

Michigan Triple Tau

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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

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Dear Companions, all:

Happy Meteorological Spring...according to the Weather Channel people. I figure we will still see some snow on the ground. Not to worry, the snow won't stay long. I have been told the angle of the sun is too high so snow will melt.

I must thank all of you who put articles in this April's Triple Tau issue. Some are very educational, and others are entertaining. You will see where I had some difficulty with pages 4 and 5. It will be fine because some day they will have to write a whole page. Good practice!

Please remember to get your reservations in for the Strawberry Festival on Saturday April 27th. They must be in by April 20th, to Tim Forche, Recorder, you can find his mailing address, phone number and e-mail address.

I wish you all a Happy Easter! May you be able to gather with your family and friends. Spend some time thinking of all the many blessings we have.

Fraternally,
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Royal Arch Degree

The Royal Arch Degree is considered the summit of perfection in Ancient Craft Masonry. It's founded upon the destruction of the first Temple of Solomon and the building of the second. Three Jewish captives, who by permission of Cyrus, King of Persia, make a toilsome journey for Babylon to Jerusalem to assist in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the city and Temple.

After years of captivity in Babylon, these captives who were also Masons find the Temple of Solomon in ruins, destroyed by the mighty armies of Nebuchadnezzar, as retribution for the unfaithfulness and perjury of King Zedekiah, the last King of the Jews. On their journey they pass through several veils on their advancement towards Jerusalem and the Temple. They hear the words of exhortation of the Masters of the Veils, symbolizing the connection between God and Moses and the spiritual exaltation of the earnest Mason.

After reaching the Grand Council and proving they were true descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel. They were assigned work in the most inner part of the Temple. Here is where these zealous labors find hidden treasure under the Sanctum Sanctorum of the first Temple's ruins.

With the help of the Grand Council, who has long been searching for divine truth and the long-lost secret of a Master Mason. These three Jewish captives with their unselfish and zealous labors find that for which they have so long sought. The long-lost Secret of a Master Mason. The next question is how did this treasure found at the ruins get there?

Fraternally,

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





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Secretary's Scribbles

March 21st. spring has sprung, so the calendar say's. Somehow, I think someone left Mother Nature off the contact list, as it appears that she didn't get the memo. I don't know but I think that if I was making the list, she would have been the first on it. Alas she did not make the list, and now we will wait until she feels like letting spring be spring.

March has been a good month for the York Rite, we have managed to exult around 30 (thirty) new members this month. I cannot give you a definitive number, as not all secretaries, that have new members have sent in their monthly report yet. Their new members will not be with the due's cards sent out last week and this. I will not be able to report on how the York Rite Sovereign College of North America's degree and educational day turned out until the next issue of the Triple Tau. The event takes place on the 30th of March.

April is here and our busy season is upon us. First up is Indiana Grand session being held in Nashville, Indiana. This event is on the 4th thru the 6th and I would urge all grand line officer to be in attendance, as they are great supporters of our session. This a great way to rekindle old friendships or create new ones that will last a lifetime. The 11th thru the 13th will put the York Rite officers in Mt. Pleasant for the officer's retreat. Individual body meetings are Thursday and Friday and a combined meeting for Saturday. This will be the second year for this meeting. Last year's retreat laid the ground work for this year. We will expand on what was begun last year. The Strawberry festival will once again be held in Mason on the 27th. This a day for the Council to shine with their three degrees put on display for the candidates and attendees to see. The day ends with a great Swiss Steak dinner topped off with Strawberry Short cake. How could it get any better? The 28th puts us in Samaria, Michigan for the presentation of the General Grand Chapter Bronze award along with the Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award. These are presented in conjunction with a dinner. (we all know that nothing can be done with a dinner!)

This is also a good time to put in a shameless plug for these awards. It is once again time to think about nominating a member of your chapter for one of these awards. Every chapter has several members that would qualify to receive either one of these awards and what a better way to celebrate a member's contribution to your chapter then to honor him with a nomination. I only have one thing on the calendar for May besides Grand Lodge on May 21st and 22nd, and that is the 4 degree and 3 order day to be held in Traverse City on May 11th. Come and enjoy the degree's and order's along with the good food and fellowship in Michigan's north country.

I hope to see every one of you soon. Until we meet may the worst day of next month be better than the best day of last month.

