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Dear Companions And Everyone:

Things are getting back to some level of normal. At Masonic Pathways we are getting longer visitations. Some of us still plan on using our surgical masks for awhile. It kept the flu and colds rate way down the last season. We can support our Masonic Pathways employees because they are still required to wear surgical masks. When that restriction will be lifted is anyone's guess. The Grand Master's Reception at Masonic Pathways is July 22nd in the Doig Chapel at 3:00 pm. If you are close by drop in and say "Hi" to the residents and of course the Grand Master Larry Inscho.

Please check out the Grand Secretary's Scribbles for when things are happening. I did not receive any copy from our Grand High Priest, Eldon Miller, MEGHP. I just added reminders to his page of the upcoming events. We may be getting some of the Youth Groups back. I have a new person to get that information from. Stay tuned for further developments. Have a Happy Fourth everyone!

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Greeting Companions:

Reminder. July 17 – 18 2021 picnic and golf outing in Gladwin Michigan.

August will be the Grand Session in Bay City the week of 19th thru 21st.

We also have an Outdoor Degree day on September 11th in the Reed City area.
See <http://grandchaptermi.org/pdfs/outdoor.pdf> for more details.

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Scribbles of The Secretary

We have come to the end of another half of a year, 2021 is half over. We are starting to get back to some sort of normal, it is not the old normal and I doubt that we will ever go back to that type of life. The new normal is going to be different. We are still trying to get a handle on what the new normal is going to be. The good thing about what we do in masonry is adopting to change hopefully, we move forward with the changes.

We are getting back to the work of degrees for new membership, and we are doing this throughout the state. When we have a little time to plan, we can have degree teams ready for a good day and a fun day for the candidates. When we get settled in, we can plan degrees in different parts of the state so that we do them about once a quarter for easy access for Chapters and candidates.

June allowed us to place the fourth Grand Master of DeMolay International from the state of Michigan. Vincent D' Aguanno is the fourth Grand Master from Michigan, and we are proud of him. There are a lot of Michigan Masons that don't know the Grand Chapter of Michigan brought DeMolay to Michigan.

July will be a busy month for things to do for the craft. The fourth of July is a special day for all Americans as the birthday of our country and cause to celebrate with parades, cookouts, and fireworks. All with the thought of all who give so much to make this country great and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Grand Chapter also has a picnic and golf outing in Gladwin the weekend of the 17th. There is information on the website.

August will be the Grand Session in Bay City the week of 19th thru 21st. We all hope that you can make it to the meetings and enjoy the session. One of the best ways to support York Rite in Michigan is to come to the sessions.

Let us enjoy the summer as it has been some time got together.

Donald.





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Greetings Companions:

Summer is upon us, school is out, and we are all busy enjoying family, fun, and the sun. Now that life is getting back to normal with the restrictions lifted on Michigan, we can enjoy this summer more than ever. I can tell you that my son Connor and his 6-month-old Golden Retriever, Apollo, have been spending a lot of time enjoying the lake, more than I have for sure. The dog swims more than any of us I believe. Many a time I let him out to go to the bathroom and he heads for the lake as soon as he is done with his business. Nothing like a wet dog shaking off right next to you! Free bath anyone? Of all the dogs we have had, he by far is the most loving of the water than any of the others. He has been for pontoon boat rides a few times and loves it. I even took him sailing the other day on a small sailboat. He stood in the bow and bit at the splashes from the wake. He did manage to fall in once, but it did not phase him at all, just started paddling back to the boat. He had a dog life jacket on, so it was easy to get him back on the sailboat. Once back on he was right back at biting at the splashes of water.

Our son Connor has managed to successfully finish 6th grade in a virtual format. It was a learning experience for all of us but overall, he seemed to enjoy the digital format, or maybe it was the not getting up at 6 am to get ready for school, probably both. I know I enjoyed sleeping in.

Do not forget to join us for the York Rite Golf and Picnic to be held on July 17th and 18th. They are both fun events and are worth attending. See <http://grandchaptermi.org/pdfs/golfpicnic.pdf> for more information.

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Greetings Companions:

The joint York Rite Golf Outing and Picnic is ONLY A LITTLE OVER TWO WEEKS AWAY. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. The picnic is on July 17, and the Joint York Rite Golf outing is on July 18. We are taking orders for flags and tee box signs for the Golf Outing to advertise your Lodge, Chapter, Council. Commandery, your Business, Yourself, or dedicate one to the memory of one no longer with us in person but lives on with us in memory. Tee Box and Banner Sales generate the funds we divide equally between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, for their Charites. Picnic and Golf information with the registration forms are available on the Grand Chapter website (rammi.org) at the bottom of the page and is included in this month's Triple Tau.

NOT TOO LATE TO DECLARE FOR THE OPEN CHAIR FOR GRAND CHAPTER. Your protocol committee will assist you with information on the duties and obligations that are expected of a Grand line Officer.

Personal note we spent ten days in Houston to celebrate a Grand Daughter 16th Birthday and the other Grand Daughter Graduation from High School and in the Fall, she will be attending Arizona State College. While we were there our Grandson broke his finger playing basketball. We enjoyed our visit but are happy to be back home.

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



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Summer is here and that means, “Let the fun begin!” Picnics and parties galore!! Our local York Rite bodies here in West Michigan are having their picnic. The local High 12 here in West Michigan is having a picnic. The Michigan York Rite is having a picnic, as well as a golf outing this July. Grand Session this August will be a great time, although there will be no “fun night” this year...I know, incredibly sad! But we will make it up to the Companions next year.

