

Michigan Triple Tau

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Dear Companions, all:

Poor ground hog. He was wrong again. Remember he is a rodent not a meteorologist. In December I was wondering where all our snow went? I blamed the Upper Peninsula folks for stealing it. At this point, my pals up there have told me they are sick of the “white stuff” too. Spring will come in its own time.

We have 4 flyers this month. Please read them and make your arrangements to be registered! George Hill Council No. 85 has 2 candidates ready for the Strawberry Festival. We have the installation dates for our Michigan DeMolay. There are pictures of our Michigan DeMolay doing their ritual work. Many thanks to Dad D’Aguanno for the article and pictures. The Michigan Rainbow and Michigan Job’s Daughters have pictures to show you what they have been doing too.

St. Patrick’s Day at Masonic Pathways has always been fun. We get to have some snacks and the entertainment is great. Don’t forget to wear your Irish colors! Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

Fraternally,

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Our Symbol or Grand Emblem

The Symbol or Grand Emblem of Royal Arch Masonry is the Triple Tau within a triangle, within a circle. It was adopted as the symbol of Royal Arch Masonry by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in 1859. What Does it mean to us as Royal Arch Masons? Let's start from the outside and work our way to the center.

The **circle** is fairly obvious and straight forward. It represents eternity.

The **triangle** is also fairly straight forward in its meaning. The triangle is symbolic of divine union and the attributes of omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience.

The **Triple Tau** is a union of three tau's, but it can also be seen as "T". The Tau itself is an ancient symbol which represents many things to many people. Let's look at just a few of these.

- * The Tau symbol derives its name from the Greek letter that it resembles. Its T shape was believed to represent an ancient form of the crucifix.
- * Tau is a type of cross and is at times referred to as the St. Anthony Cross (because he was crucified on that type of cross).
- * The Tau cross is also regarded as a symbol of salvation due to the connection between the Tau and the Biblical mark placed on the forehead of the people destined to be saved as mentioned in Ezekiel 9.4.
- * To the Rosicrucian's it represents God and the attributes of wisdom, strength and harmony.
- * In Rosy Croix it symbolizes the union of subject and object.
- * To Christians the three forms of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- * Some interpret the "H" and "T" to represent Hiram Abiff, because he was Hiram from Tyre.
- * Templum Hierosolym (the Temple of Jerusalem) a servant of God.

If we take notice most of them have a common thread. They all represent how we relate and interact with God in some way as his servants. So, the Tau to us as Royal Arch Masons represents you and your commitment to God.

The Grand Emblem of Royal Arch Masonry represents us (The Triple Tau) his people and our commitment to God, surrounded by God and all his attributes (the triangle), with in the circle of eternity.

Fraternally,
M.E.C. Mike Roberts, Grand High Priest





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Secretary's Scribbles

Seems hard to believe, but the year is one sixth gone. I don't think that I have totally recovered from the holidays yet and spring is only twenty days away. Time flies. February was a productive month for the York Rite, we celebrated two seven-degree days in February, which yielded 17 new members to the York Rite. Welcome to all of our new members.

March is looking like we are back in full swing. March ninth(9th) we will be in Ft. Wayne, Indiana for the annual General Grand Chapter East-Central conference and leadership class. All York Rite members are welcome to attend the conference, but time is running out to register. March sixteenth (16th) will put us in Schoolcraft for the annual Chapter and Council degrees. There is a flyer on the web-site with all the information (ram-mi.org). March thirtieth (30th) we will be in Detroit for the York Rite Sovereign Collage first annual degree day. Monroe No.1 will be conferring the Order Knight of York degree for the candidates in the morning. Lunch will be served, after there will be a program from the Deputies along with the heads of the York Rite bodies. We have a flyer elsewhere in this publication.

I know not all that April will bring at this time. I only have two things on the calendar at this time and as luck would have it, they fall on the same day. The annual Strawberry festival held in Mason, Michigan each year, will be held on April 27th. The council degrees will be conferred, I believe starting at 1300 (1:00 PM). The day will end with a great dinner and Strawberry Short Cake. This is a long-standing event and a great time, along with very good food, a great recipe for a great day. The second event is the Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit annual reunion being held April 27th. I think that registration will begin at 8:00 AM.

The degree and event season have begun. If your chapter is planning an event and would like to have it placed in the Triple Tau, forward it to me with enough time to advertise it, and we will be more than happy to do so for you. I can also put it on the events portion of Grand Chapters web-site for more exposure, it pays to advertise. Least I forget I cannot leave without a little Irish limerick.