Faithfully in Your Service,

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Companions All:

Looks as though warmer weather is starting to come upon us. Been a winter too long if you ask me. Hopefully our snow birds will all return safely and the Chapters that's been dark will now assist the Lodges with the spring cleaning and play catch-up with their business.

With the warmer weather and surely many projects on the home front it is hoped that all will support their Chapters in attendance and make an extra effort to be there. As was discussed at this years "Caro Officers Meeting" we are seeing a few more Chapters on the decline in membership and attendance.

The answer is, **WE** need to attend and talk with some of the Brothers of the Lodges. When a Chapter consolidates or folds the temple board loses income (rent). Not good for any part of the York Rite and the last thing Grand Chapter wants to do.

As Grand King it is one of the duties to head up the "Forward Planning Committee" in preparing for the following year and one job I find to be a busy one. Due to circumstances at home and work we had a few D.D.I.'s step down as being unsure of carrying on the most important work of Schools of Instruction and Inspections in their districts. And so, any Excellent Companion that can make time or has time is urged to contact the Director of D.D.I's, Louis Scott, for information as to the open districts and Chapters needing a D.D.I.

Appointments are in the mail as to the committees needed for next year and I thank those whom responded and ask that a response is sent as soon as possible. These committees are the essentials of the Grand Chapter in making progress and those
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Greeting Companions:

Well March was another busy month for me as every Saturday I was away from home. Some of these events have not happened yet, but as I must get this in by the 20th I will still list them. Saturday, March 2nd, I was at Michigan City for the All Order Day for Jackson Commandery #3. Saturday March 9th in Fort Wayne for the East Central Meeting. March 16th at Schoolcraft for the All Degree day for Chapter and Council, Saturday, March 23rd in Battle Creek for another All Order Day, and finally Saturday, March 30th at the Detroit Masonic Temple for the York Rite College.

April will be a little less busy as Easter is on the 21st, however, on Saturday, April 6th I will be in Lansing for the Grand Captain General's Workshop, April 12th and 13th in Mt Pleasant for the Grand York Rite Retreat; Sunday, April 14th in Alma for the Job's Ceremony; Sunday, April 21st at some Easter Rise Ceremony not sure which one yet; Saturday, April 27th in Dearborn for the Scottish Rite Reunion, then Sunday the 28th at Mt Vernon Chapter for the MSA and Bronze award dinner.

April 15th is the deadline for the MSA/Bronze Award submissions, I mailed these forms out to all the Chapter Secretaries in February and to this date have not received any back. If your Chapter secretary did not receive one, then the address that the Grand Secretary has for your Chapter is in error and you should contact him with the correct address, also the forms are on the website, ram-mi.org if you should need one. Please get these in soon so that I can direct them to the committee members in a timely fashion for evaluation.

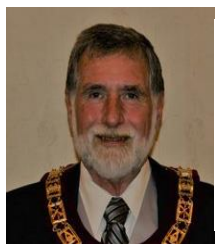
Quick plea for workers at Player's Golf and Poker Room in Livonia, the dates are April 10th through
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appointed are the back bone and informants of the Grand High Priest and officers. As our D.D.I's are the "Work Horses" of Royal Arch Masons so are the committee appointees the "Eyes and Ears".

Let us not forget the R.A.R.A. this month and secretaries take to Chapter the communications of our Grand Secretary this month as communications from the Grand Chapter. All be safe and think of your plan to enhance Capitular Masonry.

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



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Greetings Companions:

I would like to thank Auburn Hills and Schoolcraft Chapters for exulting 30 plus new Companions.

My topic this month is on **RETENTION!**

Record of preferences. Survey your new members to better understand their communication, availability, and topic preferences. (e-mail, phone updates, personal contact). Be sure to keep track of this information.

Show value-added in all communications. Whether you're sending emails or dues notices, you should be able to demonstrate the benefits that you regularly provide in exchange for membership. Call your new members and/or send an email, encouraging them to attend your next meeting or social event.

Encourage profile accuracy. Remind your new members how important it is to keep their information up to date. Updated profiles ensure continued communications.

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April 13th. As the Grand Chapter will be in Mt Pleasant on the 12th and 13th, Wayne Turton needs help filling in these dates. If you can work one or both dates please contact Wayne at wayneturton5@gmail.com.

