have a page in the Triple Tau for your bio to be published for all to see and you may come to Caro for the meeting and make your intentions known to all present. You will also receive information on what your responsibilities will be, and on your commitment.

Now for a happy note. For those of you that have been wondering where our lovely Marjorie Walbridge has been hiding, I have found her, right under my nose, sort of speaking she is now a resident of Masonic Pathways. Her contact information is as follows: Marjorie Walbridge

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She will welcome calls and notes. Should you be in the neighborhood, stop into Masonic Pathways. You will be amazed at the number of people you will know.

Have a good and happy February,

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REC John A. Ames
Born August 3, 1951
Died January 13, 2020
Lady Judi

Companions,

On January 13, 2020, the Mason's of Michigan lost a Devoted Brother of the York Rite, a Dedicated Brother and Sir Knight and the Grand Chapter Grand King. John was active in every aspect of Masonry that he became involved in. He was an excellent ritualist who always stepped in and helped whenever and wherever needed. His love for the Fraternity and the lives he touched was evident by the many Brothers and Ladies who attended his Masonic Service. My admiration for him was great and I have no doubt he would have made a

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Now I have been asked to fill the office of Grand King until August. It will be a large act to follow. I look forward to the challenge and hope John is looking down and guiding me in the path he had envisioned for the Grand Chapter.

I ask that you keep Lady Judi and John's family in your thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow.

Until we meet again John,
"Fare thee Well my Brother"

Michael Whiting, Grand King, P.M.E.G.H.P.



Companions:

In keeping Lady Judi and John's family in our thoughts and prayers, we have included his obituary.

John Arthur Ames of Macomb, MI passed away suddenly on Monday, January 13, 2020, at the age of 68.

John was born in Flint, MI on August 3, 1951, to the late Lamont and Betty Ames. He married Judith Brooks on June 9, 1979, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Burton, MI. John retired after 20 years in the United States Air Force where he served in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Italy, France, and Germany. He was a Mason for 28 years and belonged to the Masonic Lodge No. 6 in Mt. Clemens, MI. He enjoyed carpentry and making crafts with plastic canvas. John will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

John is survived by his wife Judith Ames; children Jeanette, Natalie, John Jr., and Christi Ames; siblings Dallas (Nancy) Ames, Mark (Leslie) Ames and Diane (Terry) Hamm.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 17, 2020, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Hauss-Modetz Funeral Home, 47477 Romeo Plank, Macomb, MI 48044. Funeral services and Military Honors will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at 10:00 am at Hauss-Modetz Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation or to the Masonic Pathways Senior Living Center in Alma, MI.

Pontiac Council No. 3
presents an
All Council Degree Day
February 1, 2020

Swim for RARA!

What is RARA: Royal Arch Research Assistance Research in the area of Auditory Perception, which adversely affects untold thousands of children, especially boys.

Pontiac All Council Degree Day

Come join the Circle of Masonic Perfection and join your Companions from around the State in experiencing the Final Degree of Ancient Craft Masonry.

On February 1, 2020, Pontiac Council #3 will be hosting an All Council Degree Day.

- The opening will be 1:00 pm
- Royal Master by Tyre #10 & Friends at 1:20 pm
- Select Master by Durand #38 & Associates at 2:00 pm
- Super Excellent Master by Grand Council & Company at 3:30 pm
- Dinner at 6:00 pm Cost \$20.00

Reservations must be in by January 15.

Contact: Mike Whiting:
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How does the Auditory Perception affect individuals? A central auditory processing disorder impacts the academic, work, and social behavior of the child and adult. The condition causes them to scramble written, or oral, instructions and thus not understand what is wanted or desired of them even though they have normal intelligence, normal vision, and normal hearing.

What has RARA done? Over the years exciting results have occurred for many children with specialized use of acoustic earplugs and earmuffs, strategic classroom seating arrangements, FM wireless microphone systems and even electronic manipulation of speech signals used to enhance the intelligibility of speech. Much has been learned and accomplished, however, much still needs to be done.

What is Swim for RARA?

Swim for RARA is a goal that Tom Black has to swim in as many of the different Michigan lakes as possible throughout 2020 until August 1, 2020. Each swim will include:

- A mason jar of the lake's water with the name of the lake
- At least ½ mile swim in each lake or it does not count
- Date of each swim
- Picture of himself with the lake

How can I help?

You can help by sponsoring an amount per lake, or by donating a lump sum amount for the Swim for RARA cause. The total funds will be collected soon after August 1, 2020, through August 10, 2020. A lump sum will be given to the Royal Arch during the Grand Session in 2020 with the names of all the sponsoring individuals attached.

