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Dear Companions And Everyone:

Great news! Masonic Pathways is open to 30-minute visits with your loved one in the Doig Chapel. The residents can finally eat in the dining rooms again! No more Styrofoam cartons and plastic silverware. It's just wonderful to eat and see each other for a meal. We are still masked up and spaced apart but we can converse and see each other once more. After being cooped up for so long, this is such a wonderful change.

Slowly things are opening up around our state but please be careful out there. People are still getting sick with this Covid-19 virus. Get your vaccine and join the rest of us card carrying, vaccinated folks! 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.

Our Grand King has an addition to his family. Meet their new fur baby, Apollo! Isn't he cute?! Happy St. Patrick's Day too!

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau



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Happy St. Patrick's Day Companions!

General George Washington, eager to bring some relief to his oppressed army at Morristown, New Jersey, issued this general order which commemorated St. Patrick's Day on March 17, 1780. Not only was this an opportunity to give his soldiers a day off from their labors, but this order recognized the Irish people's quest for freedom from British rule.

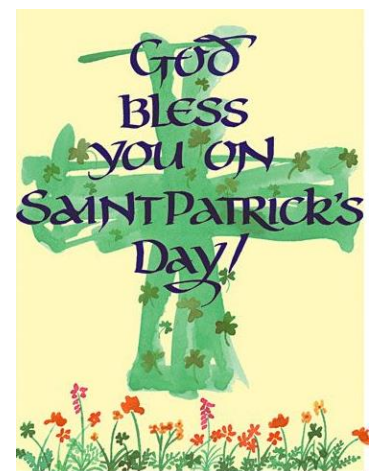
**Head Quarters Morris Town March 16th, 1780.
General Order**

The general congratulates the army on the very interesting proceedings of the parliament of Ireland and the inhabitants of that country which have been lately communicated; not only as they appear calculated to remove those heavy and tyrannical oppressions on their trade but to restore to a brave and generous people their ancient rights and freedom and by their operations to promote the cause of America.

Desirous of impressing upon the minds of the army, transactions so important in their nature, the general directs that all fatigue and working parties cease for tomorrow the seventeenth, a day held in particular regard by the people of the nation. At the same time that he orders this, he persuades himself that the celebration of the day will not be attended with the least rioting or disorder, the officers to be at their quarters in camp and the troops of the state line to keep within their own encampment.

Fraternally,
Eldin Miller, M.E.G.H.P.

*Editor's Note: This is found on George Washington's Website: George Washington's Mount Vernon. On this website, you can view the original paperwork!





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Scribbles of The Secretary



Here we are, another month in the books and the state is nowhere near normal. Looking forward to the tunnel it appears to be an oncoming train. I am afraid the new normal is not normal at all. We don't even have a prediction as to when we can get back to normal. My thinking is if the powers-that-be wait long enough, we will not remember what normal was, so we will have a new normal. This seems like a book I read a long time ago. The book was "Catch 22". The premise of the book was if a flyer during the second world war was crazy, he could not fly, and the only way he could be crazy was to say he was crazy. If he said he was crazy, he could not be crazy, so he had to fly. Sounds about right here too.

The calendar is lacking for March. It is void of events: the seven-degree day in Grand Rapids has been canceled and I have not heard of anything else going on for degree work for the month. The only thing coming up for April at this time is the Strawberry Festival. We have a flyer elsewhere in this publication with times and dates.

I have something of a pet peeve in that I (my opinion) think that we as members of the General Grand Chapter are selling ourselves short. We expect to receive quality documents, programs, and informational literature at below bargain-basement prices. We pay dues to our Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Councils, Grand Commanderies, and Scottish Rite, along with a whole cornucopia of other bodies, at a much higher price. We then expect the same level of service from General Grand Chapter for a measly \$3.00 a year. That breaks down to a whopping \$.00821 per day. Less than a cup of coffee a year. Try and put that into perspective. We question what do we receive for that large sum of money. When you go to the General Grand Chapter website (www.ggcrami.org) and take a tour, you will notice that it has changed. You get a better idea of what the General Grand Chapter is about. Check out all the paths and information that are available to you and your Chapters. There is a wealth of information that is there for the taking and asking. We have a resource for the asking and we do not use it. This is just my observation and you received all of this, for less than the price of a cup of coffee a year.

Here is to hoping things are getting better, look up spring is almost here.

Donald.



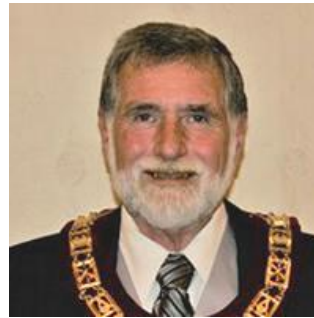


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Greetings Companions!