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

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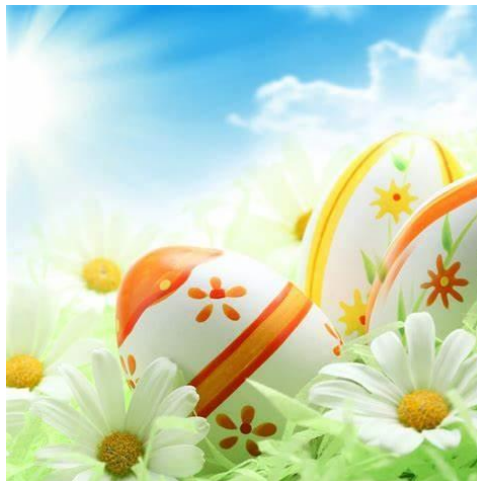
Thank and recognize your members as often as possible in emails, on social media, and in person.

Specific milestones in their membership are a perfect opportunity for this. I would like to acknowledge a very generous contribution made by the Royal Arch Ladies. Under the leadership of the Grand High Priest Lady Rebecca Roberts, a donation was made to the VA Ann Arbor Health Care System. The Ladies put together gift bags of toiletries and comfort items for the Veterans during their stay at the Ann Arbor facility.

A letter of appreciation was received from Chaplin Services acknowledging this donation and the compassion and concern shown by our Ladies. Thank you for your generosity and the time spent accumulating the items and making this group event a success.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

Don Mayville, Grand Royal Arch Captain





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Greetings Companions,

ISH SODI which signifies a man of my choice, a Select Master.



“This expression is composed of the two Hebrew words **אִישׁ** **ISH** and **סוּד** **SOD**. The first of these words **ISH** means a man and **SOD** signifies primarily a couch on which one reclines. Hence **ISH SODI** would mean, first, *a man of my couch*, one who reclines with me on the same seat an indication of great familiarity and confidence.

Thence followed the secondary meaning given to **SOD** of familiar intercourse consultation or intimacy. Job xix 19 applies it in this sense when using **MATI** a word synonymous with **ISH** he speaks of **MATI SODI** in the passage which the common version has been translated, ‘all my inward friends abhorred me’ but which the marginal interpretation has more correctly rendered, ‘all the men of my secret’. **Ish Sodi** therefore in the degree very clearly means a man of my intimate counsel, a man of my choice one selected to share with me a secret task or labor. Such was the position of every Select Master to King Solomon and in this view, those are not wrong who have interpreted **Ish Sodi** as meaning a Select

Master” *Albert Mackey – Cryptic Masonry 1897.*

Each year our Grand Council acknowledges service to Cryptic Masonry by presenting awards at the Grand Assembly. These include Recorder of the Year, Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year, and Cryptic Youth Leader Award. The highest recognition given by your Grand Council is the Cryptic Mason of the Year. The recipient is chosen, from the nominees, by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, this truly is the ‘man of my choice’ **ISH SODI**. I need your help Companions, you all know of one, or more, Companions worthy of being acknowledged for their hard work, faith, friendship and fidelity. What name comes to mind? Please submit his name now, before you forget. ryan@groat.info

I hope to see many of you at the degrees during the annual Strawberry Festival on April 27th, at Leslie Council in Mason and again for *Yoooooper* Council this June to be held in Marquette.

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 be 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.

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

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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Right Eminent Grand Commander,
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 Knights Templar of Michigan

**163rd Annual Conclave
 of the Grand Commandery
 Knights Templar of Michigan**



Saturday, August 17, 2019

**7:00 am Commandery General Membership
 Breakfast – Davidson Room 3**
7:00 am KTCH Invitational Breakfast
 By invitation only-
 Davidson Room 2
7:00 am Grand Captain General’s Breakfast
 By invitation only
 Davidson Room 1
**7:30 -8:30 am Registration for Grand
 Commandery – Grand Foyer**
8:20 am Distinguished Guests Assemble
 Grand Foyer
**8:30 am 163rd Annual Conclave of the Grand
 Commandery Knights Templar of
 Michigan Convenes – (Full Templar
 Uniform) – Salon C – D**
**9:00 – 11:00 am Hospitality Room – Wenonah
 Suite**
10:00 am Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
 By invitation only
 Salon A
11:00 am “Let Your Light So Shine”
 Ladies Brunch
 Salon A

