



Michigan Triple Tau *Official Publication of the* *Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons* **APRIL 2023**

Dear Companions and Everyone:

I do believe that we have turned the corner on our Michigan weather. The snow may come occasionally, but the position of the sun says “NO!” and it melts away. It does bring in the muddy season or as our Grand Secretary puts it “Tough sledding” for our Upper Peninsula members.

The next two weeks will be busy with the Holy Week coming in the second week of April! Easter still comes with the usual happenings. At Masonic Pathways we start out with Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter services. In between these are the Easter crafts and socials and the Eastern Star Easter program. I am involved with most of these services, crafts, and programs but the Grand Officers came through with their articles early! Thank you all so much.

In this issue you will find two new fliers for the Outdoor Degree and the York Rite Picnic and Golf Scramble. If you can fill out the forms sooner than later, it makes the members who are taking the reservations and orders for shirts and caps much easier. The only thing I can see missing is that you should be prepared for the “No-see ums” and biting mosquitoes that usually love how we taste. Bring the bug spray!!! You can bring some sunscreen which would help too.

Happy Easter and Happy Spring!

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

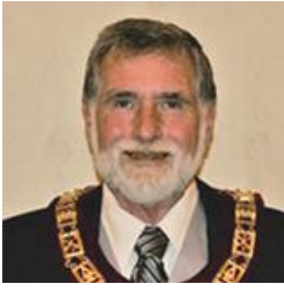


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Greetings Companions:

Recently returned from the East Central Conference held in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Topics of discussion membership, retention, communication, and showing the value of being a Royal Arch Mason.

I have written several articles. covering the above-mentioned topics now I would like to hear from you personally. Please send your thoughts to indsal@att.net. I would greatly appreciate your input.

As we move into April, we will be electing. new High Priests and line officers in our local Chapters. I would like to congratulate you and your officers in advance and thank the out-going High Priests for their service over the past year.

The past couple of months All Degree Days were sponsored at Oakland # 5, and Jackson # 3 I would like to extend my personal thanks for hosting these events. Through your efforts there are twenty new Royal Arch Masons. Membership Day in Traverse City #102 is May the 6th. please bring your candidates.

Meritorious Service Awards and the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal deadlines for nominating a deserving. Companion is April, the 30th.

By the time you read April's Triple Tau Lady Joanne and I will be at Indiana's Grand Session along with most of the Grand Line Officers. Looking forward to meeting the Grand Officers from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, and having a chance once again to exchange ideas.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
Don Mayville, MEGHP





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Scribbles of the Secretary

Spring is upon us, and the snow is gone in some parts of Michigan. Unfortunately, the Upper Peninsula will still have a couple of months of bad sledding and poor ice fishing, but it is still a great place to live.

March was a month to behold, with many activities that were in store, and April is not going to be much different. The York Rite bodies held their East Central conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana the weekend of the March 11th, which was a success. It is always great to see friends from around the East-Central region that you don't get to see very often. At the end of the month, we celebrated a presentation, the annual MSA award to a member of Grand Rapids Chapter.

The month was filled with other masonic body events during the week also, as we all know. We will round the month off by going to Indiana's grand session, the 31st through the 2nd of April.

We in the fraternity have managed to develop a large calendar of events and meetings. Many of our members can or must attend any number of meetings and events on any given day. The importance of us utilizing a community calendar is becoming more important daily. We in the York Rite through our web site and database try to get as much information as we can on our calendar. We try to color code the information to the individual bodies as much as we can. We try to combine the Lodge events as much as we can for the major events. The importance of scheduling such is upon the Chapter Secretaries, Council Recorders, and Commandry Recorders to place the events on the calendar for our members. We stress that communication is key, but somehow, we are not using all the tools in our toolbox. Should any of the Secretaries or Recorders need help putting information in the calendars feel free to contact me or Rob and we will help you.

The Grand Chapter Officers are looking forward to the oncoming year and promoting our craft, with everything returning to normal. We can begin promoting the York Rite in earnest to inform more Masons of the lessons that await the new members of York Rite. Education is an important part of the York Rite and our degrees are one way of learning these lessons and having fun doing it.