Another month has slipped by and I almost missed this month's article, I am blaming it on the deep freeze that we have been in lately, luckily it seemed to let up a bit in the last few days and my brain thawed. Too bad Texans now must deal with it.

This weekend, Feb 20th, your Grand Chapter Officers will be meeting up in Marysville for an all-day meeting including reports on the status of the Chapters throughout Michigan, conducting a Forward Planning meeting, and discussion of your Grand Chapter's budget to name a few. There is a dinner planned afterward at a local restaurant and is sure to be a good evening. This annual meeting was usually held in Caro, but the venue has changed and will be in Marysville this year. I would like to say thank you Caro Chapter for the many, many years of you opening up your Chapter room to us. It was appreciated. I would also like to thank Marysville for taking us in this year, Thank you both!

Now for something totally off-topic. I told my son Connor that I had to write an article for the Triple Tau, and he wanted me to tell everyone that he got a Golden Retriever puppy this past Friday. Over the last year, he has been saving up his money for half of the cost of the puppy. The breeder has been wonderful and has had us over several times to visit all the little golden puffs of energetic fur. He obviously knew he was getting one but was expecting to get him on the following Monday or Tuesday, but the breeder surprised him when we went to visit this past Friday, she told him that he could take his puppy home that day. He had the biggest smile I have seen on his face. Super excited! Connor named him Apollo Splash Heaven and they are loving each other.

Although we are still in the middle of February, we all can now start to see the end of the snow and blowing cold in the coming weeks, by no means are we out of winter but March and April are not that far away and the weather will start to turn around soon. Until then stay warm, stay safe, and keep moving forward.

Fraternally,

Jeff Heaven, Grand King

Greetings Companions:

Chapters this month will be electing and installing officers to lead and guide their Chapters. Let your York Rite pride show especially in your Blue Lodge and entice your Blue Lodge Brothers to seek more light in Masonry by joining the York Rite.

Lady Joanne wrote this article in 2017, I thought you might enjoy reading it. Since my husband, Don Mayville, has become involved in the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons my duties and responsibilities have slightly increased and get more so each year. Do I have questions and concerns? I certainly do. and I know I have members both new and seasoned Ladies that I can approach to help me out. We must remember that we are all in this together and I know we are willing to help each other give us all the "Atta"-Girl pats on the back. I grew up in a large family of caring and helpful siblings and feel this is the way I continue to approach this chapter of my life with my new adopted siblings. If individually we are not able to get the information and instructions that we are seeking, remember there is strength in numbers and we are here to help each other, always!

Upcoming Joint York Rite Golf Outing, Picnic July 17, Golf outing July 18th at the Gladwin Hts. Golf Course. This event is a Joint York Rite Outing so please support. Tee Box signs or Flags are only \$ 25.00.per.Forms for this event are on the [ram mi.org](http://ram.mi.org) website. Golfers CASH Prizes for FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE. So please register your team and have a great time.

Has this ever happened to you? I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing, Retraced my steps, got lost on the way back, NOW I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON!!!

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
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Greetings Companions,

Last month we had both good news and bad. Earlier last month the groundhog informed us that we were going to experience six more weeks of winter. (That dirty little rodent!!!) That prediction seemed to be validated with our recent snowfall. (Boy was it validated.) It certainly was a cold dose of reality to those of us who were looking forward to early spring.

We did have a bit of encouragement with the report that pitchers and catchers have now reported to Spring Training for the Tigers. We hope that we may soon journey to Comerica to enjoy some baseball. We are also looking forward to the spring when hopefully we can resume our usual Masonic activities.

Our sincere hope is that our Companions are not planning on giving up Chapter for Lent.

Fraternally,
 Brent Helm,
 Grand Captain of the Host



"Okay... if you're a leprechaun then let's see you Riverdance."

Greetings Companions:

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

2/12/2021

12 of 44 Schools of Instruction, or 27%, have been completed.

On 01/27/21, 2 Chapters were found in violation of Section 223, A, "Quorum" of the Red Book of Capitular Law regarding a School of Instruction.

On 02/01/21, 32 Chapters, or 73%, were found in violation of Section 202, paragraph A, "Allegiance", of the Red Book of Capitular Law for failing to schedule and attend a School Of Instruction.

5 Masters Pins Reports have been submitted. 11% completion rate.

3 of 12 Inspections, or 25%, have been completed. The total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of this date is 2,560 miles.

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



THE ONE HUNDRED and FIFTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

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February 17, 2021

All Companions:

Leslie Council #50 R.& S.M. will be celebrating the One Hundred and Fifth Annual Strawberry Festival at the Mason Masonic Center, in Mason, Michigan on Saturday, April 24, 2021, COVID Restrictions permitting.

