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Dear Companions and Everyone:

Happy May Day! The first of May is the time of flowering trees and plants. Our trees and flowering bulb plants have survived the cold and snow showers. They look awesome here at Masonic Pathways located in Alma, Michigan. We usually lose our magnolia trees inside the grassy areas within the Home. They made a wonderful color show for us this year. As I looked ahead the warm weather is coming our way in just a couple of weeks! Get your air conditioning checked out so you do not end up waiting for freon to cool you down.

There are three or more important dates in the next few weeks. Traverse City Chapter No. 102 is holding a Membership Day on the 6th of May. The 14th of May is Mother's Day. Do not forget the ladies. Flowers, candy, and a beautiful card are great ways to say, "I Love You and Thanks for all you do." The Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be in Mt. Pleasant this year on May 22nd and 23rd. The Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort is where it all happens. Your Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan has a booth there so come by and say "Hello!"

I am excited to be in a book club, held in Masonic Pathways Grand Living Room with none-other than PGM Robert Conley, F & AM of Michigan. We are reading 'The Pilgrim's Path' by John J. Robertson. We meet every 2 weeks on a Thursday night, 6:00 pm. I asked him for an article next month. Happy Mother's Day to all the Ladies and enjoy our Michigan Spring!

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

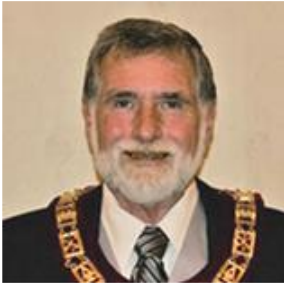


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Greetings Companions:

Lady Joann and I were well received at the Indiana Grand Session and Right Excellent Companions Tom Black, Don Galway, Dave Montgomery, Steve and Lady Valerie Eliopoulos, and Harold Staley made the trip to Nashville, Indiana, for a Friday night banquet. It was very well attended. Have you heard the song “When the Lights went out in Georgia.”? The same thing happened in Nashville around 10:00 pm and power didn't come back on until Sunday afternoon. The Indiana Grand Session on Saturday was held in an abbreviated form lighting provided by sun light. Our prayers go out to the people of Indiana and Kentucky that bore the blunt of tornadoes and very heavy rainstorm.

The month of May has several exciting. events happening May 6th is Membership Day in Traverse City, sponsored by Traverse City Chapter No. 102, May 14th is Mother’s Day. On May 22nd & 23rd the Grand Lodge of Michigan Session at the Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant. In the month of June, the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Michigan is the 22nd and 23rd. The location for this is between Mt Pleasant and Alma. Please come out and show your support. July has our Joint York Rite Picnic and Golf Outing on the 15th and 16th. You can find the flyer in this month’s Triple Tau. In August the Joint York Rite Grand Sessions start the 17th through the 19th located in Bay City at the Double Tree Hotel.

During this month, please take some time and reflect on what your Chapter has done to increase membership, have your Chapter acknowledge the new Worshipful Masters in your area. Has your Chapter had regular Educational Topics at each meeting? Does your Membership make visits to local Lodge and wear your red coats? By the way, please send me information regarding the fore-mentioned topics to indsal@att.net.

On a personal note, Lady Joanne and I will be traveling to Houston, Texas at the end of the month to visit with the grandchildren.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

Don Mayville, MEGHP





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Scribbles of the Secretary

I used to think April showers brought May flowers, but I am not sure what April snow brings. I am thinking Maple syrup comes to mind. April has been a busy month with several events that have taken place. The highlight was the Master Mason degree which took place in conjunction with Prince Hall at their annual session. The new member total was 49 Master Masons which were added to the roles of both organizations. The work presented was beyond compare and it was a pleasure to watch. Congratulations are due to both Grand Lodges for their great work.

The month of May is not going to be any slower for the fraternity. We have a seven-degree day being held in Traverse City on the sixth of May. The information is on the calendar. Mother's Day is the 14th and is a great day to celebrate your mother if she is still with us or celebrate your wife with your children (don't forget to remind them of the day). The twentieth we will be in Alma, if you are a member of KYCH, for their bi-yearly meeting if you are a member. The Grand Lodge session starts the Sunday of the twenty first for the Grand Masters Golf outing as a prelude to the session on Monday. Members of the York Rite would like to congratulate Grand Master Leonard K. Davis on an excellent job in his year. We can also wish Grand Master Elect Larry Judson to have a great year in his upcoming year. The twenty-ninth is Memorial Day, which is a day of celebration and reflection. Take a little time out of the day to remember what the day means to veterans of past wars and conflicts. The other meaning of the weekend is the opening of the property and vacation homes up north. With a little hope June will be the start of summer and maybe no more snow.

Now is the time for election results to be on the database under your Chapter. Dues cards should be coming out, along with the current Chapter information on your Chapter's database. Remember the use of the calendar for upcoming events. It is the best way to get your information out for an event. If you should have any questions, feel free to give me a call or send me an email. I will answer your question if I can, or I will find the answer and get back to you.

Donald





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Greetings Companions:

Many Chapters, as well as Lodges, have decided to go “dark” during the winter months. Like the return of the seasons, our Companions are now returning from down south and their annual pilgrimage to warmer climates.

Spring is typically a time of renewal and rebirth. The grass begins to green up and the flowers, whether annuals or perennials, begin to come up and bloom.