I have also attached the word document for the above. I have about 25 sponsors so far.

Best Regards,
Tom Black



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At the Heart of the Matter



As Valentine's day draws near, it is important to remind ourselves how God expects us to treat the loved ones in our lives. Christian gentlemen should always treat ladies well but what guidance does our Lord give us? **Knights allow the Father to influence your relationship and true love follows.** When it comes to love, the Bible gives vast amounts of wisdom for husbands and wives. Truly you can use the same principles for singles on relationship journeys or as a Christian gentleman dealing with each other's ladies. Positive relationships between men and women remain respectful and glorify God.

Okay that's the general "**heart of the matter**", for just a little more guidance I have found 5 things that if incorporated into our relationships, in fact, life will be honest, and welcoming to others and pleasing to our Lord. According to his word a man should treat a woman:

1. **With RESPECT.** Speaking to them, not at them and always "Listening" to them, don't just hear them, honestly Listen. 1 PETER 3:7 *"Husbands, in the same way, be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect..."*
2. **Be Gentle.** Tenderness is key, many women, (in fact some men also) don't receive information that is delivered harshly. Harshness can be widespread, stern or angry looks, aggressive body language, invasion of personal space, are as disrespectful as strong language, sharp tones or verbal abuse. **Colossians 3:19** *"Do not be harsh with your wife"*
3. **FOCUS.** Proverbs 5:20, *"Do not be captivated by other women"* our warning to focus on the woman in our life. Today's society is filled with man-woman interactions, these can become distracting even interruptions of our relationships. It's simpler then we may think, it is not displeasing to God for men and women to interact, what is displeasing to him is when we begin to look at other women and develop attractions to them or become captivated by those interactions. Guard well your actions with "Caution and Vigilance"
4. **With PRAISE.** Remind yourself daily to praise her for everything she brings to your life together. Not just verbal complements, true and honest PRAISE, tell her and others how much she means to you. Thank her often and honestly. Proverbs 31: 28-29 *"Call your wife 'blessed' and praise her."*
5. **With HONOR,** from the old testament to the new God is very clear Hebrews 13:4, God's warns the man *"Honor your marriage, keep it pure by remaining true to your wife in every way"*. As his word progresses, God tells us many places that a man should show his wife Honor, and that we should focus on her physical, mental and emotional well-being. We are to be committed to our relationship. **1 Peter 4:8:** *"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."*

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Like all our relationships, oaths and commitments we are instructed by God's word to **"Serve Passionately until relieved"** **2 Timothy 2:15** *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."*

Oath's, Obligations, Commitments, and Relationships have man-made time frames and as dedicated men of God, we adhere to those. But the relationship between husband and wife is guided by the ultimate time frame to determine "relieved" **Mark 10:9** *"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate"*. Truly my fellow Knights, the way I see it the **"Heart of the Matter"**, regarding our wives, our oaths and our relationships comes down to these 5 points: **RESPECT, GENTLENESS, FOCUS, PRAISE & HONOR.**

Till God rejoins us on earth or in heaven, Peace, and love from one servant to another.

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Commandery Honor Guard: The German Shepard Dog Club of Detroit, Opening Ceremonies Honor Guard. In June of each year, the Detroit German Shepard Dog Club hosts its Annual German Shepard Competition Festival in Whitmore Lake, Michigan. The club officers now request the Sir Knights of Romeo Commandery No. 6 to present the National and State Flags along with the National Anthems at its Opening Ceremonies on Saturday morning.

Photo: L to R: S.K.'s Steve Lambert PC, David Heise SW, David Smith S.B., Albert Johnston PC-PGC, Terry Baker PC. This year's festival will be held on June 12-14, 2020. The public is invited. Further information contact Mrs. Christine Morgan Baker at 810-367-6127.



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Michigan DeMolay

Winterfest 2020 is over, and everybody needs rest after a weekend filled with fun, food, and fellowship. It seems that Winterfest was a big hit. This year's theme was a Renaissance, we had Jousting, Castle Making, relay races, and Charity events. There was also a costume contest. Several high and not so high, ranking officials submitted to the State Master Councilor's Charity event. All the Masonic Youth Groups attended (DeMolay, Jobs, and Rainbow), and no one seemed to complain even though the weather did not co-operate. It was an amazing weekend and the support of the Valley of Detroit AASR of 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Freemasonry, NMJ, and the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason Foundation, in sponsoring events was appreciated by all Masonic Youth present. These events are big opportunities for Masonic support for the youth. The members of Michigan DeMolay love to see the adult Fraternal Family attending our events and I know that Rainbow and Jobs appreciate it as well. Port Huron Chapter won the Spirit Award for the most enthusiastic group attending. Congratulations to the Youngmen of Port Huron DeMolay.