Faithfully in Your Service,
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Heritage Award

Companions it appears that our "Heritage Award" presentations are on the decrease in number. I would ask that it's time to remind our Lodge Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of this award. Being sure that someone may have been missed in the past few years who should be honored. This presentation makes for a great night out for family with plenty of fellowship and a good reminder that there is more to learn beyond the Lodge first three degrees.

There has been talk as to spring being around the corner. In all fact the corners here in Northern Michigan are about a mile apart....we're waiting, ok.

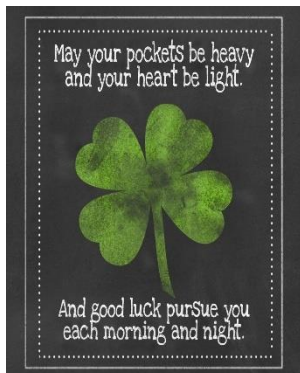
I would hope that this month each Chapter Secretary will read our Grand Secretary's report found herein. The dates, times and places are your communications from the Grand Chapter, as well as the entire "TT" (Triple Tau).

There needs to be someone sending and someone listening to complete a communication.

Until next month, each be careful, be safe and support your York Rite Bodies.

Fraternally,
REC, Carl J. Peterson, G.K, P.P., K.Y.C.H.

P.S.: It's not too early for your Chapter to contribute to the R.A.R.A. Send to the Grand Secretary.



Greeting Companions:

I hope everyone came through all that frigid weather okay. I had a few problems here with pipes freezing but no damage.

In March will see more all degree days held. On Saturday March 2nd the Commandery Orders will be conferred at Michigan Center and I will attend. Saturday March 16, I will be at Schoolcraft for the all order day for Chapter and Council. Saturday March 30th, in the Detroit Masonic Center, I will be attending the York Rite College meeting. So, March is looking busy for me. I am sure more events will be attended by myself as the month progresses.

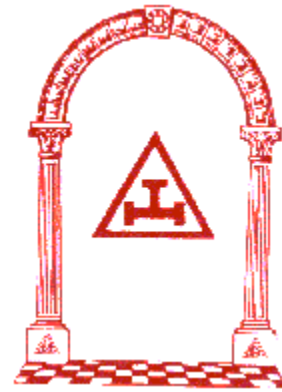
Sitting here wondering what else to put in this month's article of the Triple Tau it struck me of how many times the number (3) three appears in the Royal Arch. First there are 3 bodies to the York Rite, Chapter, Council, Commandery or Preceptory. There are 3 Arks, Noah's Ark, which was constructed by Noah and his three sons, Sham, Ham, and Japheth. The Ark of the Covenant, the construction of which was directed by Moses, and constructed by Aholiab with his assistant Bezaleel. The copy of the Ark of the Covenant constructed under the direction of Salomon King of Israel, Hiram King of Tyre and Hiram Abiff. Three Craftsmen who came up from Babylon to assist in the building of the second Temple who were later made the masters of the three veils. They made three discoveries, the keystone of a Mark Master Mason, the three jewels of our ancient Grand Masters, and the copy of the Ark of the Covenant, within which were three sacred treasures, the pot of manna, a copy of Aaron's rod and a copy of the Sacred Writings. There are three working tools of a Royal Arch Mason, the crow, pickaxe and spade. Three preparatory degrees in the Chapter, Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master. The Royal Arch Degree must be conferred on not less than three.

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The Royal Arch Word is made up of the name of Deity in three different languages and pronounced as three syllables, which are found on three sides of the delta. The Great and sacred name is pronounced in three syllables. There were three members of the Grand Council that oversaw the building of the second temple. The High Priest, whom I assume had the plans for its construction, and served as the master overseer; the King who I assume used the Royal treasury to fund the building of the temple, and issued and required directives for its construction: and the Scribe (secretary) whose job I must assume was to draft those orders and decrees, and to handle the communication concerning the acquisition of the materials for the building of the Temple, which were acquired from the surrounding countries. Lastly the Triple Tau. I did a lookup on Tau and found that it is the 18th Letter of the Greek alphabet, there are variations in German and old English. The only significant reference is that in mathematics it is the symbol for 2(pi) which is used to calculate the area of a circle. If anyone knows of another reference for it, please let me know.

As always, God speed and God Bless,
REC John A. Ames, Grand Scribe



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT
DEPUTY INSTRUCTORS
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
MICHIGAN**

MARCH 2019 TRIPLE TAU

*38 Schools of Instruction were reported to have been conducted. 79% completion rate.

