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Dear Companions:

Hello from the confines of my room. Yes, due to “the powers that be”, all Masonic Pathways Residents are to keep to our rooms until further notice. No group activities and no group meals are being served. Eating in your room is a challenge. Except for the cereal milk, I haven’t had a bad spill in my room. We do get out to get our mail but only a few of us go at a time. We can call each other on the phone or e-mail or video chat. Not many residents can video chat. I nearly lost my wits trying to get my Dad to quit hanging up the phone losing the chat. I can’t say that boredom has set in yet. At this time, we have no cases of any sickness of any sort. They truly have locked this place down.

I thought the Youth Groups would have something to say this month. They could at least tell us how they are spending their isolation time. It has been hard to get articles for this issue. Most of the articles are telling you what is rescheduled and to look forward to better times in the future. A few of our Grand Officers have suggested to call a few people every day just to say hello and break up the monotony of being isolated. Talking to each other is a great idea.

This has been very hard to stay at home and limit our travels. I was glad the Grand Master of Grand Lodge allowed us to pay our bills but not meet in large groups. I know of a few Lodges that met online! How unique and “thinking outside the box”! Please remember that your sacrifice by staying home and being well is saving lives every minute. Thank you all for being considerate of our elderly and fragile people. Hang in there and we will get through this together.

Fraternally,
 Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

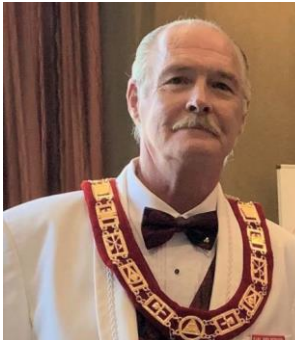


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Companions All:

This month marks the halfway point of the Grand Chapter fiscal year and the end of the year for our Chapters. I believe on behalf of our Past Grand Officers, Committee chairmen and Members, D.D. I's, Grand Officers, and I, each of the High Priests, their officers and attending members deserve a thank-you for all they have done this past year in keeping Capitular Masonry "Moving Forward".

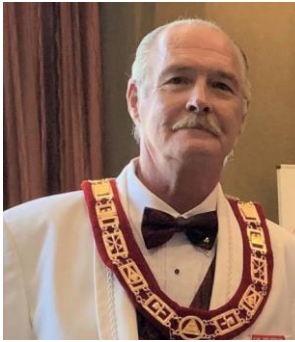
As your Chapters will soon have new leadership and installations of officers take place around the state it is hoped that most will be open installations for the benefit of not only the officers and members but a chance for family and friends to somewhat see what each is involved in and the work that takes place to become a true leader of the craft.

Any Chapter that would like or need a Grand or Past Grand officer to do their installation, don't hesitate in corresponding with your Grand Secretary or myself. It would be an honor to visit and take part in any one of us in introducing your choice to the East.

Hopefully, Mother Nature won't change her mind about sending Old Man Winter back far north. He has outdone himself north of Grayling for sure. Still, in any case, it's cold and flu season, so be sure not to drop your guard on the weather, up here it changes every half hour.

Last month, February in Caro, Before the "George Washington 100th Birthday Dinner" (which was another great turkey dinner hosted by Caro) we, the PMEC's, DDI's, and line officers had the chance to look at the state and receive reports and make plans. Due to the Grand Line being shortened and less Gd. Officers to cover more areas we will be looking at drawing new lines for the districts. We'll keep our DDI's in the loop and they will keep the Chapters informed of how it will affect them. Again, as before, I thank all that have been assisting this year and especially the Grand Ladies, having been more than helpful in the planning and carrying out events.

All be safe in your travels and remember to divide your time,
MEC, Carl J Peterson, GHP, P/P KYCH



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March 20, 2020

Companions All:

With the ongoing dilemma of the virus and as most, if not all of us are in one way or another affected by it. I'll give an encouraging word.

All of us as Masons have been tried, and now are being tried with the strength of our fraternity will be ready to be tried again. It is now time to take with great care of the family. Call and care for whom you have worked so hard to build. The elders, as well as the young, are looking for your strength and guidance in these trying times.

Masonry takes good men and makes them that much better and I believe it is for the fact that many heads are better than one. Every one of us has some form of communications and your Grand Officers can be contacted online as well as by phone. Should you need some help or questions answered, contact them.

We as a Grand Chapter are monitoring by the hour the situations here in Michigan as well as the U.S. Following the guidelines now set for our safety by our Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Governor of the state of Michigan as well as the local authorities. In doing so we will all make it through these trying times and it can only take some time.

