



# *Michigan Triple Tau* *Official Publication of the* *Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons* **March 2024**

Dear Companions and Everyone:

What a wild month of weather. Snow, rain, sleet, hail, and fog. This time of year, around the month of March it is considered "Tough Sledding" in Michigan. I am ready for Spring, St. Patrick's Day and Easter! Yes, Easter is March 31<sup>st</sup> this year.

If you know of any degree work other than what is here in the Triple Tau, please tell us or place it on the calendar on the website. I have an Eastern Star Chapter near Detroit. The members there have a Rainbow and DeMolay Youth group that meets in their building. Maybe we can find out what our Youth groups are doing. I would like to have them back.

This was a short month even though it is Leap Year. Thank you all for your articles, flyer, and most of all your support. Until next month, Happy Easter!

Fraternally,  
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Greetings Companions,

We just got done celebrating the birthday of our Illustrious Brother George Washington. It was a genuinely nice celebration with an excellent dinner of smoked turkey and the fixen's. MEC Denny Sharrow and the Companions of Huron Chapter should be very proud of the event they put together.

We are also thankful to MEC Denny for the excellent lunch which he prepared for the Grand Chapter Officers, DDI's, and their ladies. We look forward to next year's celebration.

This month your Grand Officers are heading down to Fort Wayne to meet with the Companions of the East Central Region of the General Grand Chapter. Hopefully, we will bring back ideas that will benefit this Grand Chapter.

Sincerely

Brent A Helm, M. E. Grand High Priest

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### **From the Grand Ladies on their charity project:**

We received a note thanking us for the supplies and monetary gifts for the Hunter House Charity located in Port Huron and two other locations. Thank you all for your consideration in our project. A little help goes a long way.

Fraternally,

The Grand Ladies of the Grand Chapter  
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## *Secretary's Scribbles*

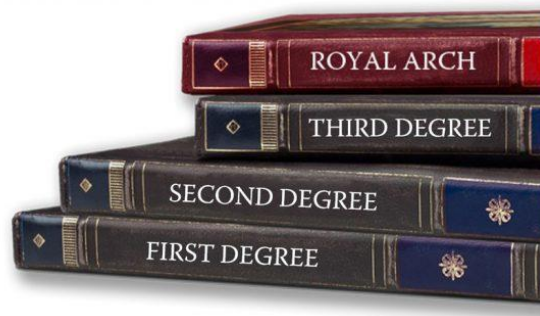
March is here, where has the year gone? Seems as though we just got over New Years. Time just keeps on marching on, we either lead, follow or get out of the way. I hope everyone is in good health this season. I know it is supposed to be winter, but it sure does not seem like it, with the temperature more in the fifties and not in the teens. The good thing this year is that spring starts on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. As usual this is usually the worst weather.

February was uneventful, apart from the George Washington meeting in Port Huron. Chapter had our usual morning with reports from the Grand Line and DDI's. I would have liked to have seen more DDI's and Past Grands there as this is mostly our midyear meeting. The Grand King presented his purposed plans for the upcoming year. Along with the purposed budget for the year. We also discussed the use of the database and calendar to get information out to the membership, both are excellent tools, and the membership should use them as much as possible.

I wish to run some of the things happening in the month of March. There was a degree day planned for the first Saturday in March but that has been cancelled. That brings us to the second weekend in March which put the Grand Bodies of the York Rite at East Central in Fort Wayne. If you have not made your reservations yet I am afraid you are too late. There is a lot of useful information that comes from this conference. Networking with other grand bodies from around East Centrals District is always good and to meet our counterparts from the different districts. Checking the calendar on a regular basis is an effective way of keeping abreast of the happening around for all of York Rite. Should any of the secretaries have a problem getting into the calendar give one of the administrators a chance to help you. Remember communication is key to success.

Donald

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**Cutting the Cable-tow!!**

We have all been accustomed to the cable-tow in May degrees in Freemasonry. The cable-tow can lead us, keep us where we are, or restrain us from moving in a certain direction. This leads me to ask all of y'all the question: What is your "cable-tow?"

