

Michigan Triple Tau

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Dear Companions:

Happy 4th of July! I hope it decides to quit raining. We need it to stop raining on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. You can't play shuffleboard in a thunderstorm. Masonic Pathways has rules on when you can go outside and play. They are just looking out for our well-being.

This issue was a real nail-biter. The DeMolay members went to Kansas City, MO to the 100th celebration of DeMolay. The International Elections were held late this week and I wasn't going to let them down. Congratulations to Vincent A D'Aguanno, Executive Officer of Michigan DeMolay, who was elected as the Grand Junior Councilor of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay. He has a nice picture and promises us with more details in the August issue.

The line officers are getting ready to move up to the next station. In August, it will be time to say farewell to the 2018-2019 officers. I am going to miss hearing from those who are the present top line officers. These new "Junior Past Grands" will be asked to fill a spot somewhere in the York Rite. The phone might not ring off the wall, but they will have another duty to fulfill.

If you are the Education Officer in your Chapter, please take a copy of the Triple Tau with you. At least take the Secretaries Scribbles page to have the dates as to what is going on this month. Safe travels everyone and God Bless.

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Before the Mark Master Degree

Brother, when you first knocked at the door of Freemasonry at your Lodge, you sought admission into the York Rite of Freemasonry. In a Masonic sense, a Rite has been defined as a collection of degrees which are, and for a considerable time have been, customarily considered as a group or unit, either because of having a common government or being associated with a succession or schedule of work. The York Rite consists of four bodies: Lodge, which is Symbolic, Chapter, which is Capitular; council, which is Cryptic; and Commandry, which is Chivalric. All the degrees and orders of the York Rite illustrate some great lesson of Freemasonry and its philosophy.

For well over 150 years, the term York Rite has been known to Freemasons throughout the world. You may start with the Entered Apprentice Degree and go through the Order of the Temple, the last degree, and always find the golden thread in connection with and in relation to the Symbolic Degrees. Chapter, Council, and Commandry Degrees are in addition to, but in no way higher than, Symbolic Degrees. All Masonic Bodies acknowledge that there is no higher degree than that of Master Mason.

You have petitioned a Chapter and been elected to receive the Capitular degrees. I congratulate you on being found worthy and will answer any questions you may have about the four degrees conferred in our Chapter. In the Entered Apprentice Degree, you began your labors before an unfinished Temple, the great edifice being erected by King Solomon, to be the abiding place of the Highest God. When you were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft you still labored before that unfinished Temple. When you were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason you approached but did not achieve, the completion of the Temple. Therefore, you finished the Symbolic Degrees with the Temple unfinished and the great truth of Freemasonry not yet revealed to you, only a substitute.

You are now about to be advanced to the degree of Mark Master. You will find yourself to be still a workman laboring on the unfinished Temple. You will not be hoodwinked, and you will see how the working tools are put to use. You will be instructed in Masonic ethics.

As you participate in the Mark Master Degree, remember that the Keystone which you will be carrying symbolizes wisdom, strength, and beauty and represents your life and how you live it. To successfully build our spiritual temple, we must comply with the rules of moral and Masonic conduct. We must be particularly careful not to reject the work of others through ignorance or claim credit for the work of others.

You will be instructed to select a Mark and also in the use of that Mark. You will find that the Mark which we choose is the character of our thoughts, words, and deeds. As our Marks become identified with our name and make up our character. This is not only seen by our fellow men, but by that All Seeing Eye unto whom all hearts are open, all desire is known, and from whom no secrets are ever hidden.

In this degree we are also reminded of our obligation to our less informed Brethren, to answer the pledge of a Brother in need, and that money may be merely the symbol of other and often greater needs, such as sympathetic understanding, goodwill, and friendship.

As you pass through this Mark Master Degree, may the lessons portrayed have a deep and lasting effect upon your future life and conduct.

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Secretaries Scribbles

June is gone, the year is half over and I sit in northern Michigan just wondering where the year has gone. July will soon be here and with everything we look forward to. The fourth of July Independence Day, a long weekend and everything that goes with it. My question is how many of us really think of what it means, it is almost two hundred and fifty years ago. A lot of water has rushed over the dam since then and we have a large tendency to forget what our forefathers did and sacrificed to allow us the ability to celebrate the day, but we seldom reflect on the past and what it means. Enjoy the day and take a minute to reflect on what was given to us.