My hopes are for us to prove our communications as Masons throughout the state, and the seriousness of those obligations we took long ago, will not only benefit each one of us personally but entice each family member as well as society as we set an example. Fraternal in Masonry.

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Secretary's Scribbles

So here we are sitting in rooms, living rooms, dens, or wherever your favorite spot in your house may be wondering when this sequestering will end. Those of us that bring most of our office with us and have for some time know that an office is an office know matter where it is. For those of you that have never had to work at home before, are finding out that it is not all that it is cracked up to be. Should you have a spouse at home with you, you will understand just what I am talking about. Keeping one's train of thought at home, can be an experience unto itself. This too shall pass, and we will come out of it all the better, for having experienced it. I sit here and wonder if my friends, that are my age, or a little older, are laughing at the younger people, that are lost having never entertain themselves, in their youth. How many can remember how to play canasta, rummy boardgames, using the radio, and reading to entertain themselves. Others are cooking, baking or canning. Like the youth often say, we have gone old school.

Protocol and Etiquette, time to revisit, some of the things we have forgotten, and some of the thing may not be known to all of us. When we attend a tilled Blue Lodge, you should wear a past master's apron, the apron of your office in blue lodge, or just a plain white apron. Regalia form appendant bodies should not be worn in a tilled lodge. Where you can and should wear your chapter regalia, open or public installations, parades and public gatherings. When presenting pins or awards in the Blue Lodge a red sports coat with a lodge apron is perfectly acceptable and encouraged if you have one. The dress code for grand officers is spelled out in the Red Book in Section 117. Award dinners and banquets usually dictate the dress code and should be stated on their invitations, as a common courtesy, you should always return the RSVP.

Seating and arrangement of the room are unique to each function. Dinners without a head table should place the honoree or honorees at tables close to the podium. The distinguished guest should also be close to the podium. Head tables get to be fun, first you must know how many will be seated at the head table. The podium being in the center, from here the fun begins, the first seat to the right should be the head of the body that is hosting the banquet (left from the audience) and his lady. The first seat to the left would be the Grand Master if in attendance. Seating after that depends on the kind of banquet and who is there. Two things to remember, everyone at the head speaks and the highest-ranking member speaks last. No one speaks after excepting the Chaplin. Okay that is enough for now. Stay safe take care, and we shall all make it through this.

Donald.





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Companions,

As this Coronavirus has put a temporary halt on our everyday activities, it has put our Masonic Meetings on hold. Our MWGM has reminded all of us of our Masonic Obligations to aid and support our Brethren, Widows and Orphans. Now is the time to check on those who may need our help. Maybe your Lodge could take up a collection, start a food bank or maybe a phone call to check on their wellbeing. Avoid large gatherings and take the proper precautions but let us not forget our Masonic Family.

Although I can't report on what may come, in the in the future months, I will try and report on last month's activities. First, there was the Tri-State Degree Day in Michigan Center, followed by the Chapter/Council in Grand Rapids the following week. Between the two Degree Days there were 27 Candidates. The East Central Conference was sparsely attended, but those that did attend received some very interesting information. I'd like to extend my gratitude to all those who made these events a success.

In regards, to the Elections and Installations, you will be given instructions by our Grand High Priest as soon as the dust settles, and this crisis is over.

In closing, I ask that we try not to panic and to follow the guidelines being set forth for us. Together we will weather this storm and hopefully it will be sooner than later. Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter Blessing.

Michael Whiting,
P.M.E.G.H.P.



Companions,

I found this article and I wanted to share this with you.

The Significance of Masonic Colors

By Bro. Harold A. Kingsbury, Massachusetts
Source is from The Builder Magazine, July 1919

WHY is my Master Mason's Lodge said to have a particular color of transcending importance?" "Why is that particular color said to be blue?"

The Mason who pauses in his Masonic journey to ask himself these questions, or equivalent ones, has thereby set himself in the midst of investigating yet another phase of Masonic symbolism. For, in the attempt to answer his two queries, the self-questioner's first thought is that the lodge is not possessed, in a physical sense, of a particular and transcendently important color, blue or otherwise; and, when he reminds himself that there are rational explanations for practically everything in Masonry and that most of those explanations are founded in symbolism, his second thought is that a color, a particular color, is assigned to his lodge for symbolic reasons, and that that color has a symbolic meaning. Thus, he is brought to a consideration of the symbolism of colors and, more particularly, to a consideration of the symbolism of blue.