12:00 – 1:00 pm Sir Knights Luncheon – Salon B
1:15 pm Grand Commandery Reconvenes
 Salon C – D
**2:00 pm Installation of Grand Commandery
 Officers – Salon C – D**
**Pass and Review will take place 15 minutes after
 the calling off of the Grand Commandery
 Session. Salon C – D**
**The Past Commander’s Association will take
 place 15 minutes after the completion of the Pass
 and Review Ceremony. Davidson Room 1, 2, 3, 4.**
5:30 pm Divine Service – Salon C – D
7:00 pm Commander’s round Table Dinner
 Salon A – B
9:00 – 11:00 pm Hospitality Room
 Wenonah Suite



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Wait ... what's that smell? Ah, It's the smell of Springtime! With the arrival of warm spring breezes, the piles of snow are quickly disappearing and a scent of nice weather to come fill the air. Soon it will be time for Easter; a time for renewal not just in the air but also in our hearts as well.

While speaking of Easter, I'm reminded of the many times that people outside of our fraternity have asked me whether the York Rite Sovereign College or Masonry for that manner, is a religion of its' own and if so, is it Christian or Pagan in Nature. While we all know that Masonry is not a religion, it is true that religious aspects of the Old and New Testaments are taught and exemplified in our allegories, degrees and orders. However, since Masonry requires faith in a Supreme being namely God, it opens the door to membership to any number of religions whether they are Abrahamic in nature or other similar faith walks. In a sense, an ecumenically spiritual experience transpires within our fraternity as we all come together to recognize that there is a Supreme Architect of the Universe and that he (or she) has a purpose and plan for our lives. These days many young men (and women) seem to be gravitating toward Spirituality and away from organized religion for several reasons. Many have said to me over the years that they wish to worship God in a way that makes sense to them and is pleasing to their own psychological make-up and sensibilities, without a lot of rules, regulations and/or dogma. In other words, in a sense, *they* have created *God* in *their* image. As we look around, we see many brick and mortar churches languishing due to a drastic drop in membership let alone attendance much like the Masonic temple has over the last three or four decades. I see a real concern here. While it is spirituality that makes us feel enriched, empowered and alive, it is religion which lays the groundwork for our faith in the Supreme being. As the Church continues to struggle for a happy median between religion and spirituality, so does the Masonic Temple between the standard practices of years and years of tradition and a growing hunger among our younger members for a more spiritual and meaningful experience in Masonry. For you see, these young men who come into our Temples are *hungering* for something, even though they know not for what, it becomes incumbent upon us to *feed* them much, much more than spending 30 minutes in discussion on "what color should we paint the walls in the fellowship hall?"

Young men will gravitate to our fraternity if we show them that we have something that is *relevant and missing* in and to their daily lives...something that makes sense to them. Only when we understand the importance of Spirituality in our lives, may we be able to effect real, positive and lasting change within both the Church and our Temples... Something to ponder on.

A Happy and Blessed Easter, Everyone!

Ed James,
Grand Governor for Michigan, York Rite Sovereign College of North America



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 here, and Installation season is now over. Installations went well and the new Chapter officers are ready to move forward with their plans. Michigan DeMolay held the State Degrees at the Howell Masonic Temple and several new members were initiated into the Order. Our State Master Councilor has set the bar for new members at 30 and we are well on the way to achieving that goal.

Michigan DeMolay has just finished the Heartland Ritual Tournament and congratulations to the participants and winners. This was a fun road trip and the competition was fierce. Many thanks to Moslem Shrine for providing transportation for the Members and Advisors to go to Ohio. Also coming up is the Spring Fling dance, honoring the Chapter Sweethearts. This will be held on May 18, 2019 at the Aries Grotto in Southfield. 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.

We are also gearing up for our Conclave, which is our annual meeting. It is held in August, but the election of our new Officers will be done at the DeMolay Caucus. Come out and see the young men of Michigan DeMolay answer questions from their Brothers as they run for office. 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 event 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





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This Month's Michigan DeMolay Pictures