Fraternally,

Donald





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Greetings Companions:

April will soon be here, and with it the arrival of another April Fool's Day. Over the years, you may have had an amount of joy playing pranks on unsuspecting family and friends.

Any good prank has two elements. The first is planning and the second is execution.

The same can be said of any Chapter activity. Without attention to each of these elements, our activities can not be as successful as we would hope.

Here I hope that all your activities will be successful.

Fraternally,

Brent A. Helm, Grand King



Hello and Happy April!!

Since there were only 6 people that responded to my article last month, I thought I would try again since I am a "stickler" for empirical data. April is the month for installations.

In a previous Triple Tau article, I mentioned that the Past High Priests in your Chapter should consult with the new High Priest to ensure all the jobs in your Chapter are being done. Doing your job is an important matter in Masonry and in life. Once individuals cease doing their job in Royal Arch, the Chapter begins to breakdown little by little until there is nothing left but 4 or 5 individuals sitting around a table on the Chapter meeting night saying, "What happened to our Chapter?"

If you have read this article, please send me an email saying "I read it" to xsealtom@yahoo.com.

Until we see each other again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

WFZ,
Tom & Loki





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Greetings Companions.

First and foremost, I hope this communication finds all in good health, but for the sick and shut-ins a speedy recovery for you soon!!

Well, March has come in like some winters, a Lion, and I hope spring will be kinder to us. Which means in April, Easter will be celebrated for all. The Grand Chapter has been business as usual for the month of March. Already a few all-degree days have come and gone, also some Grand Sessions in the future.

Now let's talk about the world's oldest Fraternity Freemasonry," SO WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?' someone will ask, and that's not an easy question to answer. It's not that it's any great secret. It's just hard to give a short answer to something so complex.

Fraternal groups teach a system of values and morals through a variety of plays called degrees, which binds a member through an initiation, a common experience. More on the subject at another time. I will close for now.

Fraternally,
Steve J. Eliopoulos,
Principal Sojourner



Old Man winter is not done with us yet.

I'd like to congratulate the Chapters that participated in Ritual Competition this year. Those who were involved did a good job. The winning Chapter will be acknowledged at the grand session in August at the Grand Session.

The EAST CENTRAL conference was very informative. Many new & exciting ideas were discussed and will be put into action shortly. We should all be trying to get more involved with our Blue Lodges to enhance the secret.

As always, remember to keep an eye on your friends and neighbors, help them with their chores and lend your ear if they need someone to talk to.

God Bless and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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The Canadian version of the Reader's Digest had this article.

Easter Traditions Around the World.

Greeting Companions:

MARCH 2023 TRIPLE TAU

23 Schools of Instruction were reported. 52% completion rate.

0 Inspections were reported. 0% completion rate.

14 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 32% completion rate.

66 Violations of Michigan Capitular Law have been reported and recorded.

Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of March 14, 2023, is 10,992.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis D. Scott Jr., P.H.P.
Executive Director of District Deputy Instructors



In France, the Brotherhood of the Giant Omelet, make a giant omelet for hundreds of awaiting mouths to taste in Bressieres, France.

Traveling to Finland where they have Easter witches and evil spirits that misbehave before Easter. The children dress up and go door-to-door saying a traditional rhyme for Chocolate eggs or coins.

In Italy, you need to wear ear protection because of the cart of fireworks that is set ablaze. A 350-year tradition Scoppio del Carro” or Explosion of the Cart, ensures a great harvest.

Australia has Chocolate Bilbies for Easter. This is an endangered marsupial that is having a hard time competing with the European rabbits for habitat. Half of the monies received goes for the saving of the bilbies.

The cobblestone roads in Guatemala are covered in artistic carpets for the Easter procession to travel on. It is created by local artists using stencils and many colorful plants, leaves and sawdust.

In Bermuda, Easter comes with kite flying with geometrics tissue and wooden stays creating the symbolism of Christ's ascension into heaven. They also celebrate Easter Sunday with a service on the beach!

Those are just some of the different ways other countries celebrate Easter. For more, just go online and look up the Canadian Reader's Digest.

