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Dear Companions and Everyone:

We have made it to the crazy month of April. In our State of Michigan where you can get frost bite and a sunburn all in one day! I have been sunburned in April, but I was smart enough to avoid the frost bite. My allergies tell me it is Springtime, but we will get a few more snow showers. The ice storm we are having now during the last few hours of March makes me remind myself not to put away the boots, hat, and gloves just yet.

I thank my grand officers for getting in the articles this month. It would have been nicer if the Chapters holding Degree Days gave us a little more notice. I can work up a nice flyer if I have the initial information. Would it be nice to have a great turnout for your Chapter? I was sad to have to turn down late articles for this issue. Believe it or not, it takes time to create this newsletter. I just have to stick to the cut off date of the 25th of each month just to keep my sanity as it is. With that said, I wish for all to have an Easter full of happy thoughts and well wishes.

Fraternally,
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Greetings Companions!

Spring is in the air and while it has been wet, I'll take it over the snow and cold. Our household started March with the septic not draining as the ground was too frozen and created a cap where the sewage would not drain into the ground. We found this out one morning as there was a growing foul-smelling puddle on our driveway. To top it off we had a nice ice storm a day or two before and there was no way to get a septic company to our house. It was a fun week!

A week later our dog Apollo decided it was his turn, two days of vomiting and seven days of loose stool. We later found out that he ate half a teabag. I knew that caffeine is toxic to dogs, so I called the vet and they said that his symptoms fit with the caffeine poisoning. Luckily it was only vomiting and diarrhea, it could have been much worse. It was a rough go, but he is over it now and just as crazy as usual.

If you happen to see Companion Chris Potts in your travels, be sure to congratulate him on receiving the Meritorious Service Award. He is definitely a deserving Companion of this award. Congratulations again Companion Chris.

Next month I will be traveling to Indiana's Grand Session and look forward to the warm hospitality that I am sure they will give to Lady Sandy and me. We are looking forward to the trip.

Fraternally,

Jeffery A Heaven
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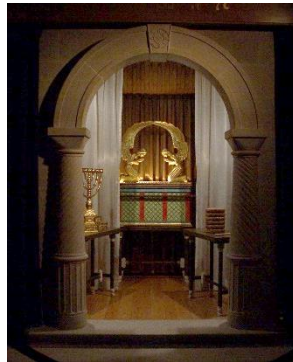
Scribbles of The Secretary

Well Spring is upon us, as the temperature will tell. One day it is in the sixty-degree zone the next in the thirties. How can we try and stay healthy? We have the flu, colds, covid, and allergies and by the time we get rid of everything we could get, it is winter again. You must love Michigan.

March was not a bad month; the weather was nice most of the time. The only event on the calendar was East Central, and to say that was interesting would be a gross understatement. Most of you have heard by now of the events that took place, so I will not elaborate. We should be looking to the warmer spring weather and how to enjoy the outdoors and looking to spring and summer events. We have one outdoor degree planned for September. The York Rite picnic and Golf outing are planned for July and both events are on the web. This brings me to the fact that if you wish to advertise your event on the web page, you will have to send me the information by the twentieth of the previous month for me to put on the web and Triple Tau.

Saturday April 30, 2022

St. Clair Chapter No. 12 is hosting a **Royal Arch 4- Degree Day** at the
St. Clair Masonic Center, 1800 St. Clair Hwy., St. Clair, 48079,
Coffee & donuts at 08:00 AM
MMM starting at 08:30 AM
PM -10:00 AM
MEM -11:00 AM
LUNCH - 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM
RAM degree at 12:45 PM
Finish at 15:00 PM or 3:00 PM (for those non-military companions).



MEMBERSHIP DAY

Invitation to attend and receive the Chapter Royal Arch Degrees 4th thru 7th
Commandery Orders of Red Cross, Malta, and Order of the Temple

May 7, 2022

**Hosted by Traverse City Chapter 102 RAM and
Traverse City Commandery No 41 KT**

AT

**Traverse City Masonic Center
13360 West Bay Shore Road Traverse City**

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00AM

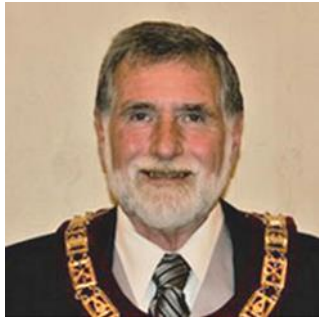
I am placing these two in this article, as the time is close and do not wish the membership to miss out. I would like to have a little more time to put these in more publications of the Triple Tau and web. One more thing to remember is that, if you are going to hold a degree day for more than just the members of your Chapter, you should contact the protocol committee. This makes it easier to keep the calendar straight and to make it easier for the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers to be able to attend.