The degree schedule is as follows:	
1:00 P.M.	Leslie Council #50 will open
1:30 P.M.	Royal Master Degree-Tyre #10
2:30 P.M.	Select Master Degree-Durand Council #38
3:30 P.M.	Reception of Grand Officers and other Distinguished Guests
4:00 P.M.	Super Excellent Master Degree conferred by Leslie Council # 50 & Grand Council
6:00 P.M.	Swiss Steak All-You-Can-Eat Dinner with Strawberry Shortcake

We welcome all council members and their candidates to witness the afternoon's festivities. If you haven't had your Super Excellent Degree conferred this is a great time to do so. As the hosting council we should try our best to have as many members attend as possible, so please come, eat, get full and enjoy the fellowship and seeing old friends. **This is a great chance for any Companions who haven't seen the degrees in full form to come and get caught up.** If your Council can attend, please get your dinner reservations in, and let the Recorder know asap if you will be bringing any candidates along with their names. A special award ceremony will be held at the dinner honoring Gordon Karslake: PMIGM and Lloyd Darling PTIM for their many years participating in the Strawberry Festival Degree Day. There will be refreshments served during the afternoon as well as entertainment for the ladies furnished by Leslie Council #50.

A form is printed below for the return of your reservations.

****PLEASE NOTE ****

BECAUSE THIS IS A CATERED MEAL, YOU MUST MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS WITH REMITTANCE, UNFORTUNATELY, THE COST OF FOOD HAS GONE UP SO WE MUST RAISE THE PRICE. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AS SOON AS YOU CAN. TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR.

Dinner checks will not be cashed until we are sure we will be doing the Festival. If you cannot send a check, please contact the Recorder: Tim Forche

Fraternally,
Paul M. Tarr, Jr.,
Thrice Illustrious Master
Leslie Council #50, R. & S.M.

Detach and mail to Timothy Forche, Recorder, 223 Elliott Rd, Mason, MI 48854-9506,

Call 517 /676-5157 or unclegut@netzero.net for more information.

Checks should be made payable to Leslie Council #50, R. & S.M. and reservations are due by April 18, 2021. Tickets will be held at the door.

Name _____ . Reserve dinners are \$18.00 each.

Total Enclosed \$ _____. Tickets will be held at the door by the Recorder.

REMEMBER, RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 18, 2021. NO LATER!



2021 Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing!



Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Saturday, July 17, 2021

**Sprague Cottage
near Gladwin**

&

Sunday, July 18, 2021

**Gladwin Heights Golf Course
3551 W. M-61, Gladwin, Michigan 48624
989.426.9941**

Saturday, July 17th is the Annual James R. Sprague Memorial York Rite Picnic held every year since 1998 at Jody Sprague's Cabin, southeast of Gladwin. The entree for dinner will be your choice of steak or chicken with a pot-luck assortment of sides and desserts. Food will be served at approx. 3:00 pm. Water, tea, and lemonade will be provided. Alcohol will be BYOB. There are several motels nearby, so plan to come early and stay late. Please call or email Don Mayville to let us know your choice of entrée if you plan to attend and for more directions.

Sunday, July 18th is the Annual Golf Outing. The event is a four (4) person scramble. Teams may be all men, all ladies, or mixed. You may submit your team, or we will be glad to put one together for you.

Registration will begin Sunday at 8:30 AM and tee time at the 1st tee will be 10:00 AM. The course will allow a Shotgun Start (if we have enough teams to warrant).

New this year we will be giving out cash prizes and they will be as follows:

1st Place will be 300.00

2nd Place will be 150.00

3rd Place will be 75.00

We are asking, and hoping, that all York Rite Bodies (Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies, and York Rite Colleges) as well as any businesses or individuals that may wish, will sponsor a hole or tee box.

All Profits will be divided equally between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery Charity of their choice.

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2021 York Rite Golf Outing Sponsor & Registration Form

July 18, 2021

I/We would like to sponsor (*individually, as an organization or a business*) a hole or tee box, for only \$25.00, please let the sign(s) read:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

(Registration Fee Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes)

\$70.00 per player (\$65.00 if paid by 7/11).....\$ _____

Playing with: _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

(Dinner will be served approx... 4:30 PM): _____ (\$ 25.00 each) = \$ _____

_____ # of hole or tee box sponsorships at (\$25.00 each) = \$ _____

Enclosed please find my payment (in full) of \$ _____

***Make checks payable to: Livingston Chapter #30 – marked: “YR GOLF OUTING” on the memo line.**

Mail Advance Registration & Checks to:

**Don Mayville
148 Belmont Ln.
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9025**

Dinner Choices – (Please include yourself)

_____ # of Steak Dinners

_____ # of Chicken Dinners

Please copy as needed.