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

Outdoor Degree 2023



MM, PM, MEM, RA

In Reed City, carved out of the woods on the East border of the Manistee National Forest, is the home of the Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day. Owned by a Royal Arch Mason, this 5-acre property will host the Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day the first Saturday after Labor Day every year. This year, the outdoor degree will be on September 9th, 2023.

2021: 71 individuals total, 17 candidates.

2022: 97 individuals total, 33 candidates.

2023: ????.

Beginning at 10:00 Sharp!!!

- Mark Master - Paw-Paw Chapter #34
- Past Master – Grand Rapids Chapter #7
- Most Excellent Master – Hooker Chapter #38
- BBQ lunch
- Royal Arch Degree – Michigan Grand Chapter
- Fun, Fellowship, & Hospitality all day long.

“Royal Arch Outdoor Degree 2023” hats are \$10, and “Royal Arch Outdoor Degree 2023” white polos are \$15. This IS outdoors in the woods. Normal attire for this degree will be what you would wear in the woods: hiking boots, jeans, perhaps a red shirt. Wear what you would like; however, this may not be the place for coat, tie, & dress shoes. Please bring a **chair**.

Follow Exit 159 on US 131. Approximately ½ mile north of 10417 220th AVE., Reed City, MI.

Follow the Royal Arch signs.

Outdoor Degree Sign-Up Sheet

(Please print legibly)

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

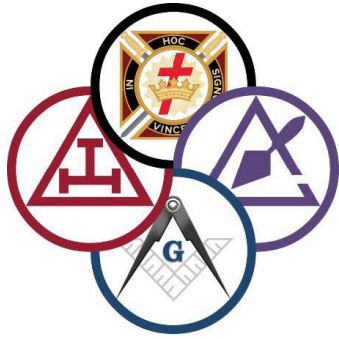
Shirt Size and quantity _____

Hat quantity _____

Make checks payable to “Judy Simons” for hats & Shirts. Please send in your information BY SEPTEMBER 1st for your shirt and hat. If you don’t want a shirt or hat, please sign up anyway to ensure we have enough food.

Send your information to:

Tom Black
2251 Wolfboro Dr.
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Phone #: 616-438-8371
Email: xsealtom@yahoo.com



25th Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing Saturday, July 15th, 2023

25th Annual James R. Sprague Memorial York Rite Picnic

- Sprague Cabin, 2281 Martin Rd, Beaverton, MI 48612
- Noon -??? Food will be served at approx. 3:00 pm.
- The entree for dinner will be your choice of steak or chicken with a potluck assortment of sides and desserts. Water, tea, and lemonade will be provided.
- Alcohol will be BYOB.
- Please call or email to let us know your choice of entrée if you plan to attend. There are several motels nearby, so plan to come early and stay late.

Sunday, July 16th Charity Golf Outing

- Gladwin Heights Golf Course, 3551 W. M-61, Gladwin, MI 48624
- Registration will begin Sunday at 8:30 AM and a Shotgun Start at 10:00 AM.
- Registration Fee Includes golf, cart, dinner, and door prizes. \$75.00 per player (\$70.00 if paid by 7/10).
- 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.
- There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as a “Closest to the pin” hole, and a “Longest drive” hole.
- Hole sponsorship is available for \$25. Individuals, Businesses, and Masonic Organizations are welcome to show their support!
 - o There will be mystery prizes for the most hole sponsorships sold, as well as the largest donation!
 - o All Profits will be divided equally between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery Charities.

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2023 York Rite Golf Outing Sponsor & Registration Form Sunday, July 16th, 2023



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

Number of holes sponsored _____ x \$25 Total \$ _____

Golf Sign Up

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

(Registration Fee Includes: golf, cart, dinner, and door prizes) \$75.00 per player, (\$70.00 if paid by 7/10/2023), **(Dinner Only with no Golf \$30.00 Each).**

Playing with: _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Enclosed please find my payment **in full of** \$ _____

Dinner will be served approx. 4:30 PM

Golf Outing Dinner Choices: _____ # of Steak Dinners _____ # of Chicken Dinners

***Make checks payable to Livingston Chapter No. 30 "YR GOLF OUTING" on the memo line.**

Mail in Advance Registration & Checks to: Livingston Chapter No. 30

C/O Don Mayville, 148 Belmont Lane, Whitmore Lake, MI, 48189