*9 Inspections were reported to have been conducted. 24% completion rate.

*22 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 46% completion rate.

Total miles travelled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of February 15, 2019 is 10,745.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Greetings Companions,

I laughed when I recently saw this cartoon and immediately thought of our new Thrice Illustrious Masters just installed two months ago. So, how's it going so far guys? I encourage you to be "bold and innovative" make this year different, try something new. Not everyone will be enthusiastic because 'change is hard'. (Believe me I've had my share of criticism during these last six months as MIGM) When faced with criticism, we should remind ourselves and our Companions that we have been learning new skills and adapting to new environments literally since the day we were born. Every time we feel the impulse to say, "change is hard," we could make a different claim that is every bit as accurate: "*Adaptation is the rule of human existence, not the exception.*"



We are all saddened by the loss of our Friend, Companion and Grand Recorder Tony Chamberlin. Tony served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 2009 and Grand Recorder since. Your Grand Council has been forced to 'adapt' in his absence. For the balance of the year I have appointed Most Illustrious Companion Robert Troutman as Grand Recorder. Please direct any communications to GrandRecorder@RSM-MI.org. Thank you for your support and continued patience as our team learns the tasks of the Grand Recorder, what, how and when.

I hope to see many of you at the degree festivals scheduled on March 16th at Kalamazoo and again at the Strawberry Festival on April 27th, at Leslie Council in Mason. You are all invited to a Table Council hosted by Northville Council No.30 at Northville Temple Wednesday May 8th at 7:00pm. This Table Council will not be tiled and is a great opportunity to introduce the Companions of your Chapter, who are not yet Cryptic Masons, to the Council. Seating is limited. Please contact Thrice Illustrious Master Rich Hitch for reservations.

*Note: Details for all mentioned events and more can be found on our website RSM-MI.org.

Stay tuned Companions, more change coming....

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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A True Knight Templar

A True Templar has carried out his responsibilities of citizenship when he has kept the Faith with his fellow men, with himself and with God. When he has shown the world that he is a man of Honor and reputation. When by his character in both public and private life he has convinced mankind of the goodness of our Order.

Sir Knights if you feel as though you cannot do Great things, do all the small things you do with Greatness. Begin by Loving one another as God loves you and then we will begin to build this Grand Commandery "One Good Sir Knight at a Time".

Fraternally,
SK Shawn M Bashore, KYGCH, R. E. Grand Commander



Prelate's Message:

"Modern communication has drawn people into the world and its values, and secularism has changed the way people see God's hand in their lives."

We witness an increasing number of people who are confused about their identity as children of our Heavenly Father. They also have become confused about what really matters in life, and many who were once strong in faith have developed spiritual apathy.

Let us not allow the rich and marvelous blessings we enjoy creating confusion in our minds and hearts as they did with Kings of old. We are blessed to be living in a time when there is "increased access to excellent health care, remarkable educational opportunities, and financial prosperity beyond any generation in time."

In many regards, we live a higher quality of life than the ancient kings, queens, and emperors. The Lord Himself will inspire and guide us in our challenges and assure that the harvest will be positive. You can be assured that we won't be affected by the modern-day leprosy that are conducting people away from the path of righteousness.

SK Bill LeVeque, Grand Prelate



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I hope everyone has survived all the crazy weather we've experienced this past month. Of course, all of us on the west side on Lake Michigan take it in stride as we accept it as Michigan saying, "hold my beer!"

I know we all look forward to spring coming as we are about 3 to 4 weeks out and look forward to the annual renewal that mother nature will soon bring us. We'll begin to see a few more sunny days than grey ones; the temperature will slowly begin to rise, and snow will eventually give way to rain showers; the grass will start to turn green and blossoms will soon begin to appear. But not all at once, to be sure! This metamorphosis occurs slowly, over several weeks. That's the nature of change in all things of quality; it takes time.

