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Dear Companions:

I just flipped the calendar and it reads “July!”. Can it be July already? Yes, it is. How are we going to celebrate the fourth? The Todd’s have always had a bash! We would be watching the big screen TV. We would have our bar set up for the residents. The work crew knows better than to drink on the job. There would be a veggie tray, chips and chip dips and cheese and crackers, cookies, candy, and popcorn. All kinds of munchies from our pals. It was a wonderful couple of hours spent with residents.

Not this year. It had to be cancelled. We will be watching the big screen TV separated 6 feet apart, masked up. That is so sad. I guess we will spend the time by reminiscing the past years. There will always be next year! I do know that things are opening up slowly. Soon the worst of this pandemic will be far behind us. The good Lord willing.

This is the issue important to All Delegates, Grand Officers and Grand Committee Members. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council will tentatively hold the Grand Session in Grand Rapids, MI. Please pay close attention to what it allows and does not allow. This is only if we are allowed to meet by our Governor. The political arena has gone ‘wild’ and this newsletter is not the place for such important discussions. Please be kind to each other and as good Companions, I should not be concerned with such behaviors. I am positive that as Companions you will find that common ground. Stay safe. Remember the one command Jesus gave His disciples, ” That ye love one another as I have loved you that ye also love one another.”(John 13:34-35, KJV). That was a command, **not** a suggestion.

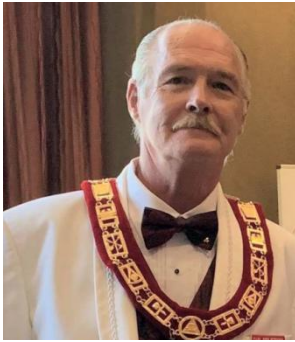
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Companions All,

The Grand Council session has been moved to 8/22 at the same location — DoubleTree Hotel Grand Rapids Airport.

We will be having an abbreviated session. Grand Chapter will be having their session in the Morning, Starting at 8:30 AM. The Grand Council session will be in the afternoon. After lunch. . . possibly.

The only people allowed into the sessions are delegates. No out of state visitors. No introductions.

There will be no Ladies' Lunch, Grand Banquet nor Order of High Priesthood and Order of the Silver Trowel.

We will keep the reports given to an absolute minimum.

***** ALL OF THIS IS DEPENDANT ON THE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR. STAY TUNED FOR ANY CHANGES!!!*****

Fraternally in Capitular Masonry,
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Secretary's Scribbles

June is now over, and it would seem that nothing has changed, for the most part. We can meet in groups of 10 or less and outside with social distancing. Pending on which region you are you may or may not go to bars, restaurants, or beaches. A small lodge or chapter can meet, but doing degrees is questionable at best.

AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW-on August 22nd, the Grand Chapter and Grand Council will be having their annual meetings. Grand Chapter will be in the morning and the afternoon, Council will be having their Assembly.

- There will not be out of state visitors.
- No one except VOTING DELEGATES will be able to attend.
- There will be no introductions.
- There will be no "Fun Night", Lady's Luncheon, Grand Banquet, or Hospitality Room.
- The reading of reports will be limited.
- FYI: No legislation has been submitted.
- There may be lunch.
- We WILL be following all of the Social distancing and protective equipment guidelines (Bring your Mask, you are going to need it)

Grand Chapter and Grand Council Registration will be open in the afternoon on the 21st and in the morning on the 22nd. Hotel Reservations are still being taken; in case you wish to stay.

THIS IS ALL TENTATIVE AS WE ARE STILL NOT CERTAIN JUST WHAT THE GOVERNOR WILL DO?

These are trying times and we must make the best of a bad situation. This too shall pass just not soon enough. We can only hope that next year will be better. We will have to change the look of our fraternity in the future, to protect for situations such as these.

Sherry and I wish you a happy summer as well as it can be given our present situation.

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Companions,

As I sit here writing this article it is Father's Day. A time when I think of my father who passed away 61 years ago, and I always wonder what he would think of the way I turned out. I know that I am not the man he was, but I hope my children think of me the way I do of him.