The next to mention, we are coming up on the Capitular year end, and we have the new database in place. We wish to make sure that all Chapters have the correct member count and correct information in the database. The secretaries that need any help may contact either myself or Ryan Groat for help. Most of the time we can walk you through it, with a phone call.

Fraternally Yours,

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Greetings Companions:

Recently I returned from this year's East Central Conference held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This resulted in my topic for this month.

RETENTION! Record OF PREFERENCES. Survey your new Companions to better understand their communication availability, and topic preferences. (e-mail, phone updates, personal contact). Be sure 4to keep track of this information.

Show value-added in all communications. Whether you're sending e-mails or dues notices, you should be able to demonstrate the benefits that you regularly provide (more light in Masonry) in exchange for Membership. Call your new Companions and or send an e-mail encouraging them to attend your next meeting or social event.

Encourage profile accuracy, remind your new Companions how important it is to keep their information up to date. Updated profiles ensure continued communication.

Thank and recognize your Companions example. Specific milestones in their membership is a perfect opportunity.

Most Chapter have or will be electing and installing their new Officers, I congratulate you. This is a special event and should be treated as such.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
Don Mayville, Grand King

Greetings Companions:

Last November, my Lodge was looking for someone to be Worshipful Master this year. They came to me and asked if I would be Master for 2022. It was an honor for me to accept the challenge. As a result, I will be attending the Grand Lodge Session in May.

Tonight, I was half asleep watching television when I got a call from one of the announced candidates for Grand Marshal. He asked me what I would like to see the Grand Lodge do for the local Lodges. That question applies to Grand Chapter also. What would the local Chapters like to see Grand Chapter do for them? What is a particular frustration that the Companions would like to see addressed?

We in Grand Chapter must always remember that it is the strength and viability of the local Chapters that is the most important thing.

Fraternally,
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April is upon us already. Pontiac all-degree day, East-Central, and Chris Potts MSA are all behind us. I have two thoughts to share with you. The first thought; 2 months ago, on February 2nd was Groundhog Day. The movie “Groundhog Day” with Bill Murray, repeats the same day repeatedly seemingly forever until Bill Murray finally understands the meaning of it all. Is it sometimes “Groundhog Day” in your Chapter? Is your Chapter repeating the same things repeatedly? While paying bills, reading communications and the previous month’s minutes are not unimportant, there can be other activities your Chapter can do: Festive Boards, degree practice, dinners, “Rusty Chapter” degrees, widow’s degrees. There is a wide array of things to choose from besides the mundane Chapter activities.

The second thought came to me while my Husky (Loki) and I were at the dog park recently. I was FREEZING! My toes were numb, my face was windburned, and I was shivering. Loki was having the time of his life. Running and playing in the snow, rolling around in it, and playing with other dogs without a care in the world. Both of us were at the dog park but were having different experiences. A Chapter has the same dichotomy. Some members like some things, while others are not comfortable with them at all. There are some members that are good at ritual, some members are good with organizing, some are good behind the scenes, and some are good leaders and communicators. ALL members need to pool their strengths together and cover each other’s failings to have a strong Chapter.



08 March 2022

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S STATUS REPORT
2021-22**

33 Schools of Instruction were reported. 75% completion rate.
1 Inspection was reported. .03% completion rate.
15 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 34% completion rate.
Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of March 8, 2022, is 11,615.
66 Violations of Michigan Capitular Law have been reported and recorded.

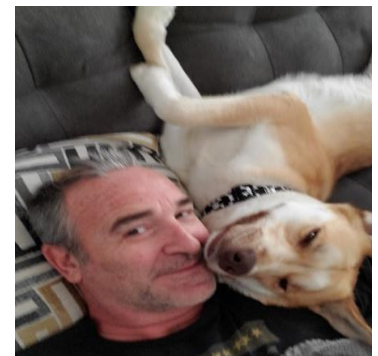
Respectfully submitted,
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Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan



If we keep that in mind, we will all have a fun time & play in the snow like Loki. God Bless,

Tom

REC Tom w/Loki!!!>



THE ONE HUNDRED and SIXTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

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February 14, 2022

All Companions:

Leslie Council #50 R. & S.M. will be celebrating the One Hundred and Sixth Annual Strawberry Festival at the Mason Masonic Center, in Mason, Michigan on Saturday, April 23, 2022. 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. If your Council can attend, please get your dinner reservations in and let the Recorder know asap if you will be bringing any candidates along with their names. There will be refreshments served during the afternoon. Your Ladies are welcome to attend for dinner but at this time there are no afternoon activities planned. 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.

