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Dear Companions:

Greetings from the “Big House”, at Masonic Pathways in Alma, Michigan. Yes, we are still in lockdown mode. We do have a few things opening up at Masonic Pathways. The new library is open, the gift shop has new hours and the Hair Company is back. It is still hard to get your test results back from the lab. I was tested again to get another negative COVID-19 test result because I was sent to the hospital. Now, I am not waiting patiently. It now takes 48 hours to 5 days to hear back about your tests. Until I hear, I am looking at 4 walls again. You would think that by this time it would be quicker, with all the practice they have had?

This is the smallest Triple Tau I have worked on. I enjoyed the reference to “Catch 22” our R.E.C. Grand Secretary, Donald Galway has put in his article. The rest of your Grand Officers are going to wait until you have your Zoom meeting to say their farewells. I am hopeful that we may continue to serve the Craft and each other in this new way of communication. R. E. Companion Mayville has an Educational Seminar to be held in October. All the information you need is here. He also left an e-mail and phone number to reach him.

I look forward to next month’s Triple Tau. We will have a slate of new Grand Officers and a hopeful start to a new 2020-2021 year. Stay safe and wear your masks!

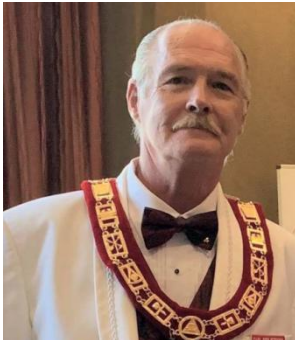
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My wife Cynthia and I have been active in our church, Little League Baseball Programs, Holly Ambulance Company, Fly fishing, and many other outdoor activities.

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.

**Fraternally,
E.C. David L. Montgomery**

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."

**Fraternally,
E.C. Tom Black**



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Here we are Month number five of the COVID-19 sequester and the end is nowhere in sight. We are trying to get back to normal, but I do not think anyone knows what the normal is. So, we look to the new normal but that seems to be a moving target. This reminds me of a great book Catch 22, in it the only way you couldn't fly was to say that you were crazy, but if you said you were crazy you couldn't be crazy so you had to fly. Sounds kind of like this.

We the Grand Chapter are going to hold a Grand Convocation on August 22nd at 1:00 PM. Your Chapter secretaries have received the information and should have distributed to the delegates. The only members allowed on the Zoom meeting will be the voting delegates: High Priest, King, and Scribe along with Past High Priests. Registrations must be into The Grand Secretaries office by COB August 10th. I will send the information via e-mail to the voting delegates. The meeting will be conducted on Zoom with only the business that we must conduct, there will be no introductions, and only the business that must be conducted. This is not the way we would like it. but with the limit on gatherings, this is what must be done.

With this writing, the Grand Session of Kentucky is still taking place in Lexington in September and you can the information on Kentucky's web site. The Tri-Annual is still taking place also in Kentucky but Louisville. The information is on the General Grand Chapter web site.

We also have a large number of annual reports that have not been turned in. This is one of the reasons that I am having trouble getting dues cards out. We made the annual report much easier to fill out this year and it will do all the math for you. I am hoping to have them out soon. I do not want to run them piecemeal if I can help it. This is now August and they were due in May, there are too many that are not in to make the setting up worthwhile. You know who you are so please get them in so everyone can receive them.

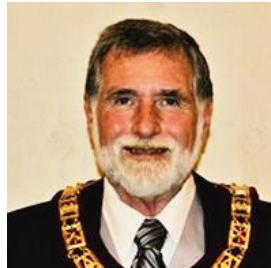
Enjoy the rest of the summer if you can, with all of the restrictions that we have it is hard to even go shopping for the necessities.

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Greeting Companions:

We are still under restrictions of COVID - 19 with that being in place, please remember social distance guidelines and policies going into the future. To comply with the CDC guideline, we have limited the number of persons allowed to attend with restricted seating for this year's annual convocation. At the time of this letter, the annual convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan will take place in Fowlerville, Michigan for Grand Officers and Committee members only.

We ask that all Past Grand Officers and Officers of local Chapters please refrain from attending this year. With this policy in place we have made arrangements for you to take part in this year's Grand Session via ZOOM on August 22, 2020, with registration no later than August 10, 2020, for voting delegates. This includes the following Officers: The High Priest, Scribe, and Past High Priest. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding with the hope of returning to some form of traditions in the future.

Fraternally,
Eldin Miller, Grand Scribe



Greetings Companions:

Grand Chapter Educational Seminar

October 17, 2020

Comfort Inn and Suites
2424 South Mission
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
989-772-4000 Phone

Room rates are \$109.00 per night plus taxes.

Agenda Membership, Scholarship Program, Grand Officers, and DDI'S Training Manual, School of Instruction, just to mention a few.

Who is required to attend? All Grand Officers and Appointees, and DDI'S. I am extending an invitation to all Chapter Officers and Members.

Please contact Don Mayville at either indsal@att.net or 810-874-1637 if you have any questions.

IN Brotherly Love and Friendship,
Don Mayville, Grand Principal Sojourner