In like manner the Chapters have their elections, and the Chapters find a renewal of activity and energy. In some cases, the officers move into new positions. In other cases, the officers retain their positions for another year, and the Chapter moves on.

It is my hope that all this activity will lead to a new energy within your Chapters. As always, your Grand Chapter Officers stand ready to assist your Chapter in any manner we can.

Fraternally,

Brent Helm, Grand King



Greetings Companions:

The upcoming events are:

May 6 – Membership Day in Traverse City.

June 11-13 - Nevada Grand Session in Las Vegas.

July 28 – Illinois Grand Session in Springfield.

August 15 – Triennial Session in Branson, MO.

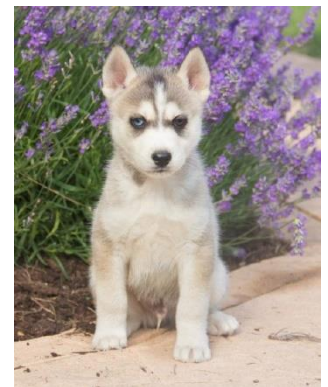
August 16-20 Michigan Grand Session, Bay City.

***For the 8 individuals who read my TT article:**

We are taught in the Most Excellent Master degree to disperse light and information. Let us not forget that we should seek first the Greatest Light and ask that wisdom be added unto you. Give credit to the Greatest Light for allowing you to exist on Earth and for giving you inner light. Your talents are gifts from God, don't waste them and do not abuse them. Thank God for all that you can do.

Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Tom & Loki





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Greetings Companions,

Believe it or not, Spring has finally arrived here in Northern Michigan.

The robins and the red winged blackbirds have arrived and begun constructing their nests. I am still waiting to see my first Kirkland Warbler. The trees are starting to bud out, the lawns are getting greener, and the first brave golfers have set out on the greens. Companions, please assist your Lodge Brothers in their outdoor beautification projects this spring and enhance the secret among them.

I and officers of the Grand Chapter attended the Indiana Grand Session, even though we had no electricity for the whole weekend due to several Tornados. The whole town of Nashville, Indiana was dark, but the meeting was still held. The Indiana Companions successfully completed their session. This event will soon not be forgotten.

A Reminder, The Michigan Grand Lodge Annual Communication is going to be held on May 22 & 23rd at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt Pleasant. If you have not registered there is still time to do so. The Grand Chapter is supporting the new incoming Grand Master, Larry Judson, and we will have an informational table set up for the event.

Finally, I would like to encourage the Chapter Secretaries to utilize the new database for updating rosters, tracking dues and certifications of elections. It's a wonderful system, and your feedback will be welcomed. It can be found at <http://membership.rsm-mi.org>.

Fraternally yours,
 Harold R Staley, Grand Royal Arch Captain

Greeting Companions:

APRIL 2023 TRIPLE TAU

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

12 Inspections were reported. 52% completion rate.

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

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

Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of April 15, 2023, is 11,372.

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



*** HAPPY ***
MEMORIAL DAY
 REMEMBER AND HONOR
 ★★★★★★★★★★



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Dear Companions,

I am on a journey with all of you. Mine began almost twenty-four years ago when I knocked, just as you once did, on the door of a lodge and it was opened unto me. It later continued in the company of two of my Companions as we three did agree and arrived at this moment where I ask you to join your support with that of Hooker Chapter No. 38 by electing me to serve as a Grand Officer of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

My own Masonic journey has been one of the services to the Craft seeking opportunities to make a difference in the institutions I hold dear. I want to be part of a team that enhances the value our Chapters and Grand Chapter provide to our members. I do not represent myself as having all the answers, but I do see myself as a committed part of the process of reaching inventive and meaningful solutions to the common challenges all Chapter and Companions face.

I have received many blessings in my life, among them my education (in law and finance) as well as the leadership roles I have held on the boards of several charitable and fraternal organizations. With each of those experiences I have found an opportunity to grow as well as pick up another working tool to bring to this present fight. That fight is one for our future.

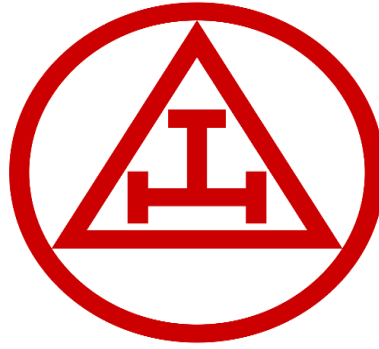
As I have visited several Chapters in the last several months. I have had the opportunity to meet many of you around the altar and be reminded repeatedly how inspiring and dedicated each of you is to our future. It has also given me the opportunity to develop my own thoughts about the opportunity to serve. I want to be a part of making a difference in our Chapters and our Masonic journey. I ask for your support to embark on this phase of our journey together at the upcoming Grand Chapter Session.

I am interested in hearing your needs, ideas, and goals for Royal Arch Masonry in Michigan. Please feel free to reach out to me so we can continue this discussion. I would love to hear from you.



With my Lady Hannah enjoying a little Tiki

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 _____

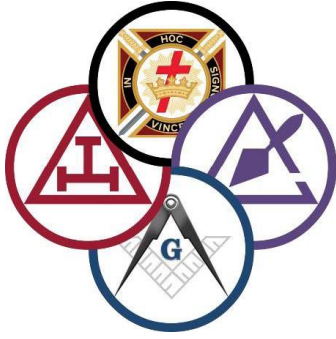
Shirt Size and quantity _____

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
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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.

Questions? Contact:

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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