Do you have a cable-tow that leads you forward in the righteous path? Is it your family? Your friends? Your lodge? Your work?

Do you have a cable-tow that keeps you where you are? Is it keeping you grounded, or is it a burden that you cannot set down?

Do you have a cable-tow that restrains you from moving in a certain direction? If you have a cable-tow that prevents you from making bad decisions, going down wrong paths, or prevents you from worsening your life...that is a good thing. If you have a cable-tow that hinders you from your true potential, or prevents you from all that you can be, and restricts you from boundless opportunities...that is a bad thing.

Like most things in life, cable-tows are neither good nor bad on their own; it's what we allow them to do to us that gives them power. We ALL have cable-tows in our lives, let us make the most out of life! Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Your servant,  
Tom\*

\*REC Tom Black, Grand King



Greetings Companions:

Hi Companions,

REC Dave will be back next month. Stay tuned for more! I agree ! I agree Phil should be reprimanded!

Fraternally,  
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**HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY**







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**Greetings Companions from 'Gods Country':**

Old man winter is raising Cain. The snow is deep, the winds are strong and that makes for bitter wind chills. When the temperature drops, that makes the ice fishermen happy. We currently have about 6-8" of ice.

On February 10th, Iosco Chapter put on the Mark Master Degree for 4 candidates. They were very impressed with the degree work. As High Priest of the Chapter, I would like to thank MEGHP Bret Helm and his staff for their assistance. REC Tom Black, REC Dave Patterson, REC David Montgomery, REC Terry Baker and all those who participated.

On February 17th, we had a George Washington celebration at Port Huron Lodge. Grand Officers gave their yearly reports on their Chapter visits. This was to get a better idea of which Chapters need help and which ones are thriving. Terry Baker gave a school of instruction on the Mark Master Degree. It was very interesting. Only 3 DDI's attended. Our DDI's need to get more involved. Their absence was noticed.

On February 24th, Grand Chapter will be in Bryan, Ohio, putting on the Royal Arch Degree. We have been looking forward to this event for some time. It will be a fantastic experience for all those who attend.

In Closing, don't forget about the York Rite Picnic on July 20th and the Golf Outing on July 21st. God Bless,

Fraternally yours,  
Harold R Staley,  
Grand Captain of the Host



**Greetings Companions:**

My first attempt at officiating over a School of Instruction for DDI's is now in the record books. I had a great time with it! From all indications, every able-bodied Royal Arch Companion who was invited to attend came away with the feeling that he learned something that afternoon. I think we had eight Grand Line Officers in attendance, what a wonderful feeling.

We had handouts, a power-point presentation (thanks to REC David Patterson GRAC), Chapter room paraphernalia, and an old-fashioned grade school black-board (chalk board). What else could an instructor want?

At the sessions end, some new perspectives were created, and some old myths put on the back burner. We read portions of the Ritual/Law Book line by line together and realized that in certain areas, even the Ritual Book needs some corrections. Hopefully, a few corrections will be presented at the upcoming Grand Session in August in Bay City. As expected, several of the westside DDI's were unable to attend. To correct this problem, another DDI Training Seminar will be provided on Saturday, April 27th., 2024 before, during, or after the Three Degree Council Strawberry Festival in Mason, MI. I'm sure the previous absent DDI's will want to attend that hour or so event. If they don't attend, well, I'm sure they will want to attend.

A Special Thank You extended to MEGHP Brent Helm for appointing me to this most prestigious Grand Chapter function and to REC Tom Black for asking me to be the Executive Director during his year of service as Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted,  
REC Terry G. Baker, Gr. Chap./Executive Director



## The Royal Arch Foundation

### We Need you!

There are two positions open for trustees on the Royal Arch Foundation Board. We are looking for qualified individuals who possess the skill, fortitude, fervency, and zeal to become members of the Royal Arch Foundation. Any interest in becoming a member of the Foundation should be made by **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. Elections will be held at the Grand York Rite Session on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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