Most Lodges and Chapters are dark until September, but there is a couple of things to remember in July. First is the York Rite Picnic and Golf outing being held on July 21st and 22nd in Gladwin, Michigan. Picnic on the 21st at the Sprague property. The golf outing will be held a Gladwin Heights Golf Course on the 22nd. This is a fun outing and we always have a good time. The proceeds are split three ways to the York Rite bodies and given to their charity. The next weekend is the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation Golf outing which is being held at the Emerald Golf Course in St Johns right on US 127. This is one of MMCF's premier fundraisers and is always a lot of fun, slots are limited so you may want to sign up early.

August is going to be busy for a lot of us. There are a lot of things happening in August. The York Rite Sovereign College will be holding their annual session in Salt Lake City, Utah the first week. All the recipients of the Order of The Purple Cross will be in attendance for their ceremony and I wish to congratulate them for receiving this high honor. The second weekend will put us in Grand Rapids for Michigan DeMolay Conclave. This year it will be a little different as it will be in two places. The Hotel will be the Crowne Plaza on 2700 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids. The events will be held in the Grand Rapids Masonic Temple 233 Fulton St. E. Grand Rapids. This is our youth and future. If you get a chance, try and make it. The York Rite Grands Session starts on August 14th for the grand officers and continues thru August 17th. Grand Chapter will be held on the 15th with Grand Council being held on the 16th along with the Grand Banquet the evening of the 16th and Grand Commandry being held on the 17th with the Round Table dinner that evening. Just when you think that is enough for one month, we will throw in the Tri-State festival being held in Marquette on the 24th. This is a Royal Arch Festival with Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. We have been doing this for over half a century with the host state doing the Royal Arch Degree and the other two states performing the other three degrees. Every York Rite Mason is invited to this event, but if you are planning to stay for dinner please call and make reservations to ensure there is enough to go around. That is, it for the summer. I hope you have a great summer and enjoy the season if you have travel plans have to safe travels and enjoy

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The Four Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry

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Mark Master

This is the first of four degrees in Chapter, and in it, the candidate is still symbolically laboring on an unfinished temple, he is taught the nobility of labor and that in the erection of his moral and spiritual temple, he must determine and prepare the materials of which that temple is to be constructed, and to have due care that in doing the work he must present, bearing his mark, shall be such as to designate him as one worthy of admission to "that house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens."

Past Master

Originally the Royal Arch Degrees could not be conferred upon a Brother who had not previously presided over a Lodge. Eventually, it was conferred upon all candidates for the Royal Arch Degree. The brother receiving it in that manner is a Virtual, not an Actual, Past Master. It teaches that he who would rule others must first learn to rule himself.

Most Excellent Master

This degree recites the events surrounding the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple. Here the mason sees for the first time completed the construction of the temple on which he has symbolically labored in all previous degrees. Symbolically it represents the building of life and character and the reward which come of him faithfully performs this task.

Royal Arch Mason

Except for the Master's Degree, no Masonic Degree is more important in its historical and symbolic significance than this. In some form, it appears in every Rite, but only here does its history, symbolism, its lessons show so vividly its connection with Master Mason Degree, and the fact is, indeed, the final chapter of that essential degree of Freemasonry. It brings to light that for what the mason has searched.

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Greetings Companions,

Well, June was a slower month for me as most of my Masonic bodies were winding down for the summer break. I did attend the 150th-anniversary dinner for Lansing Commandery #25, two Mark Master Degrees, one in St Clair Chapter and one in Lapeer Chapter. Went to Munising for Yooper Council, a good time was had by all. Shores Chapter #69 exalted two brothers, visited a Lodge for an EA Degree and was in Lapeer Chapter for a three-degree day. Lady Judi and I celebrated our 40th on the 9th and of course, Father's Day, talked to our two daughters and all was good. Lastly, the official start of summer and all that comes with warmer weather.

