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Dear Companions and Everyone:

It's March! Finally, there is a reason for the weird weather. One day it is a nice windy, Spring Day, the next day you catch frost bite by getting into the car. We did get snow, but it blew away into the next country. Next thing I saw was the sleet and freezing rain. It is the meteorological Spring on March 1<sup>st</sup>. I must remember that the weather forecast is an educated guess.

I am without my right-hand Brother, MWPGM Wayne Turton. This is due to him holding down the carpet on the floor. Guess he got bruised up and was sent to the hospital for observation. Let us all wish him well so he can get back to helping out with the masonic work. I am missing a couple articles, but I made do. Thank you all for your continued support. I bet everyone is ready for the muddy season instead of this thaw and freezing rain season. Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Fraternally,  
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

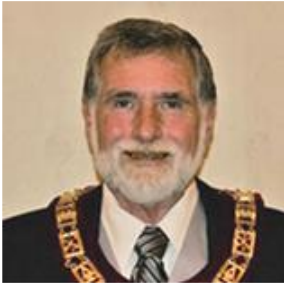


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Greetings Companions:

The all Degree Day at Oakland Chapter # 5 was a great success. They exalted 9 new Companions for area Chapters and for Council 17. I would like to thank Oakland Chapter for their hospitality.

The MSA and Bronze Award were created to honor dedication and hard work. It is for those in our Chapters, who would be unrecognized but truly deserve it. Many of the past awardees have never held an office in their Chapter 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 the essence deadline is May 1st, nomination form is available on the download section at ([rammi.org](http://rammi.org)).

Membership Day is May 6th, at Traverse City Chapter # 102, Four Degrees for Chapter and the Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple, flyer should be out shortly.

The upcoming Joint York Rite Golf Outing and Picnic is on July 15th Golf Outing on July the 16th at Gladwin Heights Golf Course flyer should be out shortly.

On a fun note, DeMolay Winter Fest auction to raise funds for the youth was better than a Dunk Tank. The highest bidder had the privilege of using a whip cream pie on the lucky candidate. I heard they raised almost \$2000.00.

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 it if we don't know where your degree work is at.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,  
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## *Scribbles of the Secretary*

Here we are March 1<sup>st</sup>, St Patrick's day is the 17<sup>th</sup> and spring is the 20<sup>th</sup>, can it get any better? Wait this is Michigan and the only thing that is predictable is Michigan is unpredictable.

February was a busy month for the craft. The first weekend was DeMolay winter festival held in Dearborn. This event is always fun for our youth groups and as much fun for the adults that attend. This year was special, as the Grand Master of DeMolay was present, he and his lady seemed to have an enjoyable time and it was a pleasure to have them here. The next weekend we were in Auburn Hills for the seven-degree day. There twelve new Royal Arch Masons exulted the first half of the day. The second half of the day Grand Council had seventeen new members installed. These events are always a pleasure, especially since we had a long period of not having them due to Covid-19. Just getting together is a pleasure. The third weekend we celebrated George Washington's birthday by having the Grand Chapters mid-year meeting and dinner. We held this meeting in Marysville. This is the new venue for this event after spending a hundred years in Caro. We are hoping to spend another hundred years here too. I would like to see this evolve into the past when we would have all the York Rite Bodies in attendance for this event. In past years we had all three grand line officers being introduced to the audience. The last weekend will place us in Michigan Center for the Tri-State Degree Day. Since this is a little in the future, I don't have hard information on attendance or candidates at this time, but I will report back in my next issue.

March has several things on our plate but not all are Chapter functions. The first will be The East-Central conference being held in Fort Wayne, at the Fort Wayne Conference Center. The conference is a York Rite conference with all three bodies in attendance. The next event will be the Indiana Chapter Grand Session held in Nashville, TN. Information is on the Indiana web site.

Looking for information on events, all degree days or other functions, the best place to look is on the Grand Chapter web site calendar, or the database calendar. We will put all the information and flyers on the date for you. The secretaries/recorders can place the information on the calendars with the information for your convenience. The key to success is information and the easiest place to do that is on our calendars.

**OLD IRISH PROVERB, "MAY YOU ALREADY BE IN HEAVEN BEFORE THE DEVEL KNOWS YOUR DEAD!"**

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I don't think REC Brent likes me. Maybe next month he will send me an article.

Meanwhile, here are a few memes from the internet.