Closing out the summer fun will be the outdoor all-degree day in Reed City this year. It is going to be FANTASTIC!! If you have never been to an outdoor degree, this is your chance to behold the extra awesomeness of what the outdoor degree can be. There will be actual events that take place in these degrees that are symbolically or virtually done in an actual Chapter room format.

Paw-Paw Chapter will be putting on the Mark Master degree, after which Grand Rapids & Hooker Chapters will be putting on the Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees followed by a fabulous lunch. Culminating with York Rite College and Grand Chapter putting on the Royal Arch degree. The degree cast list will be finalized approximately by the 4th of July, and any holes to be filled will be announced then. This will give a chance for those Companions who wish to take part in the outdoor degree plenty of time to learn their part. Additional and amplifying information for ALL the aforementioned dates and times can be found on the Grand Chapter webpage.

With all the fun and good times happening this summer, please do not let your ritual book sit on the shelf collecting dust. This summer is a great time for looking over your part in your particular Chapter or learning a new part in a degree.

God Bless,
 Tom

JULY 2021 TRIPLE TAU

28 Schools of Instruction were reported. 63% completion rate.

22 Inspections were reported. 79% completion rate.

17 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 39% completion rate.

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

The total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of June 15, 2021, is 8,546.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis D. Scott Jr., P.H.P.
 Executive Director of District Deputy Instructors
 Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

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August 18th to 21st is the York Rite session. This year it is being held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City, Michigan, make sure to make your reservations soon so you do not miss it. I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events and around the state. Until then have a safe and fun summer.

Fraternally,
 REC Jeff Heaven, Grand King

Educational Article
From REC Tom Black,
Grand Principal Sojourner

The Name Game

The passwords for the veilsmen in the Royal Arch Degree are more than just names. When Cyrus freed the Babylonian captives and they wanted to go back to Jerusalem to work on the Temple, the former captives asked the name of the Lord God of their Fathers. Their response, I AM THAT I AM. When Noah needed help to build the Ark, he asked his three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japeth. When Moses needed help to build the Ark of the Covenant, he recruited Aholiab and Bezaleel.

From the first Ark that saved Noah, his family, and all the animals to the second Ark that was placed in King Solomon's Temple, the Ark is an important Symbol in Royal Arch Masonry.

REC Tom Black, Grand Principal Sojourner



What have the Grand Officers been doing since we last heard from them?

Congratulations Vincent!

**Grand Master of DeMolay International
Vincent D' Aguanno**



The newest addition to REC Jeff Heavens family:
APOLLO!



Candidate For Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Michigan



Greeting Companions of The Royal Arch:

Our Grand York Rite Session in Bay City is fast approaching, and for those Companions who have gone on to be Knights Templar, it will be time to elect a new Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the state of Michigan on August 21, 2021.

To be a Grand Commandery officer is a huge honor and one that I have wanted since becoming a Knights Templar. With this being said, "I, James DeGuise Rutherford" am asking all of you Companions, to elect me to the office of Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

What I bring to the Grand Commandery is, several years of being in Leadership positions to see that the following items need to be addressed and I am ready to bring these to the Grand Commandery.

- 1. To help with increasing the membership and retention of our members through implementing Ambassadors from each Commandery to our Blue Lodges.**
- 2. To help increase the public awareness of Knights Templar, through encouraging more public events to help in our recruitment.**
- 3. To help increase our Fellowship and Brotherly love of our members.**
- 4. To increase the history and education, through education officers appointed by each Commandery to bring such history to its members, and to learn more about our Great Fraternity, so we can move forward.**

I have dedicated a portion of my life to my Masonic Journey, and I have attended leadership training for three years, to learn to be a more effective leader in the York Rite, sponsored by the East Central Department Conference of the Grand Encampment in Fort Wayne Indiana.

When I was growing up, I was taught the importance of servanthood and I have carried that over to my adult life through my service to:

- 1. My Church and Jesus Christ**
- 2. The US Army as an Officer with the Special Operations Division, Rapid Deployment Force**
- 3. The USA Disabled Sports Team as a Swimmer**
- 4. People with Disabilities, by helping to write the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992**
- 5. My Masonic Lodge and York Rite groups, where I am a past presiding officer of all four groups**

I do understand completely the commitment that it takes when a Sir Knight is elected to such a position that I am seeking. My wife Becky and I have been ready to take on this commitment for several years, and we are in a position that we can dedicate our time to making a difference and growing our Grand Commandery.

I promise to bring the same energy, work ethic, and commitment that I have brought to every Masonic Group, US Military, and USA Team, that enabled me to be a leader of soldiers, a World Champion, and Survivor, to this Grand Commandery as a Grand Commandery Officer.

Please join Howell Commandery, by electing James DeGuise Rutherford to the open chair of Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Thank you, Companions,
James Deguise Rutherford, PM, PHP, PTIM, PEC



Outdoor 2021

MM, PM, MEM, RA



In Reed City, carved out of the woods on the eastern border of the Manistee National Forest, is the new home for 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. Beginning this year, September 11th, 2021.

Beginning at 10:00:

- Mark Master
- Past Master
- Most Excellent Master
- BBQ lunch
- Royal Arch Degree
- Fun, Fellowship, & Hospitality

The first 50 people to sign up will receive hats & polos. You will receive notification if you are NOT one of the first 50 people. This IS outdoor 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 a coat, tie, & dress shoes.

Directions:

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 _____

Please send information **BY AUGUST 1st** to ensure the correct shirt size. Also, to ensure we have enough food.

Send information to **Tom Black, 2251 Wolfboro Dr., Kentwood, MI 49508**

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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 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 and they 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, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery Charity of their choice.

Questions? Contact:

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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:

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.