WINTERFEST 2020!



Valley of Detroit presents a check to the Masonic Youth Groups.





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MORE WINTERFEST 2020!



Michigan DeMolay now turns 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 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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Hello from Michigan Job's Daughters!

We are halfway through the winter, and well into the installation season. Despite the uncertainty of the weather, and a few events that have had to be rescheduled, we have been very excited and honored to have so many visitors and friends filling the sidelines at our installations this month! Here are a few highlights: The first weekend in January, we traveled to Flint for the installation of Bethel Officers of Bethel # 20 Genesee, where Miss Rainey was crowned Honored Queen for the first time, in a very nice ceremony with a military honoring for her brother who is a fallen hero. Bethel 20 is also the home Bethel of our Grand Bethel Junior Princess, Miss Briahna.



We also visited the home Bethel of the Grand Bethel Senior Princess, Miss Hannah at # 23 Walled Lake, which is also the new home Bethel of the DeMolay State Sweetheart, Miss Elisabeth. Miss Breanna was installed as Honored Queen, with Miss Mariko retiring.



At Bethel # 10 in Grand Rapids, we enjoyed the installation where all five newly installed line officers were thriving in their first time in the Bethel Line. Retiring 4-time Honored Queen Miss Hannah installed her successor, Miss Taryn. Taryn is the granddaughter of Bob Helmick, Past Grand Master, and his lovely wife Ann.



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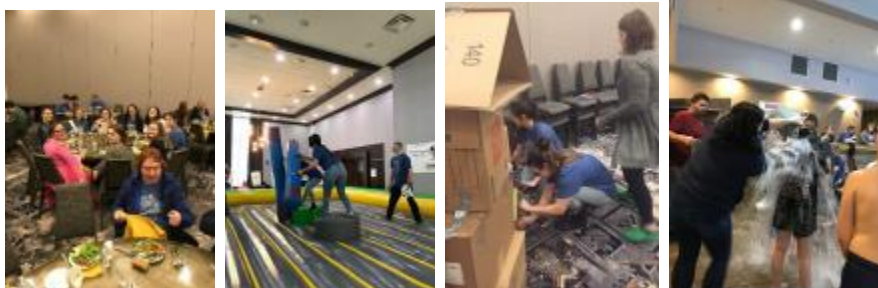
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Our next stop was in the small town of Evart, for the very unique opportunity to see the true meaning of international sisterhood in action! Last fall Bethel # 74 was very excited to welcome an exchange student who is a sister from Bethel # 11 Turabao, Santa Catarina Brazil. Miss Rafaela applied for dual membership to Bethel # 74 and took part in an honorary initiation during the Bethel's proficiency inspection in the fall. When the other daughters of the Bethel learned that Rafa would likely never have the opportunity to be Honored Queen in Brazil, due to the size of the Bethel there (40+ daughters!), and the fact that she gave up her chance by choosing to participate in an exchange year in America, they were quick to move to elect to have her as their Honored Queen for the winter term. This was so special to her, that her mom even flew in from Brazil to be there for the occasion! The third picture if Rafaela with her host mom on the left, and her home mom in the center. They brought a message of pride and love from her home Bethel, which her mom read in Portuguese, and her host mom translated in English.



Last weekend we had the honor to be invited to attend DeMolay's Renaissance Winterfest. Job's was well represented and had so much fun participating in the jousting, castle building, and ice bucket challenge. I'm not sure our Grand Bethel Honored Queen would agree that the ice bucket challenge was "fun", but it sure looks like her princesses enjoyed it!





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At Bethel # 16 in Marquette, Miss Zhawaan installed first time Honored Queen Miss Maddie, as well as their other officers. Maddie comes from a Job's Daughters lineage that includes her mom who is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel 16, and a Past Queen of the Marquette Chapter of Daughters of the Nile.



At Bethel # 61 in Mt Pleasant, Miss Faith was installed to the office of Honored Queen, by her sister Miss Leah. Mt Pleasant Bethel has grown by leaps and bounds over the past couple of years, with the help of these young ladies, who are the daughters of a Past Associate Bethel Guardian



At Bethel # 75 Mt Morris, Miss Gabby is a first time Honored Queen and was installed with her sisters into their new offices, sharing a long history of Masonic heritage at their Bethel.



*(Last of this article moved to the front page!)

Respectfully Submitted,

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