If, now, he investigates the matter very briefly, running over almost superficially the general subject of the symbolism of colors and considering somewhat more deeply the symbolism of blue, the inquiring Mason will, it is probable, arrive at substantially the following:

The assigning of symbolic meanings to colors is probably as old as symbolism itself. To cite but one set of examples from the practices of an ancient people:

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The Egyptians, those ancient masters of symbolism to whom the investigator of the symbols used in Masonry first looks for explanations of those symbols, made use of colors in their hieroglyphics to convey certain definite ideas, each color being expressive of certain conceptions. Hieroglyphs of the spirits of the dead were characterized by white. Men were marked out by having their flesh red, while the flesh of the women was yellow. Sapphire was the color of the Egyptian god Amon. Green was the color used for the flesh of the god Ptah, founder of the world, the active creative spirit and the divine intelligence, and was also the color used for the flesh of Lunus, the moon. Russet- brown was the color given to the flesh of Thoueri, the concubine of Typhon. And black was the color of Anubis, the god of the dead and of embalming.

The colors symbolically significant in Masonry are purple, red, white, black, green, yellow, violet and blue. Each color has for its purpose the teaching to the Mason of a valuable moral lesson or the calling of his attention to some historical fact of interest Masonically, certain of the colors serving both purposes at one and the same time.

Purple, being a mixture of blue and red, is, to the Mason, the symbol of fraternal union because it is composed of the color adopted for the Master Mason's Lodge and that adopted for the Chapter of Royal Arch Companions, these two Masonic bodies being indissolubly connected since the Royal Arch is an essential and component part of the present-day mutilated Master Mason's degree. For this reason, purple is adopted as the proper color for the Mark, the Past, and the Most Excellent Master degrees, to symbolize the fact that those degrees connect the Master Mason's degree with the Royal Arch.

Red is the color of fire, and fire was to the Egyptians the symbol of the regeneration and the purification of souls. Hence, in the Masonic system, red is the symbol of regeneration. Thus, red is the color assigned to the Royal Arch Degree since that degree teaches the regeneration of life.

White is the symbol of purity, the reasons for adopting this conception being obvious. Therefore, in Masonry it is, properly, the color adopted for certain of the garments of investiture of the candidate.

Black from the remotest antiquity has been the symbol of grief and such is its significance to the Mason.

Green, being the unchanging color of the various evergreen trees, shrubs, and so forth, is, in the symbolistic system of Masonry, the color symbolic of the unchanging immortality of all that is divine and true. This conception Masonry has received from the ancients, more particularly the Egyptians. For example, with the Egyptians, as noted above, Ptah was pictured as having green flesh. Also, the goddess Pascht, the divine preserver, and Thoth, the instructor of men in the sacred doctrines of truth, were both painted with green flesh. So the Mason, adhering once more, as he so often does, to the conceptions of the Egyptians, chooses for his symbol of the immortality of the soul which he knows to be divine and true an object, the acacia, whose color is unchanging green.

Yellow was to the ancients the symbol of light. Though emphasized and seemingly almost unrecognized in Masonry yellow is, nevertheless, a true Masonic symbolic color since it symbolizes to the Mason that Great Thing to the finding of which his Masonic Search is devoted and to the source of which his Masonic pathway leads the Light of Truth.

Violet is the symbol of mourning, the Mason here adopting yet another of the conceptions of an ancient people, this time the Chinese.

Blue is the supreme color of Masonry. First, because it is that color which, among all those used in Masonry, is the unquestioned Masonic possession of every Mason. The Royal Arch Mason may attempt to appropriate to himself the red, the Perfect Master may feel himself the exclusive proprietor of the green and the black, and so on, but blue is acknowledged by every Mason to belong to us all and no Mason, whatever his degree, questions the Master Mason's ownership of blue. Second, blue is the supreme color because it has, coupled with its universality, a place in symbolism which, both as regards importance of lessons taught and as regards legitimacy as a symbol, is second to that of no Masonic color. (Continued on next page 7!)

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The use of blue in religious ceremonials, and as a symbol, comes to Masonry from many of the different peoples of antiquity. Among the Hebrews various articles of the high priest's clothing were blue. one of the veils of the tabernacle was blue. In his initiation into the Druidical Mysteries the candidate was invested with a robe one of whose colors was blue. The Babylonians clothed their idols in blue. The Hindoo god Vishnu was represented as blue. And among the medieval Christians blue was considered a peculiarly important color.

