



# *Michigan Triple Tau*

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# **MAY 2021**

Dear Companions And Everyone:

We have made it to May 2021. We are doing more together but many of us still have strict rules to live by. The residents can have visitations for 30 minutes with friends and family. The friends and family are now allowed to eat out at restaurants. We still cannot go to a Walmart or Meijer's store. People can shop for us but we cannot shop for ourselves. Thanks to the CDC and MI Health, we are still semi-quarantined.

A big thank you to Comp. Corey Curtiss for his pictures of the 2021 Strawberry Festival. Below, is his picture receiving his Active Legion of Honor. Congratulations Companion Corey on an honor for all your good work with DeMolay!

Fraternally,

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Dear Companions:

From what I have heard, our MEGHP Eldin has been ill and perhaps we will hear from him next month. Well wishes and prayers to you MEGHP Eldin.

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## *Scribbles of The Secretary*

We have made it through another month, of another year, that is looking just as bad as last year. We are getting a much better response from Chapters wishing to do degree work, which is a good thing. We may have to do more work in smaller groups to get the work done, but that should not be a problem. Should a chapter need help with degree work my office will help as much as I can, but please give a little more time than asking if I can get you help for tomorrow. We are going to place the calendar in a little more prominent place on the website, for better visibility.

Traverse City will be holding its Membership Day on May 8, 2021, with all the information on the website, in the dates to remember. Grand Lodge will be holding their Grand Session on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The session is open only for the voting delegates.

We have one more thing to add in May **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE IS MOVING IN THE MONTH OF MAY**. The address is Grand Chapter RAM of Michigan, P.O. Box 960, Pinckney, MI 48169. correspondence should be sent to the above address after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, and I will be picking it up until I am moved in.

I know that I am looking forward to getting back to the new normal, whatever that may be, and I am not alone in this effort. Someday we may have a long conversation over adult cocktails and a good meal about this subject, but at this time it is still too close.

I will have to say that I will miss the campus of Grand Chapter of Michigan, Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation, and Michigan Pathways. I did not realize that I have been here for really close to five years, but it has been that long, and I have enjoyed every minute of the time spent here. Once again time is moving on and we all must move with it.

Remember the move.

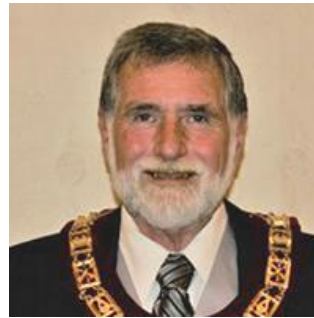
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**[Must be living with a new puppy has been busy. They do like to chew things, especially paper things. Perhaps next month we will have an update?]**

**The Editor]**



Greetings Companions:

First, I would like to congratulate all the Chapters newly elected and appointed officers for the upcoming year. Your leadership, skill, ability to motivate others in growing your Chapter in membership and Ritual retention is the goal to having an active Chapter.

Would like to thank Marquette Chapter # 43 for inviting us to a Four Chapter Degree Day on April 10, 2021, to exalt six new members in their Chapter. Your hospitality and friendship were overwhelming. Keep up the good work.

The Joint York Rite picnic and Golf Outing, is fast approaching, do not forget, the Picnic will be held on July 17th and the Golf outing on July 18th. We are taking orders for tee box and hole banners for the Golf Outing to advertise your Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Business, Yourself, or dedicate one to the memory of one no longer with us in person but lives on with us in memory. It is the tee box and banner sales that generate the money we divide between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery for their Charities. Picnic and Golf information and registration forms are available on the ([www.rammi.org](http://www.rammi.org)) website at the bottom of the page and included in this month's Triple Tau.

Your Protocol Committee interviews Companions who are seeking to run for the Open Chair in the Grand Chapter Line. they explain the various duties and obligations that are expected of a Grand Officer. There is still time if you are thinking about running for office, but you should contact the Protocol Committee soon so we can get your name out across the State to make your intentions known to all.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,  
REC Don Mayville, Grand Scribe



**REC Dave Montgomery**

**Grand Royal Arch  
Captain**

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**Comp. Corey Curtiss, PHP,PTIM  
Pictures from the  
2021 Strawberry Festival  
at Leslie Council No. 50  
located in Mason, Michigan.**

**Greetings Companions:**

The last couple of months has allowed the Chapters to open and start getting back to normal. Even with the Covid still putting restrictions on what we can do, most Chapters are adapting and making the best of the situation. With the lockdown over the past year, many Chapters have a backlog of candidates to get through and so between March and April I have been at 22 Royal Arch degrees. Mostly all young Companions eager to get involved in their Chapter.

The York Rite of Freemasonry has much to offer, and we are getting support from many men looking for more light and information on their masonic journey. As good as it is to bring in new Companions, do not forget to stay in touch with older Companions. Check-in on their welfare and encourage their participation. Many may need encouragement to come out and get back to Chapter after the long lockdown. On May 8th there will be an all-degree day for Royal Arch and Commandery at Traverse City. If your Chapter is having trouble putting on the degree work contact Grand Chapter, we can help.