That's a lesson that I hope that our Fraternity is striving to accept. Change in all things is as sure as the change of the seasons and just as impossible to impede. Many Brothers believe a vital change is due where we need to stop looking at "numbers" and start concerning ourselves with "quality". Too many times have I heard the phrase "we gotta get the candidates through their degrees even if we have to read it so they can start attending meetings." Am I missing something here? I truly believe that our newly exalted, greeted and created candidates are when this type of mindset is applied. Has our Fraternity become so obsessed with numbers that we forget to consider that we should be recruiting those Brothers who are truly inspired and want to experience the best that the York Rite has to offer? So, my question to all of us is, why would we give them anything less? Yes, change is difficult, but necessary as well as natural. I firmly believe that in due time and patience that our numbers will increase slowly, but surely. Never should it be at the forsaking of quality. For lack of a better phrase, we have a "quality product that is second to none." Let us not diminish it by being in too big of a hurry to "get 'em through" ... think about it. Thanks for listening!

Speaking of quality, I want to remind all the Companion Knights that on Saturday, March 30 at the Detroit Temple we will be having a State Ceremonial of the Order Knight of York under the auspices of Detroit York Rite College #1 (See flyer in this edition of the Triple Tau). I hope to see as many there who can make it.

Also, a reminder about the 2nd Weds. of the month at 7:30 pm being the "Grand Governor's Night Out." This is an opportunity to speak with me and my Deputies on ZOOM about College events or any questions relating to the YRSCNA. This past 2nd Wed. in February was cancelled as the severe weather on my side of the state knocked out the internet in my hometown that day, so we will get together again in March. Contact your College secretary for details and the code for participating in the zoom meetings.

As always, have fun, safe travels and enjoy the ride!

Ed James, G. Gov. for MI, YRSCNA





All Degree Day!

March 16th, 2019

at

Kalamazoo County Masonic Center

Located at

4371 West U Avenue,
Schoolcraft, MI 49087

Sponsored by

Paw Paw -Kalamazoo Chapter No. 34

And Kalamazoo Council No. 63

Please let **Companion Rick Stange**, PHP, PTIM know if you will be attending and how many Candidates you will be bringing. Companion Rick's E-mail is **rstrangeddi@yahoo.com** or call him at **269-655-4157**. Luncheon information will be in next month's Triple Tau. You can find more information on these websites. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan - www.grandchaptermi.org or Grand Council of Michigan – www.rsm-mi.org. Please contact me as soon as possible so we can make the final preparations to make our day a success!

**York Rite Sovereign College of North America
Michigan State York Rite College – Order Knight of York
Ceremonial and Companion Knight Conference**



Saturday, March 30, 2019



**Held at the Detroit Masonic Temple,
500 Temple Ave., Detroit, Michigan**

**Registration is 9:00 am
The Order Knight of York Conferral is 10:00 am
under the auspices and courtesies of Detroit York Rite College No. 1.**

**Please contact CK Jack Mengel at jhmengel@comcast.net or phone (734) 347-2858
For Order Knight of York and Lunch Registrations.
Please make all lunch reservations no later than Friday, March 22nd.**

*All Colleges are welcome and encouraged to bring any Candidates who have been invited
by their College to be created Companion Knights to this special
Conferral of the Order Knight of York. The Order Conferral will take place
In the Commandery Asylum.*

**Lunch to be held at 12:15 pm with the Companion Knight Conference
Beginning at 1:30 pm. Afternoon Conference will be held in the Tudor Room.**

**Afternoon Conference will feature Comments by the Grand East of Chapter,
Council and Commandery as well as a short leadership presentation by
Grand Lodge. Historical and educational presentations will be given by the
Deputy Grand Governors of the YRSCNA of Michigan.**

**Evening dinner will follow at the Traffic Jam & Snug,
located at 511 W. Canfield St., Detroit (7 blocks From the Temple down 2nd St.)**

**Overnight accommodations have been arranged for Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30.
Please make your reservations at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, Detroit/Troy by calling
(855).516.1092 located at 225 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI 48083. Special Rate will be \$119 per
night plus tax. **Cutoff date is March 15, 2019.****

Please mention “York Rite College” for the special rate.

Hospitality room will be open Friday, March-29 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm



MEMBERSHIP DAY
Invitation to attend and
receive the
Chapter Royal Arch Degrees
and
Commandery Orders



May 11th, 2019

Sponsored by
Traverse City Chapter 102 RAM and Cadillac Chapter 103 RAM
And Traverse City Commandery No. 41 KT

Located at

Traverse City Masonic Center
13360 West Bay Shore Road Traverse City

Open at 8:00 am for the Mark Master Degree, Past Master Degree, Most Excellent Master Degree and the Royal Arch Mason Degree. The four Royal Arch Degrees, The Mark Master Mason Degree, The Past Master Degree, The Most Excellent Master Degrees will be presented by several chapters and the Royal Arch Mason Degree will be portrayed by the Grand Chapter Officers.