Blue was the symbol of perfection to the Hebrews, to the Druids the symbol of Truth, to the Chinese the symbol of Deity, and to the medieval Christians it was the symbol of immortality. So, for the Mason, the color of his Master Mason's lodge is the symbol of perfection, truth, immortality and Deity.

Finally and preeminently, and following the teachings and conceptions of the Egyptians and the Hindoos, blue is the symbol of that which the Craftsman must, since he is a Mason, always revere and of that which his Master Mason's lodge must, when its work and its teachings are properly understood and accepted, cause him to Progressively revere the more Divine Wisdom.



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My wife Cynthia and I have been active in our church, Little League Baseball Programs, Holly Ambulance Company, Fly fishing, and many other outdoor activities.

I received my first three Masonic Degrees in 1974 and have had the honor of being a Master of my Lodges four times over my Masonic lifetime. I am active in all the bodies of the York Rite where I have been High Priest, six times, Thrice Illustrious Master, once, and Commander, one time. I am a member of the Flint York Rite College, where I have also served as Governor. Other honors include The Order of the Purple Cross, The Meritorious Service Award, and a Member of the Knight of York Cross of Honor.

I have had ten years of travel and experience on The Board of General Purpose. Also, twelve years of service as a DDI for the Grand Chapter of Michigan. I am the Master of the 3rd Veil for Grand Chapter. I feel that these experiences, my interest and my long devotion to the Royal Craft, would make me an ideal candidate for the open chair and am actively soliciting your support for the position.

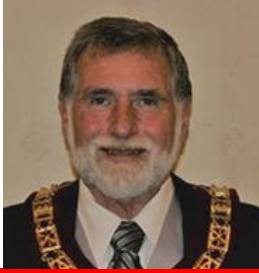
Fraternally,
E.C. David L. Montgomery

I entered my Masonic (Symbolic Lodge) in 1997. I am a Plural and Life member of San Diego Lodge No. 35, F.&A.M. Currently I am Senior Warden at Lisbon-Crescent Lodge No. 229, F. & A. M. I am High Priest at Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7, R.A.M. I currently am Royal Arch Captain at Kent-Newaygo Chapter No. 38, R.A.M. I have been the D.D.I. for District No.11.

My other Masonic activities are currently Deputy T.I.M. at Tyre Council No. 10, R. & S.M. I received the Cryptic Mason of the Year in 2019. Generalissimo at DeMolai Commandery No. 5, K.T. I am a member of Western Michigan York Rite College No. 128, Mt. Moriah. I am a member of Allied Masonic Degrees and currently President of Furniture City High 12 Club No. 236. A proud member of Order of DeMolay, Grand Rapids Chapter and a Legion of Honor holder 1999.

My Royal Arch Objectives are Education, to encourage Ritual work on all levels, to promote charity, to sustain and improve York Rite cooperation, and promote visitations to all Chapters. Please direct your questions to me at xsealtom@yahoo.com or by phone, (616) 438-8371. One of my favorite quotes is from Albert Einstein himself, "Only a life lived in the service to others is a life living."

Fraternally,
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Greetings Companions:

The number one crisis we face is the Coronavirus. Please take heed to all notices by the Health Dept. By the way check on family members, friends, and fellow Companions, see if you can be of assistance.

On the brighter side upcoming Joint York Rite Golf Outing July 18, and the Joint York Rite Grand Session August 20th through 22nd. Flyers will be available soon on the Grand Chapter Web Site.

Charity Poker event for the Grand Chapter of Michigan will be in May, PLEASE contact Don Galway to VOLUNTEER, The proceeds from these events go to the Youth Groups and the new Scholarship Program. This new Scholarship Program by the Grand Chapter will be awarding Three, Fifteen Hundred Dollar Scholarships starting in May of 2021. Details will be discussed at the Educational Seminar Oct. 17, 2020.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

REC Don Mayville, Grand Principle Sojourner



Greetings Companions,

My report as of March 14, 2020 is as follows.

29 Schools of Instruction were reported. This is 63% of the total completion rate.

13 inspections were reported. This is 45% of the total completion rate.

25 Masters pins were presented, and the reports have been received. This is 54% of the total completion rate.

Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director is 10,287 miles as of March 14, 2020.

Respectively Submitted,

Louis D. Scott, Jr., PHP
Executive Director of the District Deputy Instructors
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan





MEMBERSHIP DAY



Invitation to attend and receive the

Chapter Royal Arch Degrees and Commandery Orders

May 9, 2020

Sponsored by Traverse City Chapter No. 102

R.A.M.