Fraternally,  
Dave Montgomery OPC, KYCH  
Grand Royal Arch Captain



14 April 2021



Dear Companions,

Washtenaw Chapter #6, Royal Arch Masons is pleased to nominate Excellent Companion Corey FGL Curtiss for election to the open chair of the line of officers of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

Corey has been an active Companion for over 14 years having served as High Priest of this and other Chapters and offering service to other chapters all over the State of Michigan in degree conferrals, organizing festivals, and providing educational events. He served three years as a District Deputy Instructor of this Jurisdiction, on several committees, and has held seminars and workshops at Regional York Rite meetings across the country. He is an active member of several Masonic bodies in Michigan, Ontario, North Carolina, and around the country.

Since 2019, Corey has served as the Most Excellent President of the Michigan Order of High Priesthood. He has a passion for the York Rite and Ancient Craft Masonry served in other statewide leadership roles in other York Rite organizations. As a Senior DeMolay, he was humbled by being invested with the Active Legion of Honor in 2020.

Professionally, Corey works for the Michigan Masons as a Lodge Success Specialist providing strategic planning, financial sustainability, leadership development, membership development, and Masonic Education to the lodges of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Corey graduated from the University of Michigan - Dearborn, with undergraduate degrees in Earth Science and Biology among other degrees, certificates, and minors.

Corey is a dedicated brother and uncle, being the oldest of nine and uncle to 10 nieces and nephews. He counts his siblings in his circle of best friends. He enjoys cigar-smoking, playing board games, exploring the wilderness, discussion, and debate, solving problems, driving long distances, and flying commercial airlines, and enjoying the company of his family, brothers, and friends

He has dedicated most of his career and personal life to guiding individuals and organizations in developing strategic plans, building exciting high-value programs to engage members, and creating financially sustainable organizations through ethical, compassionate philanthropic development. He developed the Heart of Freemasonry in 2008 to help lodges focus on mentoring and teaching members, which several lodges across the state now use. He enjoys traveling across the state and country listening to Brothers and Companions needs leading workshops and seminars in strategic planning, membership engagement, and leadership.

Excellent Companion Corey is an experienced leader who is passionate about bringing a high-value experience to the Companions of Michigan. We hope you will join us in electing him to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

Yours in Capitular Masonry,  
Robert Moore High Priest  
Washtenaw Chapter #6



## **Knight Masons: Hidden Degrees in Ancient Craft Masonry**

It is a great personal honor for me to be elected as Excellent Chief of Trinity Council. I first became an officer ten years ago and due to work engagements had to leave the line more than once. This and other circumstances have coalesced to bring me to preside over this august body in 2021 year and I couldn't be happier. During my twelve-year membership in the Order, my affection for Knight Masonry and my dear Cousins has only grown in intensity.

We bring the opportunity of Masonic growth and excellence through the presentation, execution, and application of the Irish Masonic Degrees. We, being the premier and only Council in the state, serve all of the Masons of Upper and Lower Peninsulas of the Jurisdiction of Michigan. With this in mind, you will notice that our year will look somewhat different than previous years.

Our focus will be on learning and performing our beautiful degrees of Knight Masonry and creating opportunities for fellowship and education for members of the appendant York Rite across the State. We will look for suitable and eager prospects in every corner of the state from the Upper Peninsula to Lansing to Tri-cities to Detroit and Grand Rapids and invite them to our fold and offer these companions more light in Masonry and knowledge of the continuing saga of the Solomonic Mysteries and as important steps before completing Ancient Craft Masonry. I passionately believe that Knight Masonry should not be reserved for a chosen few but offered as a shining beacon to all Capitular Masons. We as leaders in Irish Masonry will shine this beacon in all the corners of our Jurisdiction and make convenient opportunities for Royal Arch Masons to join our fellowship and study our ritual.

- We will vote on new proposals and confer the three Irish degrees at every in-person Assembly this year (see dates below)
- Any Royal Arch Mason interested in Knight Masonry should contact me at [cfcurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:cfcurtiss@gmail.com) so we can propose your full name for election.
- Any Knight Mason that knows of qualified Royal Arch Masons that should be proposed should also contact me.
- Visit [www.km-mi.org](http://www.km-mi.org) to learn about local and national Knight Masonry.

### **Upcoming 2021 Dates**

**Proposals will be accepted, and the degrees will be conferred at all in-person assemblies.**

**May 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM, Assembly - Trinity Observance, Elect Proposals, (DMT, Detroit)

**June 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 AM, Assembly, (Grand Island Masonic Temple, Munising, MI). **REGISTRATION FORM REQUIRED FOR YOOPER COUNCIL!**

**September 25<sup>th</sup>**, 10:30 AM Assembly (Grand Rapids Masonic Temple)

**November 20**, 10 AM Annual Assembly (AHMT, Auburn Hills, MI)





# **2021 Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing!**



**Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery**

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

**Sprague Cottage  
near Gladwin**

**&**

**Sunday, July 18, 2021**

**Gladwin Heights Golf Course  
3551 W. M-61, Gladwin, Michigan 48624  
989.426.9941**

Saturday, July 17th 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 more directions.

Sunday, July 18th 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 the tee time at the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and they will be as follows:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place will be 300.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place will be 150.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery Charity of their choice.

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# 2021 York Rite Golf Outing Sponsor & Registration Form

July 18, 2021

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:

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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 7/11).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Make checks payable to Livingston Chapter #30 – marked: “YR GOLF OUTING” on 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.*