Greetings Companions:

February has been a busy month, and it is still not over. DeMolay Winterfest was a great time on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, with MEC Don Mayville, MEC Don Galway and myself sharing the fun. Oakland #5 put on a great Mark Master Mason Degree for the All-Degree festival on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The Grand Chapter Officers had a great mid-year meeting with discussion of what makes a good Chapter and a not-so-good Chapter, and how to improve both, along with many other topics. I would encourage all in your Chapters to have this discussion on what makes your Chapter in one of the two categories, and how your Chapter can make it better. The Tri-State festival will be in Michigan Center on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, and Loki will be turning 4 on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

There have been some reports of individuals not reading the Triple Tau, so I want to try an experiment. After reading my article, please send me an email saying, "I read it" that's all. My email is [xsealtom@yahoo.com](mailto:xsealtom@yahoo.com).

Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

WFZ,  
Tom & Loki





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Greetings Companions.

February was a very busy month with every weekend filled with All Degree Days and Celebrations. In March the General Grand Chapter East Central Conference will meet in Fort Wayne, Indiana on March 11th. Now that the Holidays, installations, and the busier time of year has passed. I would like to encourage our Chapters to take advantage of the offer made by our Grand High Priest to help pay for a breakfast or dinner to help attract new members. Invite the newly installed officers of the Blue Lodges in your area and show them that there is further light in Masonry and what the York Rite has to offer. For our Chapters to grow and prosper, we must be aggressive in promoting what we have. "Enhance the Secret" is an excellent tool for putting on a talk and furnishes some very good talking points for promoting Chapter membership. If there are any questions regarding programs to help with membership, contact the Grand Chapter office.

Fraternally,  
Dave Montgomery GCOH



Greetings Companions:

**FEBRUARY 2023 TRIPLE TAU**

23 Schools of Instruction were reported. 52% completion rate.

0 Inspections were reported. 0% completion rate.

10 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 23% completion rate.

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

Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of February 14, 2023, is 9,724.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**Here are a few kids jokes, one liners from Readers Digest. Yes, this month's issue.**

What kind of spells do leprechauns use?  
Lucky Charms!

What's small, lucky, and green all over? A leprechaun who recycles.

What do you call a frog that jumped into a pot of gold? A leap-rechaun.

Why do leprechauns hate running? They'd rather jig than jog.

Why do leprechauns love to garden? They have green thumbs!

What do you call a leprechaun prank? A saint pat-trick.

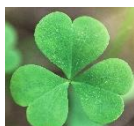
What happens if a leprechaun falls into the ocean? He gets wet, of course.

Why shouldn't you borrow money from a leprechaun? Because they're always a little short.

Do leprechauns make good secretaries? Sure, they're great at shorthand!

What did the giant say to the leprechaun?  
Look up!

How can you tell if a leprechaun likes your joke? He's Dublin over with laughter!



**Late-Winters Greetings My Companions,**

Spring is almost in the air in Northern Michigan. This is another time of the year to enjoy the great outdoors. Some of the pastime hobbies for late winter include Ice fishing and small game hunting. Which could be served at lodge dinners. I strongly encourage putting on a Lodge dinner to "Enhance the Secret" within your district.

As a reminder, Ritual competitions on the Mark Master Degree are ending soon. I had the privilege to judge Oakland 5 along with Tom Black on February 11th. I congratulate them on taking the initiative and doing a mighty fine job with their ritual work.

In closing, I'd like to announce I have a new Grandson born on Jan 16th to David and Renee Staley. Levi Raymond Staley was 7lbs 1 oz. All are in good health.

Best St Patrick's day wishes and hope all the Ladies had a great Valentine's Day.

Fraternally yours,  
Harold R Staley, Grand Royal Arch Captain

**How about a few more?**

When does a leprechaun cross the road?  
When it turns green!

Why did the leprechaun climb over the rainbow? To get to the other side!

How did the leprechaun win the race? He took a shortcut.





## Michigan Job's Daughters The Magic Within 2022-2023

Hannah – Grand Bethel Honored Queen  
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### Grand Bethel Exemplification Hosted by Bethel #52 in Roseville

February 25<sup>th</sup> was the date for a spectacular event for Michigan Job's Daughters. Bethel #52 hosted in their New Home of Roseville. The meeting opened with a touching ceremony honoring the Men of Masonry with many of the Grand Lodge Officers present. The Grand Bethel then delivered the Ceremony of Initiation for three sisters that joined Bethel #23 Walled Lake. They are pictured below with the proud father, a new Master Mason, and the Grand Master Leonard Davis. We are so happy to see these ladies join and look forward to their participation in future activities.



In addition to our visitors from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter we were blessed with a visit from two ladies of the Ohio Grand Bethel. Below are pictures with our Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Grand Guardian. A few of our Grand Bethel girls were all smiles after the meeting because it was a beautiful day for Michigan Job's Daughters and these smiles show how much they love to be together at these events.