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Greetings all, from the desk of the Grand Guardian of Michigan, Job's Daughters International. We continue to be very busy as our year is still in full swing. We left off last month, preparing for a reception honoring our Grand Guardian (that's me!), from Bethel # 10 Grand Rapids and Associate Grand Guardian (Dad John Bodnar), from Bethel # 9 Escanaba-Gladstone. The pictures below do not do justice to the amazing decorations, and food, and gifts, and excitement, and LOVE that we were thrilled to have dedicated to us. The daughters and adults of Bethels 9 and 10 really went above and beyond to make this a magical night for us, and we couldn't be more thankful! The Grand Bethel did a phenomenal job with their exemplification and initiated three new members...two for Bethel 10, and one for Bethel 86. The photo on the staircase at Grand Rapids Masonic Temple includes, us and our Grand Bethel girls. The photo on the bottom left is us with the daughters of Bethel 10, including three MORE Jobies to Bee...two of which will be initiated this term still! The photo on the bottom right is a representation of ALL the late night "sleepovers" that we spend making scarves and blankets for those in need.



In Job's Daughters, the month of March is dedicated to celebrating the birthday, and honoring the memory of our founder, Mother Ethel T Wead Mick. Several of my official visits this month, have been dedicated to these honoring's, and it has been fun to see the girls learn and understand about the differences between nearly 100 years ago when this all began...and today.





Ms. Terri Brower

Grand Guardian

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Also, in March each year, Michigan Job's Daughters joins forces with daughters from other jurisdictions in the Great Lakes region, for our "Multi-State" event. This year, the event was held in Decatur, Illinois. On our way to this event, we were BLESSED with the opportunity to visit the Shrine Children's Hospital in Chicago, and have a few minutes to visit with Mary, who gave us a presentation on the amazing work that they do there with children who have cleft lips or palates, as well as those needing prosthetic limbs. We were able to donate some of the blankets that we had made at our sleepovers and other events, and Mary told us how important those blankets are for the kids, to have something fun and personal at the hospital, and that they get to take them home and keep them when they go. What a wonderful and enlightening experience these daughters got to have! The bottom photo here is the group photo at the Decatur, IL Masonic Temple, of the Grand Bethels of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. This is one of my favorite events, because it so heart-warming to see these young ladies be able to come together to perform their ceremonies and embrace their similarities as well as their differences. Many new friendships were formed, and lots of memories made!



Some of our upcoming events:

Palm Sunday – April 14 – the Masonic Youth are taking over the service at the DOIG Chapel at Pathways...Pastor Steve will be in attendance, but has handed over the service to the youth, so we will be bringing Job's Daughters, Rainbow, and DeMolay together to perform the service, and each will present a special ceremony for the residents of Masonic Pathways in Alma. Please come out and support the youth and be a witness to the amazing work that they do!

April 27 – Michigan Job's Daughters exemplification with initiation and Jobie to Bee ceremony in Marquette. All our Masonic Family is invited to attend, and we hope to see many there. Please pray for spring to arrive in the UP by then! J RSVP by April 15, to Anne Rydholm, 1901 Granite, Marquette MI 49855. Dinner is \$12, and will start at 4:30 p.m. The Grand Bethel meeting will immediately follow.

April 28 – National Pay It Forward Day – As you know, Michigan Job's Daughters has partnered with the Pay It Forward Foundation this year, and we are promoting acts of kindness to each other, to ourselves, our communities, and our world. Sunday, April 28 is National Pay It Forward Day, and I encourage each of you to get out and perform acts of kindness every day, but especially on this date. And make it known that you are doing so on behalf of your Masonic Family!

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Brower, Grand Guardian, Michigan Job's Daughters



INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

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Michigan Rainbow



March has been an exciting month for Michigan Rainbow. March 9th found us at the Masonic Temple at Schoolcraft for our Alumni Day Initiation. There was a lot of fun, smiles and giggles as women from the last 50 years got together to initiate one new member. Our current Grand Officers opened and closed the meeting, but the elder statesmen took care of the initiation. Speaking on behalf of the Initiation officers, it was an absolute honor, privilege and a really good time to serve as a Rainbow Girl again.



The Grand Assembly Announcement portion of the day is always exciting as we announce the names of all the events, share the fun, the new things and then many receive their surprise job appointments for Grand Assembly. There is always lots of excitement, fun, giggles and tears at Grand Assembly. Even the adults have the excitement, the giggles and a few tears. You are each welcome to attend our Grand Assembly Sessions on June 20-23 at Masonic Pathways. Please see our website – michiganrainbowgirls.org – for more information.

May you each have a happy spring. I saw my first robin Saturday morning! A blessed Easter.

Fraternally,
Maureen Riley, Supreme Inspector