And Traverse City Commandery No. 41 K.T.

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 Degree 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**

Acknowledgment 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, 2020.

This will include meal reservations for the caterer, List of candidates and all attendees.

Paul Roggow,
Event Coordinator



2019 Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing!



Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Saturday, July 18, 2020

**Sprague Cottage
near Gladwin**

&

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Gladwin Heights Golf Course

3551 W. M-61, Gladwin, Michigan 48624

989.426.9941

Saturday, July 18th is the Annual James R. Sprague Memorial York Rite Picnic held every year since 1998 at Jody Sprague's Cabin, southeast of Gladwin. The entree for dinner will be your choice of steak or chicken with a pot-luck assortment of sides and desserts. Food will be served at approx. 3:00 pm.

water, tea, and lemonade will be provided, Alcohol will be BYOB. there are several motels nearby., so, plan to come early and stay late. Please call or email Don Mayville to let us know your choice of entrée if you plan to attend and for directions.

Sunday, July 19th is the Annual Golf Outing. 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.

Registration will begin Sunday at 8:30 AM and tee time at the 1st tee will be 10:00 AM. The course will allow a Shotgun Start (if we have enough teams to warrant).

New this year we will be giving out cash prizes will be as follows

1st Place will be 300.00

2nd Place will be 150.00

3rd Place will be 75.00

We are asking, and hoping that all York Rite Bodies (Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and York Rite Colleges), as well as any businesses or individuals that may wish, will sponsor a hole or tee box.

All Profits will be divided equally between the Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery Charity of their choice.

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2019 York Rite Golf Outing Sponsor & Registration Form



July 19, 2019

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

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

(Registration Fee Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, and prizes)

\$70.00 per player (\$65.00 if paid by 7/14.....\$ _____

Playing with: _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

Dinner will be served approx... 4:30 PM): _____ (\$ 25.00 each) \$ _____

_____ # of hole or tee box sponsorships at (\$25.00 each) \$ _____

Enclosed please find my payment (in full) of \$ _____

Free hot dogs at the turn!!!

Make checks payable to **Livingston Chapter #30** – marked: **“YR GOLF OUTING”**
in the memo line.

Mail Advance Registration & Checks to: Don Mayville
 148 Belmont Ln.
 Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9025

Dinner Choices – (Please include yourself) _____ # of Steak Dinners
 _____ # of Chicken Dinners

Please copy as needed.



Darrel "Butch" Winslow

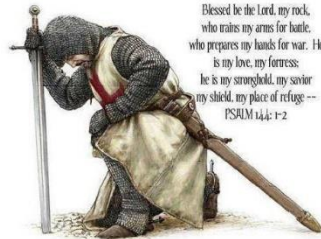
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Great day Fraters:

In this time of trouble, we must continue to rejoice in the joy of our Lord. The Easter Advent is approaching and to maintain compliance I and pretty much every presiding officer in all of the Masonic Bodies are encouraging our members to maintain the social distance and to refrain from gathering. That distance should not interfere with our communicating the Love and Joy of our Lord by use of the old fashion pen, the phone or the modern onset of social media.

On Easter Sunday at 7 am, I am encouraging all Templars to cease whatever activity they are in and pause for a moment of silent reflection. Take that time to Praise the Lord for all His glory in our lives. I would also add that many of my closest companions have noted that during the day they are becoming sad or feeling board, I suggest that at this time you could lift your spirits and those of a friend by two simple acts. First and foremost, reflect in prayer, glance at the bible kept near you always, simply open it to where-ever it happens, and read God's word. The second thing is to pick up the phone and give a call to a friend, masonic or otherwise and just tell them that you were thinking of them and wanted to say hello.

As a Masonic family, I think this is a chance to return to a little "ole school" masonry and rejuvenate those calling trees, pick 3 friends to call every couple day's and just say 'good day, my frater' (Brother, Sister or Companion). Just because we are temporarily not meeting in groups does not mean we spend weeks not talking. When you get such a call from your fellow, pay it forward and call 3 others', let us see how fast this spreads the cheer and joy of our Lord.

Taking my advice, I popped open the holy word and was left to read "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

I say unto you my dear friends, the Lord is good, and His mercy lives forever. Stay in touch with each other and pray to keep us all in the presence of His grace.

Fraternally,

Darel W. "Butch" Winslow, Grand Commander Knights Templar of Michigan