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Dear Companions:

How is everyone holding up? I have been spring cleaning my room corner by corner. I found the Kindle charger I thought I lost! Now, I can finish that book. Not! The humor is off me now. I play online brain games off the AARP web site and other sites.

Things here at Masonic Pathways have been good. We still have no sickness and those folks who must play Bingo still can. Eating in our rooms is getting easier as time goes by. A few of us hearty souls were given the choice of sitting out on the front porch for a bit. Too cold for me but those who did go out said it was wonderful!

Yesterday, the kitchen crew were bored and treated us with strawberry slushies. A yummy break on a monotonous day. They called them strawberry margaritas but there wasn't any liquor in them. We were impressed that they even dressed up in grass skirts and coconut tops. The cart used was decked out as an island paradise made completely of vegetables. Now that took time.

Every day the activity gals send us a word search, crossword, or scrambled letter puzzle to do. I surprise myself by being able to finish them. I don't consider myself much of a trivia buff. It must be my age!

My parents are getting used to phone calls and video chatting more. Good news! My Mom (who is in Nursing from a broken leg) has completed her PT and just has to get her strength back. She will probably move back to Residential as soon as things are back to whatever normal will be.

Hang in there everyone. This won't last forever...it just seems like it.

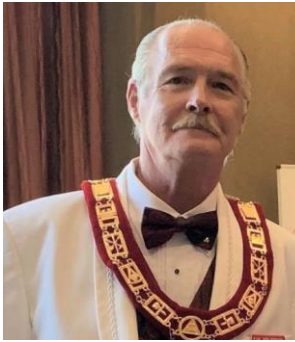
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Companions All,

The Grand Chapter hopes that all are in good health, as well as your family members.

Due to the restrictions set forth upon us I have asked our Director of D.D.I's to inform the D.D.I's that a monthly report would not be necessary but rather have them contact all Secretaries of the Chapters (in their districts) to have them inquire about the members of the Chapters and their well-being, then report back to me any necessities. So far seems all is well with only (2) D.D.I's reporting problems.

We have had many upcoming events canceled due to the constant moving of "stay-at-home" orders but the Grand Chapter, in communicating, is still putting together future events with the hopes that they can be enabled.

At this time, it is a waiting game, but we will move forward as soon as possible. Summer is almost here and at least we can be outside part-time. If this were mid-winter, I don't care to think about how small a house could be. It has taken some time to get used to hopping into the car for a few groceries and seeing ¾ tank of gas. Usually, the first stop is the station.

Other than that, my Brothers and Friends, there's not much for me to say here other than I have concerns for all. Communicate with your Chapters and thus the D.D.I's with-out hesitation.

We will get through this and overcome as Masonry has in the past.

Fraternally in Capital Masonry,
MEC, Carl J. Peterson, GHP





Traverse City Commandery No 41 KT
Traverse City Chapter No 102 RAM



April 15, 2020

To all York Rite Members:

After much deliberation of the Councils of Traverse City No 41 KT and Traverse City No 102 RAM the decision was made to **CANCEL THE MAY 9TH MEMBERSHIP DAY**. It is hoped that conditions will change, and the membership day will resume next May 2021.

When approval is granted it is hoped that each Chapter and Commandery will accept petitions and continue business as usual. Then act on them in your local area thereby keeping attendance smaller. Careful planning and communications will ensure success.

What that has been lost within the fraternity and rest of the social community cannot be made up. But with everyone trying to readjust, it may turn out to be a scramble for everyone.

Be careful and maintain safety.

LOVE HOPE TRUST FAITH

In All Knightly Courtesy

Paul Roggow

Paul Roggow PC, PGC

Rec TC-41

Sec TC-102

A NOTICE REMINDER FROM LAST MONTH'S ISSUE BY MEC CARL J. PETERSON

March 30, 2020

To all Companion Royal Arch Masons with-in the jurisdiction of Michigan.

Take due notice.

All nominations, elections, and installations of Officers will take place after the restrictions now imposed due to the spreading Corona-19 virus have been lifted. All will be given due notice to that effect.

Until then, all be safe, take care, and abide by what has been set forth by our Government.

Fraternally in Masonry;

Carl J. Peterson

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Secretary's Scribbles

Here we are, day 36 and still counting. I am starting to get worried alcohol may be running low, so it is going to be hard to cope. The good news is I can't buy paint, but I can buy alcohol and lotto tickets. The hard part about writing an article is we haven't done anything to write about in the last 36 days and the future isn't looking good for the near future. We shall make it through this, but I do not have any idea what it will look like when we do.

We are going forward with some of our plans, the annual picnic, and golf outing, the annual convocation, the tri-annual and the YRSCNA session, but at this stage, nothing is for certain. Grand Lodge is postponed until further notice, and when we can meet, it will still take at least forty-five days to set it up. Even when the "stay at home ban" is lifted. The question is how long will it take the venues to come up to speed. They will have to rehire their employees, restock supplies, and all of the other things behind the scenes that we don't know about. Thinking about all of the things we do for activities and the venues we use. I am not sure just how long it will take to get to the new normal. With that being said, I don't have a clue as to what the new normal is going to look like. The only thing that I am sure of is life as we knew it, is not going to be the same. How much it will change has yet to be determined.

I can only hope that in these times, we have taken the time to stay in contact with our members and friends. A short or long conversation can do wonders to lift the spirits of someone that may be alone, or a couple that has been talking to each other for 36 days. Most of us have spent more time with our spouses in the last 36 days than we have in the last 36 years. What a way to get to know each other all over again. What a way to rekindle your relationship.