July will be a nice easy month with only the 4th, I will be staying home and out of all the traffic and crowded road and beaches. The 20th is the York Rite Picnic and the 21st is the annual York Rite Joint Golf Outing, you still have time to sponsor a hole or T-Box or register a team, the forms are on the Grand Chapter web site.

Keep in mind when you travel to factor in extra time, there is a lot of construction out there on most of the interstate highways and some of the secondary roads. Make sure you have your car serviced before taking any long trips, especially the cooling system, tires, and A/C. There are a lot of motorcycle riders out there so make sure you look out for them as well. If you do not carry one, get yourself a first kit. You can get one at most drug stores and some auto parts stores have them as well.

Well, that is all for this month, safe travels and remember to use lots of sunblock.

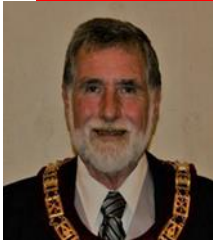
As always, God speed and God Bless.

Fraternally yours,
John A. Ames Grand Scribe

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Its lessons are the essence of Masonic truth. Its ceremonies, for the most part, are founded upon the return of the Israelites from captivity to rebuild a destroyed temple and the discoveries they're made.

Fraternally,
R.E.C., Carl J. Peterson, G.K, P.P., K.Y.C.H.



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Greetings Companions :

I have compiled a list of different events to let your Red Coats Shine.

Community:

Work or conduct your own blood drive thru the Red Cross.

Contact your local 1st responders (fire, police officers, paramedics) and put on an appreciation dinner for them and their families.

Bikes for Books, a Grand Lodge program but can fit into your Chapter & Lodge.

Help support each other in this worthwhile program. Help at food banks.

Adopt a needy family for the holidays either by providing meals or gifts for the children, obtain a list thru your local Churches.

Promote functions between your Chapter and local Lodges.

Host a dinner honoring the incoming Masters of the local Lodges.

Organize a fun night like bowling, playing cards, or going to a local dinner theater.

Assist Lodges in Degree work.

Promote the Heritage Award to your local Lodges.

Do not forget your members:

Two or three times a year put on a potluck dinner for members & family.

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Check in on the sick or distressed.

E-mail or call members regarding meetings or special events.

Please submit Bronze or M.S.A. applications.

In closing I would like to remind all of you about the Joint York Rite Golf Outing. July 21st at the Gladwin Heights Golf Course, It is not too late to join in having fun playing golf with your Brothers or sponsor a tee box or pin flag, you will find the application enclosed in this month's Triple Tau.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

Don Mayville, Grand Royal Arch Captain

Some one-liners from Clean Masonic Jokes:

It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.

auran98

People in Dubai don't like the Flintstones. But people in Abu Dhabi do!

stevenmc

Have you heard about those new corduroy pillows? They're making headlines.

Deerhoof_Fan

What did the pirate say when he turned 80 years old?

Aye matey.

Wicked_Wanderer

How do you get two whales in a car? Start in England and drive west.

fireworklass

I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day.

ImHully



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Sir Knights and Ladies,

Lady Diane and I wish to thank all the Ladies and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Michigan for their generous hospitality over the past six years.

Our time visiting with you has been wonderful and we will cherish each and every moment that we have spent serving this Grand Jurisdiction.

As we started this past Templar year, we began a new chapter in Michigan Templary. As the torch is passed on and a new chapter begins, I can only ask that each of you continue with the same determination, passion, and love that will help drive the York Rite of Freemasonry in Michigan forward into the future.

To the Grand Officers and Ladies that served with lady Diane and I, we thank you for all the love you have shared with us and the Sir Knights and families of this Grand Commandery. To Butch and Christy Winslow, a special thank you for all your efforts over the past several years. I am sure that with your drive and determination that this Grand Commandery will continue to press on to victory.

To Diane, I can't thank you enough for being at my side as we served this Grand Commandery. Thank you for continuing to enrich my life. I will forever be indebted to you and look forward to what the future holds as we begin the next chapter of our lives together. I will forever Love you.

Sir Knights I leave you all with one final thought.

(Good Knight !!!)

Respectfully,
Shawn M. Bashore
Grand Commander



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My apologies for missing out on the opportunity to submit an article last month. As some of you may already know, I've been battling some health issues since last January and I just wasn't up to much last month.