My journey in Masonry started 41 years ago and I have met many fine Brothers who have become my mentors, kind of like a second Father. My wish is that I can mentor other Brothers as well as I was taught. They have mighty big shoes to fill, hopefully, I can fill at least half or more. I would not change the way my life has turned out or erase any of the memories made along the way.

This being the fourth month of this quarantine, there is nothing new to report. We should be hearing something soon about whether we will all be able to meet in August for our Annual Grand Session Meeting, by July 1st.

Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July, hopefully seeing you soon on our travels.

God Bless you all,

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



Greeting Companions

33 Schools of Instruction were reported. 72% completion rate.

18 Inspections were reported. 55% completion rate.

27 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 59% completion rate.

Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of June 14, 2020, is 15,514.

Respectfully submitted,

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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.

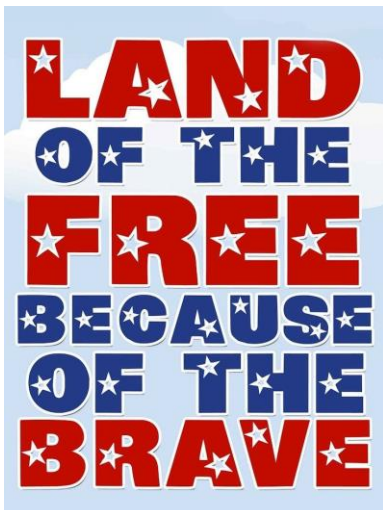
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I entered my Masonic (Symbolic Lodge) in 1997. I am a Plural and Life member of San Diego Lodge No. 35, F.&A.M. Currently I am Senior Warden at Lisbon-Crescent Lodge No. 229, F. & A.M. I am High Priest at Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7, R.A.M. I currently 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."

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Greetings my Fraters:

Another month down in this the most unusual masonic year in decades. My prayers continue to go out to each brother and their families for safe and prosperous ventures as we navigate the muddy waters of this pandemic, the civil unrest that plagues our cities, and the general stress of life today. If anyone would have said to me your year will be the most unusual set of circumstances and decisions in your life, I would have laughed them off and walked away thinking them touched, Wow how glad I am that didn't happen. Now I begin to look back, I can only praise God for the lessons of life he has taught me, It is the hand of God on our lives that prepare us for living in his name. I won't say that I have listened to his voice or moved in the direction he has led every time, but since the decisions of the year have dropped into my lap, I thank him for everyone I did listen to.

When we study the support of his word, the most relative verse for "training" us to handle adversities and to make those tough decisions in likely **Isaiah 41:10** "*fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*" In this verse, we are reminded that fear should not enter into the thought, simply because God is with us always. We are prompted to keep a clear head, to not be confused or troubled, acknowledging that he is our God, he will provide the strength, (in my Heart I see that strength as mind, spirit and will all rolled into one) he will help us and uphold us. Well, I am not a good commentator, so I hope those thoughts reach at least some of you. When I pray about today's time on earth, I fall back to his word and see how over my years, the years I followed him openly and even when I did not, He put things in front of me to teach me how he wants us to be. Reflecting more into the word I see in Joshua a great comfort: **Joshua 4:24** "*so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty,*" I couple that verse with the reminder in Colossians: **Colossians 3:1** "*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*" I am guided and comforted both.

Christian warriors strengthen yourselves in these days, pray fervently for the Lord to continue teaching us how to move onward. I pray that he shows me how to be the best witness and example of one of his people. I pray that in every decision I make leading our brotherhood for this short time, I use everything he has given to make the best choice for all of us. I look for the day where we, His people, can safely hold each other on the 5 points of fellowship again. Until then I will pray daily for your safety and that you feel the love of this fraternity, while in the virtual world I wrap my arms around my whole extended family, so they feel as safe as I do in the virtual arms of each of you.

Till we are together again my Fraternal Love:

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