Dinner checks will not be cashed until we are sure we will be doing the festival. If you cannot send a check, please contact the Recorder: Tim Forche.

Ray Kadluboski,
Thrice Illustrious Master
Leslie Council #50, R. & S.M



Checks should be made payable to Leslie Council #50, R. & S. M.

Reservations are due by April 18, 2022. 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.



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STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FORM

Name _____

Name _____

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Name _____

Name _____

Reserve _____ Dinners @ \$20.00 each.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Tickets will be held at the door by the Recorder.

REMEMBER, RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 18, 2022...NO LATER.



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March 16, 2022

Eminent Commander and Sir Knights:

Now that the East Central Department Conference and Call to Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States has come and gone, I'd like to take a moment to inform you of what happened.

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Michael Johnson, as predicted, attempted to rule the Special Conclave out of order. He was immediately declared to be "conflicted" as he was the reason why the Special Conclave was called. Past Grand Master, David Dixon Goodwin, was then elected to preside over the Conclave. There were several initial minutes of contention as Grand Master Johnson attempted to declare the Special Conclave closed. However, he was unsuccessful and Past Grand Master Goodwin assumed the East and presided.

Several decisions were then made. Sir Knight David J. Kussman, who had previously been removed by Grand Master Johnson, was elected to be reinstated to his position as Deputy Grand Master. It was then determined to remove Grand Master Johnson. The vote was 219 to remove, 57 to not with 15 abstentions. The delegates then entertained a motion to elect Deputy Grand Master David J. Kussman to the office of Grand Master. The voice vote was resoundingly affirmed. The remaining officers were then elected and are: R.E. Deputy Grand Master-Jeffrey A. Bolstad and R.E. Grand Generalissimo-Jack M. Harper. The office of R.E. Grand Captain General is being filled until the next Triennial by the Grand Commander of California, David W. Studley.

Several decisions by Grand Master Johnson were then reviewed. The following have been rescinded: 1,2,3,4, and Koon Decision of September 1, 2021. General Order No. 1 was declared out of order. Decisions 5 and 6 were affirmed and required no further review (if you require further details of the decisions and General Orders, refer to the Grand Encampment website). After all the "business" of the Special Conclave, the ladies were invited into the room and the officers were installed by Past Grand Master Goodwin. New Grand Master Kussman thanked everyone and asked for healing not only for the Grand Encampment but also for our brother Michael Burke Johnson. While this is a snapshot of the weekend, the most important decisions have been addressed.

A personal observation: There was a tremendous amount of tension during this conference. While it was great to see old friends, make new ones, and engage in conversations, there was quite a bit of "what ifs" swirling about. I personally engaged in several conversations with the officers of Michigan but also from

our sister jurisdictions and Grand Encampment officers. Many of these "what if's," depending on the outcome, were fraught with danger and certainly destructive to the Grand Encampment and our Grand Commanderies as we currently know them. However, everyone agreed, we were prepared to do what was needed to make sure that Knights Templar throughout the land would prevail.

After the decisions, election, and installation, one could visually see the relief in the room. Smiles returned to the Grand Encampment officers, hugs and handshakes were plentiful and hope for a better tomorrow had returned. The delegates made the correct decisions for the organization and order was restored.

I wish to thank all who attended from Michigan. All the line officers were present. Several appointed officers and many Past Grand Commanders and their ladies were as well. As delegates, they had the responsibility to represent you. Sir Knights, you should be proud of these officers and Past Grands for taking the time to be present and for voting their conscience on your behalf. Because of these and the collective Sir Knights from throughout the realm, our values as Freemasons and Christian Knights prevailed.

While this has been a dark chapter in the history of the Grand Encampment, I am uplifted by you Sir Knights. In my travels around the state and to your Commanderies, when entering upon the discussion of the Call to Conclave, you never once turned your disappointment and frustration toward me, the leadership of the state or the organization. You gave each of us, and me, the strength needed to keep a level head, ponder all the scenarios, and be prepared for whatever the outcome would be. Your support was and is greatly appreciated.

Let us now turn our attention back to the Sir Knights and ladies of Michigan. That we may have the wisdom and strength to make decisions that are necessary to make our commanderies stronger, implement programs which provide added value and ultimately leaving us with the mindset of being proud that we are Sir Knights and ladies of this Grand Commandery of Michigan.

If I may, pray for our brother, Michael B. Johnson, for the new leadership of the Grand Encampment that they may be guided by wisdom and the hand of God and for each of us that we may continue to be a beacon for what is morally good in this world.

Take care, safe travels to wherever the journey takes you and remember, especially after this experience, Together, for a Better Tomorrow!

Respectfully,

Gary L. Paquet

Gary L. Paquet, Grand Commander Grand
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