I hope that everyone is up to having a dynamite summer this season. As the 4th. of July is fast approaching, I would like to share with you the following from the poet Cynthia Barton entitled

“American Soldiers”

Every day more soldiers have to leave
To fight this war so we can be free.
They pack light to set out on their way
Praying the war will end someday.
We have lost young and lost old
But all of those men were so strong and bold
In reality, it doesn't seem fair
But when at war there is no time to care.
Once in a while, they may get a letter
From loved ones at home feeling a little better.
They let them know they miss them, so
But no time to cry the men must go.
They fold their letters up real tight
Putting them away for another lonely night.
Slowly they rise to take their stand
As each American soldier salutes with the right hand.
They yell that they will be home soon
But tonight, they're going to sleep with the moon.

But not alone they have one another
To an American soldier, those men are his brothers.
Each and everything they do
Is without a doubt for me and for you.
Honestly, how many sits and pray
For each and every soldier on the field that day?
They don't draw names to see who they protect
So why need a face to match respect?
They don't get hot home cooked meals
And I bet they would love a steak from the grill.
They are American Soldiers standing tall and proud
They deserve our respect, don't be ashamed,
Scream it out loud.
But at times, a soldier has no choice but to sleep
With those words I close for now.
Saying as I go –
GOD BLESS AND REST IN PEACE....

Please remember our men and women in the military who serve us so bravely and faithfully, not just on Independence Day, but every day.

Ed James
G. Gov. for MI, YRSCNA



2019 Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing!



Grand Chapter Grand Council Grand Commandery

Saturday, July 20, 2019

**Sprague Cottage
near Gladwin**

&

Sunday, July 21, 2019

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

Saturday, July 21st 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/or need directions.

Sunday, July 21st 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 it).

New this year we will be giving out cash prizes will be 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 21, 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 \$ _____

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



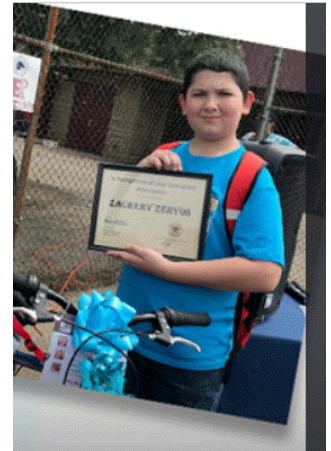
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Michigan DeMolay

Summer is in full bloom and the young men of DeMolay are on the move. One of our newest members from C. C. Reeves Chapter won a bicycle from the State of Michigan for perfect attendance for this school year. Way to go Zachary. The State Councilors attended the DeMolay International Session in Kansas City, MO, and participated in changing some of the governing rules of DeMolay, elected our new International Officers and basically had a great time. This was the Centennial Session for DeMolay and the 100-year party was outstanding. All the members who attended will remember this for the rest of their lives. We also took a tour of Kansas City and saw many points of interest concerning DeMolay. July will bring about several events; State Officer Training to be held in Howell on the 20th to the 21st of July, and Grand Bethel will be held July 12-14 in Grand Rapids. Conclave is fast approaching, and the registration forms are out and available if you need one you can contact any State Officer or go to Michigandemolay.org and download a form. If any of the Companions know of any young men that would benefit from becoming a member of DeMolay please contact the State Master Councilor, any State Officer or the Executive Officer and we will make sure that someone from the local Chapter contacts the young man and his parents.



Michigan DeMolay is always willing to help in any capacity. Please come out and support the young men in the Chapters nearest to you. These young men are always looking for service projects both Masonic, Community, and Charitable. If you need assistance for any project, please call on DeMolay.

At the Centennial session of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay Dad Vincent A D'Aguanno, Executive Officer of Michigan DeMolay was elected as the Grand Junior Councilor of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay. More of our 100th-year celebration to follow in the next issue.

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Greetings from the desk of the Grand Guardian of Michigan Job's Daughters! Sadly, this will be my last article as Grand Guardian, as I will be turning over the reins to my successor at our annual Grand Session on July 13. It is likely that this is not the last you will hear from me, however...as the upcoming Grand Guardian has asked me to stay aboard her team, on a couple of committees, including the continuation of the Pay It Forward program.