Companions, there is still time to submit one of your members for an MSA or Bronze award. The application is on our web page in the download section. It will give something to do in filling out the application. It is also a particularly good way to recognize one of your members for his service to the craft.

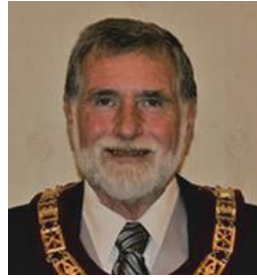
Stay safe, stay healthy and we will all make it to the other side of this, sooner rather than later, I hope.

Donald





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Companions,

Let me start this article by hoping that all is well with you and your extended families. As we struggle to fight this vicious COVID-19 virus we must follow the Stay at Home order and practice Social Distancing. As Masons, we enjoy meeting with our Brothers and Companions. Under this quarantine, a void has been left in our lives, but we can still keep in touch by phone and computer. Luckily my wife takes care of me, but a lot of our members live alone.

I belong to two different Lodges and in the last week, four Brothers have passed to the Celestial Lodge above. I'm not saying that they all died from the virus or some other underlying factors. What is sad is they weren't allowed a Masonic Funeral and our being allowed a final farewell. Hopefully, we can get together when this is over and give them some special kind of remembrance, one that they well deserve.

I truly appreciate the First Responders and those who volunteer their time, food, and money as we fight this virus together. The First Responders have families too and to leave them each day knowing they may come in contact with COVID-19. I also worry about the men and women in our Armed Forces stationed around the world, who now must worry about their families back home. God Bless them all.

I ask that you follow the guidelines set forth by our Leaders, both Political and Masonic. Stay safe until we can meet again in the Brotherhood we all hold so dear. Wishing all the Mothers out there a very Blessed Mother's Day!

And as Memorial Day approaches, I salute the Veterans of this Great Country who gave their all.

God Bless you all.

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

Greeting Companions

The Virus has caused a lot of cabin fever, but there is light coming at the end of the tunnel soon. Please stay in contact with family, friends and of course, Companions, and help with their needs.

The golf outing is fast approaching July 19, 2020, please contact your members. See if your Chapter can muster up golfers for this fun-filled day and PLEASE sponsor a Tee Box sign or Flag. It's only a \$ 25.00 donation per sign.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship

Don Mayville, GPS





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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,
E.C. Tom Black**

7 Facts about Memorial Day. By Samantha Grossman

1. It was originally called Decoration Day until 1880.
2. It wasn't always celebrated on the last Monday in May.
3. It is legally required to observe a National Moment of Remembrance. The proper time is 3:00 pm.
4. James A. Garfield delivered a rather lengthy speech at the first Memorial Day in 1868.
5. The several States observe a Confederate Memorial Day.
6. Waterloo, New York is considered the birthplace of Memorial Day.
7. More than 36 million people will travel at least 50 miles from home.





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 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.



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My Fraters:

"Praise God for He is good, and His mercy endures forever", Very familiar words to us all, yet in the challenges of today's world I ask, do we live them? Also, Do we practice the faith necessary to overcome them? I pray that all my brothers (and sisters) can answer "YES" to both questions. As the reflections of my prayer time or personal time are often the subjects of these little articles, I hope that the Lord has drawn me to them so I may pass on something of value to you. I sincerely believe that living for God is as much a life of giving as receiving. Every brother I have ever met has been a blessing in one way or another, and I know that even with the "Social distancing" we have been asked to practice has a purpose. It might be a stretch for some to see that under the word of God we can learn from these man-made rules. Let me stop here to emphasize one important point, ***in no measure of my heart or mind, do I believe that the recent pandemic is directed by God in any way, I do believe that through His mercy we can learn from it and the actions we have been asked to take.***

As I reflected on His word during the past few weeks, I was led to Hebrews 4 where I read, *"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."* As that passage rang in my heart, I was initially fearful a bit, admittedly, I often need to look back at the message I am drawn to. The comfort comes in that I am normally led someplace else that helps me to understand the first thought I was given. In this case, it was in Isaiah 40, reading, *"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ...*

We, my fraters, are under the double-edged sword of His word as much as we are "Jerusalem", not as a place but as a people. As we pledged ourselves to Him, He became our Savior and as such, we became His people. He has tasked His people to live by His word and to share it with those we meet, especially those in need of hearing it. In today's world and in these times many people need to see His word as well, and if we are truly His they will see it in our lives and the faith we place in Him for our protection. The world brings challenges, but only those our Lord allows. His word reminds us often that if we place our faith in Him, we will be tested, but only given tests He knows we can pass. I hope that you will get stronger as I do from this last passage, ***"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*** John 16:33

For my Fraters, With Love, He has given.

Darel W. "Butch" Winslow KYGCH
Grand Commander, KT of Michigan

Train of Life

By Kathleen A. Nazarene

At birth, we boarded the train of life and met our parents, and we believed that they would always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents would step down from the train, leaving us on life's journey alone.

As time goes by, some significant people will board the train: siblings, other children, friends, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we will not realize that they vacated their seats! This train ride has been a mixture of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

A successful journey consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery that prevails is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. Thus, we must try to travel along the track of life in the best possible way -- loving, forgiving, giving, and sharing.

When the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty -- we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who continue to travel on the train of life.

Let us remember to thank our Creator for giving us life to participate in this journey.

I close by thanking you for being one of the passengers on my train!

