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Dear Companions and Everyone:

March is coming in like a lamb here in Alma, Michigan. Nearly 40 degrees today and more warm air to come this week. The next snow will be this weekend when the weather is telling us “Just kidding!” and brings us another batch of snow showers. That is what I consider “normal” for Michigan weather.

A reminder to those who would like to visit residents of Masonic Pathways, please check to see if your resident is well enough for visitation. We are just coming from a nine-day quarantine from the flu bug. Everyone on my floor, 2nd floor M & N wing are beyond ready to get back to our normal routine. Yes, the flu bug went through the entire campus. We are so glad it is coming to an end. Tomorrow!

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

Fraternally,
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OTHER DATES FOR MARCH 2022:

MARCH 2, 2022 Ash Wednesday.

MARCH 13, 2022 Daylight Savings Time (Spring forward – Fall back).

MARCH 17, 2022 St. Patrick's Day.

MARCH 20, 2022 First Day of Spring.

FAMOUS MASON FROM IRELAND

The tendency to substitute the word 'chapter' for 'lodge' can be traced back to the 1750 period in England, when the **well-known** Freemason from Ireland, **Laurence Dermott**, referring to the Royal Arch gathering as being "more sublime and important than any of those which preceded it... and from its pre-eminence is denominated, amongst masons, a chapter."

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Scribbles of The Secretary

We are in the third month of the year, hopefully as legend has it, if March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb. All things in Michigan, very seldom follow tradition. I for one, feel this one will be the same. Like I have said many times before, this is like the twelve-step program, one day at a time. The only constant in Michigan is there is no constant for Michigan weather.

February was an exceptionally good month for our local chapters. Oakland chapter had an all-degree day on the fifth, where twenty-four Royal Arch Masons were exalted. There were also thirty-seven Royal and Select Masons having their degrees conferred. The George Washington Dinner was held the eighteenth of February, at Shores Chapter No.12. The semi-annual chapter retreat was before the dinner. There was a lot of valuable information presented at the retreat. The most important was presented by Ryan Groat. Ryan's presentation on the new database that Grand Chapter will be rolling out before April. The new database will be remarkably familiar to the majority of the chapter secretaries, as a large number of them are also council recorders, and the database is one in the same. This database will be user friendly and will also make the annual report very easy for use by the secretaries. We will be conducting classes for all the secretaries that may want them and my phone is always on for anyone needing help or information.

We within the Grand Chapter are trying to make things easier for the secretaries, but we are also working on making things helpful for all the chapters. We are also working on education, membership programs, and retention. One of the best ways to help Grand Chapter is for you to use the website for your major communications. Planning an all-degree day or just local degrees, if you can plan them before the twentieth of the month, so I can place it on the web page for you to get help if needed and other chapters to bring members that may need a degree along with them.

Communication is always key for any event and always best for our chapters. Advertising always gives for a better event, and all it takes is a couple of minutes, best of all it is free. Spring is around the corner; it is time to plan your events.

Fraternally,

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Greetings Companions:

The all-Degree Day at Oakland Chapter # 5 was a great success they exalted 24 new Companions for Chapters and for Council 37 like to thank Oakland Chapter for their hospitality.

Congratulations to Christopher Potts for receiving the Bronze Award and his reception Dinner is March 19th.

The MSA and Bronze Award were created to honor the dedication and hard work of those in our Chapters who would be unrecognized but truly deserve it. Many of the past awardees never held office in their Chapters but do so much for the Fraternity and for their communities to make a difference for others. they are quiet but steadfast workers in our quarries. Surely there is someone in your Chapter worthy of such recognition. Time is of essence deadline is May 1st, nomination form is available on the download section at (rammi.org).

Membership Day is May 7th at Traverse City, Four Degrees of Chapter and the Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta, and the Order of Temple, Flyer should be out shortly.

June 18th the Royal Arch Degree and Council Degrees will be at the St. Ignace Temple. Flyer should be out shortly.

Communication, we hear the word a thousand times a year but very few of us communicate if your Chapter has Degree Work coming up please let the Grand Secretary Know, the Grand Officers are here to assist we cannot help if we don't know.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
Don Mayville, Grand King

Greetings Companions:

We just finished the first Festival of the year hosted by Oakland Chapter #5 and Pontiac Council. In the movie Field of Dreams, Kevan Costner's character is whispered "if you build it, they will come." In that case it was a ball field in an Iowa cornfield. Now we can look at what lessons applies to our Chapter & Council festivals after the initial festival of the year. The festival was scheduled, and the Companions did come. The sidelines were filled as the degrees were conferred. In addition, those companions were willing to step up and fill those few spots which needed to be filled. Not only did the companions come, but the candidates came also. We show twenty-seven candidates witness the degrees that day. My, what a good day's work.