Please allow me to introduce the next leadership team; Miss MaKeelie will be Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Ms. Amy Flowers will be Grand Guardian, and Mr. Jeff McDonald will be Associate Grand Guardian.

Miss MaKeelie is a Past Honored Queen from Bethel # 86 Ravenna, a recent graduate of Cedar Springs High School, and a nationally renowned gymnast. Mom Amy is a Past Honored Queen from Bethel # 23 Walled Lake and is a kindergarten teacher at Walled Lake Public Schools. Dad Jeff is a Past Master of Grand Blanc Lodge # 174, a Past Patron of OES Chapter # 507 Grand Blanc. He is retired and lives at the cottage on the lake in Lewiston.

This past year as the Grand Guardian of Michigan Job's Daughters has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and I can't begin to express the love that I have for these girls. They continue to amaze me every single time I interact with them. They are funny, smart, inspirational, motivational, and just amazing young women; I will miss being their "official" mom, but I'm also looking forward to being able to just have fun with them, be silly with them, and be PRESENT with them... without having to be pulled in a bunch of different directions by the duties of the office.

Any chance that you have to make a visit to a Bethel meeting, a fun event, a fundraiser or any activity where you can interact with these girls...please take advantage of it. Invite them to YOUR events. Reach out to us via our website mijdi.com, or our Facebook page. You will be amazed at how good they make you feel. The youth ARE the future of our Masonic families, and they crave the attention, the knowledge, and the history that we adults have to offer.

Thank you all for allowing me to write for you these past 4+ years. It has been my pleasure to introduce you to the magic of youth, through the interactions with Job's Daughters. Please enjoy some of the memories in the photos below.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Brower

Grand Guardian

Be the Change YOU Wish to See in the World!



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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

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Michigan Rainbow

The big news for this issue is Grand Assembly 2019 which we just completed one week ago. It is 5 days of excellent Ritual work, fun, excitement, lots of good food, many, many tears, and very little sleep.

This first picture shows Grand Worthy Advisor, Samantha Brock, presiding while our Pledge Girls, ages 8-11, do their annual presentation at Grand Assembly. The Pledge Girls have their own activities and join the big girls when they can.



As much fun as the girls have, the adults have just as much fun. In the picture to the left, we see

three adults dressed as Moana and Maui from the Disney movie “Moana”, and Rapunzel from the fairy tale “Rapunzel”. These three come into the Assembly room and vouch for everyone in attendance. Scary thought, isn't it?

The picture below shows our Rainbow State Dads dressed in their finest. They are introduced at our Thursday night session and have come in with some type of decorative apparel for the past few years. All of the ladies, both young and old, appreciate our dads! The dads will do anything they can to help the girls.





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This picture shows Grand Worthy Advisor, Samantha and Supreme Inspector, Maureen Riley, in the balcony at Masonic Pathways watching the entrances of all of the Grand Family girls. This is always a highlight for the Grand Worthy Advisor and the girls on the floor end up just waving at us.



The three lovely young ladies pictured left to right are the newly installed Grand Line Officers: Kendra Pollick, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, Krissy Garrett, Grand Worthy Advisor, and Cheyenne Brannon, Grand Charity. We look forward to watching Michigan Rainbow grown under their leadership, direction, and dreams.

The rest of this summer involves travel to Illinois and Canada Grand Assemblies and Anaheim, California for the Supreme Seminar. We will also travel to Michigan Job's Daughters Grand Session and DeMolay Conclave. One weekend will be spent at camp with all of the new Grand Family girls developing leadership skills and new friendships. Please plan on coming to visit with us on August 24 at the Masonic Pathways in Alma for the Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception.

"Super News!!!"

"Congratulations to Dad Vince D'Aguanno on his election today as the Grand Junior Councilor of the International Supreme Council! With Dad D'Aguanno being elected to a Supreme position, all three of our wonderful youth groups now have Supreme Officers. The other two are Mother Maureen Riley, Supreme Drill Leader of the Supreme Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Mom Diane Block, Supreme Marshal for Job's Daughter's International. What a wonderful honor for our Michigan Masonic Youth Organizations."

Fraternally,
Maureen Riley
Supreme Inspector