What is a masonic event without food, so the group moved to the dining rooms for food, fellowship, and fun. The members held a dance and overnight christened the Roseville temple in true Job's Daughter fashion. Bethel #52 did a great job with their first event in their new home of Roseville.

## Fundraising Around the State

Fundraising is a huge part of all organizations, and Job's Daughters is no exception. The Grand Bethel is selling flowers for Spring. As you see Miss Kassie was making her rounds in the room to meet her goal to support the Grand Bethel

The Quilt that was raffled off was only one of many, many items that Bethel #52 raffled to help support hosting a state event. Many people were trying to win this beautiful quilt, but it was won by a Grand Rapids mom and she could not be happier.



### BUNCO as a Fundraiser



The Grand Guardian Council has been holding BUNCO tournaments around the state, or at least they have been trying to. The weather has not been in our favor a few times. But despite Mother Natures' attempt to stop the District 3 BUNCO event, this time we won. Golden Ark Lodge generously donated a location for us to host and it was great!!! Members from the area brought friends and neighbors to learn about BUNCO.

One of the winners, pictured here, shows just how much fun this group had. Many were asking when our next BUNCO would be. It was recommended that the local Bethel start this as a monthly activity as a simple fundraising and a wonderful promotion opportunity. If you see a BUNCO game happening near you, try it, you might just like it.

### Upcoming Dates to mark on your calendars:

- March 11<sup>th</sup> Mother Mick Tea Party in Okemos
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Spring jobie Palooza in Alma
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday Service in Alma
- April 28<sup>th</sup> District 1 BUNCO (location TBA)
- April 29<sup>th</sup> GG & AGG Reception in Clio
- May 20<sup>th</sup> GBHQ Reception in Grand Rapids
- June Installations – each Bethel
- July 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grand Session at a New Location – Shanty Creek, Bellaire, MI





## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

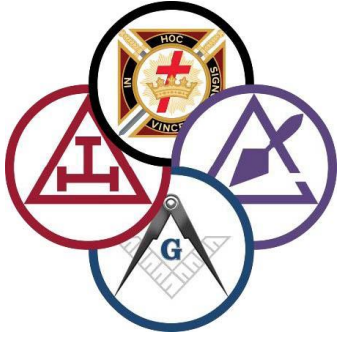
Special Ritual Competition Aprons will be awarded to the winning team, that they can wear with honor until the following year's competition.

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		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Companion</b>	<b>Score (1-5)</b>
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		



# 25th Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing Saturday, July 15th, 2023

## 25th Annual James R. Sprague Memorial York Rite Picnic

- Sprague Cabin, 2281 Martin Rd, Beaverton, MI 48612
- Noon -??? Food will be served at approx. 3:00 pm.
- The entree for dinner will be your choice of steak or chicken with a potluck assortment of sides and desserts. Water, tea, and lemonade will be provided.
- Alcohol will be BYOB.
- Please call or email to let us know your choice of entrée if you plan to attend. There are several motels nearby, so plan to come early and stay late.

## Sunday, July 16th Charity Golf Outing

- Gladwin Heights Golf Course, 3551 W. M-61, Gladwin, MI 48624
- Registration will begin Sunday at 8:30 AM and a Shotgun Start at 10:00 AM.
- Registration Fee Includes golf, cart, dinner, and door prizes. \$75.00 per player (\$70.00 if paid by 7/10).
- 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.
- There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as a “Closest to the pin” hole, and a “Longest drive” hole.
- Hole sponsorship is available for \$25. Individuals, Businesses, and Masonic Organizations are welcome to show their support!
  - o There will be mystery prizes for the most hole sponsorships sold, as well as the largest donation!
  - o All Profits will be divided equally between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery Charities.

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# 2023 York Rite Golf Outing Sponsor & Registration Form Sunday, July 16th, 2023



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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of holes sponsored \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 ..... Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Golf Sign Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Registration Fee Includes: golf, cart, dinner, and door prizes) \$75.00 per player, (\$70.00 if paid by 7/10/2023), **(Dinner Only with no Golf \$30.00 Each.)**

Playing with: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find my payment **in full of** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner will be served approx. 4:30 PM

Golf Outing Dinner Choices: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Steak Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ # of Chicken Dinners

**\*Make checks payable to Livingston Chapter No. 30 "YR GOLF OUTING" on the memo line.**

**Mail in Advance Registration & Checks to: Livingston Chapter No. 30**

**C/O Don Mayville, 148 Belmont Lane, Whitmore Lake, MI, 48189**