Lunch after the Royal Arch degree Approx. 12:30 pm
Lunch cost **\$10.00**

Acknowledgement of: The Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons, The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masons and the Right Eminent Grand Commander Knights Templar along with the presiding officer of other Masonic Bodies.

The Commandery Orders will follow the introductions. The Order of Red Cross and The Order of Malta will be done in optional form and the Order of the Temple will be done by present Grand Commandery Officers and Past Grand Commandery Officers.

START YOUR YORK RITE JOURNEY BY A PETITION FROM YOUR LOCAL ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AND KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMANDERY.

Pre-registration by email to pnjroggow@yahoo.com by **May 1, 2019.**

This will include meal reservation for caterer.

When sending your reservations please list all candidates and attendees.

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THE ONE HUNDRED and FOURTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

All Companions:

Leslie Council #50 R. & S.M. will be celebrating the One Hundred and Third Annual Strawberry Festival at the Mason Masonic Center, in Mason, Michigan on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

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.

There will be refreshments served during the afternoon as well as entertainment for the ladies furnished by Leslie Council.

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. If you cannot send a check please contact the Recorder: Tim Forche.

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



Checks should be made payable to Leslie Council #50, R. & S. M. and reservations are due by April 20, 2019, 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.

Name _____ Reserve _____ Dinners @ \$18.00 each.

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

REMEMBER, RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 20th, 2019.....NO LATER



DeMolay Of Michigan

Vince D'Aguanno, Executive Officer

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Well Spring is right around the corner and Michigan DeMolay is gearing up for Installation Season. The Installation schedule is as follows:

SPRING SCHEDULE

- March 2, 2019: Clifford C Reeves Chapter at the Lincoln Park Masonic Temple at 2PM.
- March 2, 2019: Roseville Chapter at the Roseville Masonic Temple at 7PM.
- March 9, 2019: Livingston County Chapter at the Howell Masonic Temple at 3PM.
- March 15, 2019: Wayne Chapter at the Wayne Masonic Temple at 7PM.
- March 16, 2019: Chain O Lakes Chapter at the Bellaire Masonic Temple at 2PM.
- March 29, 2019: Walt Disney Chapter at the Northville Masonic Temple at 7PM.

There may be a couple of more, but they have not submitted their dates yet. The State Team is gearing up to have a wild month of travel and brotherhood. Installation season is always fun as the new officers take over and plan their activities. We also just completed a wonderful training session at the Masonic Pathways. On February 9, 2019, the Michigan Masonic Student Assistance Program, which is the State Charity for DeMolay, put on a stress reduction and self-help training. It covered the types of stress facing our young people and ways to spot and help them cope with the problems. It was also helpful for the adults. Rainbow and Jobs Daughters joined in and the event was very well received. We are hoping to continue this type of event each year covering different areas of concern to our young people. Next month, the finalists from our Heartland Ritual competition will be traveling to Springfield, Ohio to compete against other Jurisdictions in the annual Heartland Ritual Tournament of Champions. Michigan DeMolay looks to improve on last year's Tournament where we had several firsts and a couple of second place finishes. It is always fun to compete against the other Jurisdictions and have a road trip. Many thanks to Moslem Shrine for helping with the transportation of the competitors and adults. This is the second year they have offered to help transport Michigan DeMolay to this event. The State Team just completed doing the DeMolay Degree dramatic section for the Valley of Bay City Scottish Rite. Our young men impressed the Brothers in attendance with outstanding ritual work. We hope they look at the work the young men of DeMolay do and spread the word to sons, grandsons, nephews and other young men. We hope this will increase our membership in those areas served by the Valley of Bay City. Plenty of activities are planned and will be posted as we approach the Summer. There are several training opportunities with Leadership Camps in both Illinois and here in Michigan and several of our DeMolay will be participating. The members of Michigan DeMolay love to see the Companions attending our events and I know that Rainbow and Jobs appreciate it as well. 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

up-coming 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.

Fraternally,

Vince D'Aguanno, Executive Officer of Michigan DeMolay

Any questions about Michigan DeMolay: E-Mail: daguannov@comcast.net

This Month's Michigan DeMolay Pictures





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Greetings from the desk of the Grand Guardian, and Michigan Job's Daughters!