Our next festival for Council will be the Strawberry Festival the end of April, and the Traverse City Festival for Chapter the beginning of May. Let us hope they are every bit as successful.

Faternally,

Brent A Helm, Grand Scribe

THE ONE HUNDRED and SIXTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

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February 14, 2022

All Companions:

Leslie Council #50 R. & S.M. will be celebrating the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Strawberry Festival at the Mason Masonic Center, in Mason, Michigan on Saturday, April 23, 2022. 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. There will be refreshments served during the afternoon. Your Ladies are welcome to attend for dinner but at this time there are no afternoon activities planned. A form is printed below for the return of your reservations.

****PLEASE NOTE****

DUE TO THE FACT THAT 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.

Ray Kadluboski,
Thrice Illustrious Master
Leslie Council #50, R. & S.M.



Checks should be made payable to Leslie Council #50, R. & S. M.

Reservations are due by April 18, 2022. Tickets will be held at the door.

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.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FORM

Name _____

Name _____

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Name _____

Reserve _____ Dinners @ \$20.00 each.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Tickets will be held at the door by the Recorder.

REMEMBER, RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 18, 2022...NO LATER.

Job's Daughters of Michigan



Michigan Job's Daughters Dream BIG 2021-2022

Briahna – Grand Bethel Honored Queen
Tammy Dankenbring, PHQ – Grand Guardian
Jay Giese – Associate Grand Guardian

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Michigan Job's Daughters were able to hold an exemplification in Mt. Morris on February 5th honoring our Michigan Masons. The afternoon started with a delicious meal that covered every imaginable request. You will never go hungry in Mt. Morris, especially if Deb Lewis is in the kitchen. The Bethel arranged for some fun entertainment of a family feud game. Let's just say, the members are far better at their ritual than they are with geography.

Before moving into the Bethel room, we videoed our group singing a traditional song from our opening ceremony only with a slight twist to it... Open the Gates of the Bethel was reworked to be "Re-Open the Gates of the Bethel" arranged by Dana Burtrum. It gave a light-hearted but accurate take on our return from Covid.

This event was the first time that this Grand Bethel was able to do initiation and they did an outstanding job. There were two members initiated, one to Bethel #18 Menominee and one into Bethel #23 Walled Lake. Congratulations to these Bethels on their new members and to Emily and Lucy Sue for joining this amazing organization.



The Grand Bethel closing cross included members of Mt. Morris Bethel lead by their Honored Queen, Olivia. She opened and closed the meeting with grace and poise. It always brings the event to a full circle when the daughters perform this ceremony to the Old Rugged Cross.

This event was honoring the Michigan Masons and under "Good of the Bethel" the Grand Bethel offered their tribute to the Masons in their lives. After which they presented the Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry Inscho and Most Worshipful Grand Master Roderick Anderson of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge small tokens of our appreciation for their service.



Pictured above is the Grand Bethel with the Grand Lodge officers present: Roderick Anderson, Thomas Braun, John Andras, Mike Roberts, Leonard Davis, Larry Judson, and Larry Inscho. Additionally, we pictured the days royalty, Hannah, Olivia, Briahna and Beth with the Grand Masters.

Please watch for future events near you and try to attend and support the Daughters. Here are a few you can plan to attend.

- March 12th – we changed our Multi-State event to a Job’s Daughters Birthday Celebration. Our Founder’s Birthday is in March, and we will be celebrating with the Grand Bethel performing a tribute to Mother Mick that is open to all and we will hold a Birthday Party to follow at Masonic Pathways Doig Conference Center. Dinner is \$15 and reservation go to Tammy Dankenbring.
- April 9th – we will be holding an Exemplification with initiation again at Masonic Pathways Doig Conference Center. The Grand Bethel are honoring their parents during the meeting and those serving the Supreme Bethel and Supreme Guardian Council during the dinner. Cost is \$20 and reservation will go to Mt. Pleasant Bethel.
- May 14th – will be the reception for the Michigan Job’s Daughters B3 Team (The Blonde, the Brunette, and the Beard) at the Grand Rapids Masonic Center. There will be three small ceremonies that will show you a beginning, an ending and a what’s next for many Job’s Daughters. Cost will be \$25 for dinner and reservation will go to Linda Duncan from Grand Rapids Bethel.
- July 7-9 – will be Grand Session in Grand Rapids at the Amway Grand Plaza. This will be the LAST year in Grand Rapids. A true end of an era. It will also be the 100th Anniversary of a “Chartered” Bethel in Michigan. So, watch for information on session. It will be on our website and social media soon.

If you have a young lady that you know would benefit from an organization like this, please contact us or attend one of these events to find out what it is like. We would love to welcome you into our family.

Fraternally,
Tammy Dankenbring, CMP