



# *Michigan Triple Tau* *Official Publication of the* *Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons* **April 2024**

Dear Companions and Everyone:

This month might come in like a lion. That is if you believe the weather prediction at 91% chance of rain. I also remember it happens to be April Fool's Day. Hmmm, I going to go to bed on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. I will take on the next morning as I plan to wake up and take on the day as is: Remembering it is April Fool's Day.

I know it is early but our Grand Scribe, David Montgomery has started the flyer for the Annual York Rite Memorial Picnic and the Charity Golf Outing being held on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Gladwin Heights. This will mark the 26<sup>th</sup> time we reflect on James Sprague's life and times. I changed the dates on the last picnic and golf registration form. There is, most likely, to be changes to the form due to its being so early.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm will be the Celebration of Life for Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest, Wayne Turton. This will be held at the Masonic Pathways Doig Chapel, located in Alma, Michigan. I am sure this will be a "Standing Room Only" celebration, due to his past titles and many offices he held. I hope to see many of you soon.

Fraternally,  
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Greetings Companions,

This month we bid farewell to M.W.B. & M.E.C. Wayne Turton. His memorial service will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Doig Chapel in Alma. M.E.C. Wayne not only served the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter as Grand Master and Grand High Priest, but he also served many years on the RAM Foundation and was also Treasurer for the General Grand Chapter. He truly lived, respected, and died, regretted.

Last month, the Grand Chapter Officers were in Fort Wayne for the East Central Conference of the General Grand Chapter. Our General Grand Chapter Officers did presentations on the RARA program and the work of the General Grand Chapter. These presentations were very enlightening.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> we will be recognizing the Meritorious Award recipient for Region #1, Bro. E. C. Jefferey Marlatt. The dinner will be held at Audie's Restaurant, and we look forward to acknowledging the work of E. C. Jeffery on behalf of Capitular Masonry.

Fraternally,

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## *Secretary's Scribbles*

April the second quarter of twenty twenty-four. Easter is just barely over, and Spring is twenty plus days old. We can now look forward to a pleasant Spring. Although I have seen some of the most devastating ice storms in April in past years.

I would like to see the calendar for the York Rite bodies used a lot more. The secret to getting the message out to the Chapters is using the calendar to its fullest extent. Our Secretaries are not using the calendar to its fullest extent, if your Chapter is putting on a degree, the more people you have in attendance the better the degree becomes for the candidate and the greater his experience will be. You do not have to wait for an all-degree day to do the degrees. With a little help, the Chapter may do the first three degrees by themselves.

The Grand Chapter officers will be traveling to Indiana for their Grand Session from April 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> at the "The Seasons Lodge" located in Nashville, Indiana. We will be putting a lot of miles on our vehicles that weekend as the memorial service for Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest along with many other masonic titles will be at the Doig Chapel in Alma on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM. This is WB Wayne Turton's Celebration of Life.

We do not have a lot on the calendar for the month of April as you will notice if you go to the calendar. The main concern for the month is to have the blank dues cards out along with the templet for the printing. I will have the blank dues card out by the first of the week and we will go over the templet and have them out by the second or third week. The information being used is in the database, I hope all the Secretaries have the current information up to date. This will save myself and the Secretaries a few headaches going forward. Should any of the Secretaries have any troubles feel free to call and I will walk you through anything you may need.

Think Spring and it will happen!

Donald





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“A society grows great when old men plant trees, the shade of which they know they will never sit in. Good men do good things for others. That’s all. That’s it. The end.”. ~ Ricky Gervais

This is great advice. Think of the “old men” in your Chapter whose advice you seek and whose input you appreciate. Look to your High Priest and Past High Priests for guidance if you need it. Guidance in Ritual; guidance in patience; guidance in demeanor; and guidance in attitude. My years in the SEAL teams and my years at Blackwater left me lacking in many “people skills.” Through friends and Companions and my Masonic Brothers, I have become much better. I still have a LOT of work to do, but I try every day to make myself a little better than the day before.