We hope this finds all the Companions well, safe, and warm! What a crazy month of weather we have had!!! I spent a week in the UP...end of January into February, and everyone said I was crazy for going north in January. But let me tell you...winter in God's Country is AMAZING. I have some of the most inspirational pictures to show for it! I have a favorite roadside attraction, whenever traveling to the UP, I have to stop for a picture with the world famous "Moose in Big Boy Pants". He was sporting a new "winter coat" this trip.



The trip to the UP was intended to be a chance to visit with and attend Pay It Forward projects with the 5 Bethels that are located up there. However, with the weather, most had to cancel. We gave it our best effort, but it just wasn't safe to do too much driving, or to expect families to go out on the roads. However, we were able to have a wonderful visit with Bethel 18 Menominee, where we made fleece blankets. We will be delivering the blankets to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in March, with a special-scheduled visit and tour.



We also took advantage of one of the nice days, and the fact that our Associate Grand Guardian lives in the UP, and our Pay It Forward Ambassador came home to Menominee for a visit. We were fortunate enough to visit, and deliver cupcakes to the DAR Children's Center, donate a set of self-defense training suits to the Menominee Police Department, and drop off donuts to the Marinette, WI Police Department.



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Grand Guardian

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We had a very busy installation season in January. I did my best, but it is impossible to make them all. In Allen Park, we decorated 400 lunch bags, to be used for lunches for kids who may need something for the weekends, or school breaks. I was very honored to be asked to help out as an installing officer at my home Bethel, for first time Honored Queen, Miss Emma in Grand Rapids. And as Mistress of Ceremonies for the final time as Honored Queen for Miss Haley in Grand Blanc. Haley has served her Bethel well, and we are very excited to see where her future takes her, as she reaches her Majority this term.

We also were very excited to be invited to attend DeMolay's "Wizards Winterfest" last month! I know that you saw a lot of pictures in the previous issue, but here are a few of my favorites! The State Master Councilor, the State Sweetheart, the Grand Worthy Advisor, and the Grand Master all covered in whipped cream!



On February 9th, we were thrilled to attend a "Stress Management Workshop" that was sponsored by the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation, and was open to all the youth groups and their adults...and was FREE for them to attend. This was a fantastic workshop that taught the kids how to deal with stress, how to recognize stress in themselves and others, and that some stress is good. It taught the adult advisors and parents how to recognize stress in the youth, and how to constructively handle the unique situations that the youth find themselves in! Many thanks to the Charitable Foundation for putting on this great training for our kids, and to all the Masonic bodies who attended!

February brings the hope of spring, and also a Grand Bethel Exemplification and honoring. This will also be the reception honoring myself and the Associate Grand Guardian, John Bodnar. We hope to see many of you there! Since this is being written a few days before the event, pictures will follow in next month's edition.

Looking ahead...we have many Pay It Forward events planned, and are hopeful that many of you are also going out and "Paying It Forward" in your communities! Doing nice things for others is never unselfish...because kindness leaves you with a feeling that cannot be described.

Respectfully Submitted,

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It's been a little quiet since our last article. January is normally Installation month but thanks to Mother Nature and her ice storms and the polar vortex, most all installations were postponed. We are still trying to get everyone installed in their new stations for this term. We have been excited to install two new Worthy Advisors and four new Mother Advisors. In this picture, Northville Assembly #29 celebrates their Installation with Sami Stewart being installed as Worthy Advisor. The littlest one, Bella, will become a Rainbow Girl in March. We've been waiting a long time for Bella to join.



On February 9th, 160 people travelled to Masonic Pathways for the Stress Workshop sponsored by the Charitable Foundation. We had people there from Rainbow, Jobs Daughters, DeMolay, Eastern Star, Grand Lodge and some of the residents joined us. We talked about ways to identify healthy and unhealthy stress and how to deal with it. We also talked about how to support others through a stressful situation. And of course, we ate lots of good food throughout the day. Thanks again to the Foundation for sponsoring the day for all of us.

The New Hope Rainbow Girls located in Howell, donated to Foster Closet of Michigan - Livingston County. The Foster Closet provides personal items for the foster children. It is hard but foster children are allowed a pillowcase sized bag to call their own. The Foster Closet allows foster parents to best utilize their available funds. This is just one example of how an Assembly helps their community. Each Assembly is asked to do one service project every month. This is part of the Lecture of Service to help someone every day.



February 23rd will have 85 Rainbow people meeting at Berkley Temple for a craft day for the residents at Pathways. Blankets, table centerpieces and gifts to hand out will all be made this coming Saturday. It should be a fun day.

Fraternally,
Maureen Riley, Supreme Inspector