Always remember, some of the duties as High Priests are to read and expound the law, set the Companions at work, and give them proper instruction. I am fortunate to have several individuals who have helped me along the way. They have counseled me and stopped me before I made a bad decision and have supported me and encouraged me when I made the correct decision. They were there for me. I know there is someone like that for everyone.

If you are not getting the ‘proper instruction,’ look to your DDI. If you are still in need of additional guidance, look to your Grand Officers. Every High Priest, DDI, and Grand Officer should be leading by example. As we approach the installation season for Chapters across Michigan, remind the newly installed High Priest of this obligation. Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Your servant,  
Tom Black



Greetings Companions:

The Month of April is finally here, and I go back to work again. I have always looked forward to the start of a new year and all that the warm weather brings. I spent many years managing golf courses, and now I still work part time at it. I have felt much the same about my years in the Masonic fraternity. This year will be my 50th year for me. I have seen many changes over the years. Some good a some not so good. But I always look forward to another year of Companionship and growth in my life. I would like to encourage everyone to step forward a take more of a leadership role in all our Masonic bodies. As the Army says, "Be all that you can be" and help build a stronger Brotherhood.

Fraternally,  
Dave Montgomery GS





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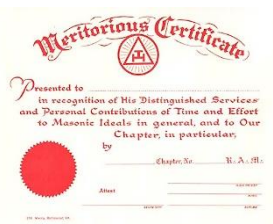
Greetings Companions:

Spring may be arriving. Shortly the weather is changing very rapidly here in northern Michigan. Our lakes are free of ice, the wildlife is making themselves known as new birds at our feeders every day and the turkeys are strutting their stuff for the ladies.

The Grand Chapter has just returned from the East Central Conference. That was held at Fort Wayne Indiana on March 8th and 9th. We had a great session. Michigan had the largest coalition in attendance. The Grand Chapter will be attending the Indiana Grand Session on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> to be held in Nashville, Indiana. I would also like to remind everyone that membership day is fast approaching on May 11th at Traverse City Chapter No. 102. Please plan on attending and step up and get involved with the degree work. Also keep your Calander open for July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>. Those dates are for the York Rite Picnic and Golf Outing. I have notified.in writing all Chapter, Councils, and Commandery Secretaries and Recorders of this event to be announced at their next convocations and meetings. I hope the Companions will support this event so bring your families and have a great time with us.

In closing I hope everyone had a blessed Easter with their families.

God Bless Us All,  
Harold Staley, Grand COH



Greetings Companions, all:

The month of April will soon be upon us with a hint of summer weather. Remember good old mother nature has her own agenda. We have all seen snow and cold in the month of April. Be prepared and remember tomorrow will be sunshine. Sounds like life to me.

I have visited many Royal Arch Chapters and have many more to visit. Chapters are doing the best they can in our world 2024. Some Chapters have more in attendance than others. But what I find as a common factor, those attending are true Royal Arch Masons. Theses Companions are the backbone of our craft. Please come one out to your Chapter and try visiting other Chapters in your area. Your support will be appreciated and well received.

Fraternally yours,  
David A Patterson, REGRAC





## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>



### 26th 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 21st 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 July 10<sup>th</sup>).
- 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!  
There will be mystery prizes for the most hole sponsorships sold, as well as the largest donation!  
All Profits will be divided equally between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery Charities.

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# 2024 York Rite Golf Outing Sponsor & Registration Form Sunday, July 21st, 2024



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 7/10/2024).

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 David Montgomery - montgomeryd48@gmail.com – Ph. (248) 207-5758 ?**



## The Royal Arch Foundation

### We Need you!

There are two positions open for trustees on the Royal Arch Foundation Board. We are looking for qualified individuals who possess the skill, fortitude, fervency, and zeal to become members of the Royal Arch Foundation. Any interest in becoming a member of the Foundation should be made by **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. Elections will be held at the Grand York Rite Session on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Please send your letters of intent to:

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