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Dear Companions:

Greetings! The good news at Masonic Pathways is we have been COVID-19 free for over 60 days. This allows us by the State's rules to begin opening up the residential areas for activities. We have a Pen Pals Program, several small card players clubs, bible study on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday is always bingo! It seems good to have the resident store and beauty shop open again. I am hoping in the near future that visitors will be allowed back into the building again. You now can send in "Care Packages" to your Masonic Pathways residents again. It has been a long time since we could send any packages into Masonic Pathways. As a resident myself, I thank you all for your continued support.

A huge congratulations to all the new and returning Grand Officers! We had a short time between getting articles and publishing this month's issue. When you are in lockdown, you can actually lose a day or two! I have to thank my nagging computer. I did get a glimpse of the pictures a Companion took of the virtual festivities. Those pictures were genuinely nice. Next month we are hoping to get the youth groups back. It would be nice if Grand Council and Grand Commandery came back too! See you all virtually? I hope we get to do more than that, but it all takes time.

Fraternally,
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Attraction

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Secretaries Scribbles

Well, two-thirds of the year is over, and it would seem we have done very little. Oh, wait we have done extraordinarily little. All of the restrictions on movement and gatherings have put a damper on all of the Masonic bodies. We have begun a new chapter in life, the new normal has come. We have ventured into a new realm, that of virtual meetings. The results are mixed, but the facts are they are here to stay, as parents and grandparents scramble to have their children and grandchildren teaching them on how to use this new venue, there is satisfaction in that they did learn. They now have a new skill they will carry through the rest of their lives.

Having said all of this, the Grand Chapter held our first ever Virtual Grand Session. I would like to say that it came off without a hitch, but alas it didn't there were a couple of hiccups. Some of our members could not get in for several reasons, most were human error. The biggest was sound quality, something better instead of the microphones on the computers for a large room would have been much better. Thirdly, a better understanding of just how Zoom works on my part would have helped with the elections. Getting into the details of what happened at this time will not help, but it is and was a lesson learned. We did have the elections and the results are as follows:

Eldin H. Miller.	Grand High Priest	Brent Helm	Grand Captain of the Host
Jeff Heaven.	Grand King	Thomas Black	Grand Principal Sojourner
Donald Mayville	Grand Scribe	David Montgomery	Grand Royal Arch Captain
Sherman C. Parker Jr.	Grand Treasurer	Steve Eliopoulos	Grand Master 3 rd Veil
Donald L. Galway	Grand Secretary	Gene E. Newman	Grand Master 2 nd Veil
Terry Baker	Grand Chaplin	John T. Updike	Grand Master 1 st Veil
	Nathen Peterson		Grand Sentinel

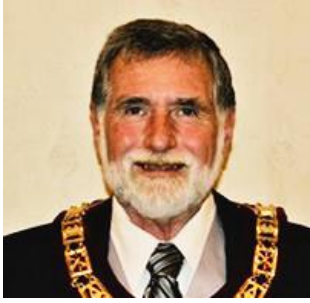
The budget passed and the installation was done by Robert Cooper Past Grand High Priest Grand Installing Officer, James Kiefer PGHP Grand Captain of the Host, Donald L. Galway PGHP Grand Secretary, And David Dossette PGHP Grand Chaplin.

Dues cards will be out by Labor Day as I still have not received 25% of the chapter's annual reports which makes it exceedingly difficult to get an accurate account of membership, budget, and dues cards. I can use them as quickly as possible.

We still cannot plan on any events for the rest of the year until the restrictions are lifted for the state. Meetings are restricted to 10 or less or virtually and opening and closing are to be done in the modified version,

Have a safe holiday and enjoy it as much as you can.

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Greetings Companions:

Thank you for your continued support in being advanced to Grand Scribe. I am looking forward to visiting with the Chapters in my District. Remember DDI and the Grand Chapter Officers are here to assist and help your Chapters grow.

Some upcoming events: Grand Chapter Educational Seminar. To be held on October 17, 2020. At the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mt Pleasant, Michigan. Please download the agenda on the RAM web page, www.ram-mi.org.

This year I will be chairing the Meritorious Service Award and the Bronze Award. I know that every Chapter has at least one or more Companions worthy of such recognition. PLEASE send me those applications!

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

Don Mayville, Grand Scribe



Greetings Companions:

The question that many of our Companions have been asking, or at least thinking, is "When will things return to normal?". Maybe the question we need to be asking ourselves is "What is the new normal?" We just concluded our Grand Session. It was certainly different than anything we have seen in the past. It was also not as unique as the Grand Council session that same day was so much like it. The simple word is that we all have been trying to "adapt", and we will need to adapt in the future.

There is a show on one of the cable networks called Bar Rescue. On that show, the host, John Tapper, tries to help struggling bars survive.

He recently wrote an article in which he suggests that when bars and restaurants restart that a third of their patrons will be eager to go back right away. He says that another third will be waiting to see how things go. They will be waiting to hear the experiences of those who have gone before. Finally, there will be another third who will be content to just remain at home and not venture out.

What does that say to us? Maybe that we need to make sure that the middle group has a good experience when they return, and that the latter group will need an extra effort to get them back to Chapter.

Just some thoughts to ponder.

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This column could be yours! All you need to remember is to get those articles into me by the **20th of each month**. Please send them into creakyjane281@gmail.com and we will put your article in this publication.

The Editor, Jane Todd

Dear 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.

The total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of August 8, 2020, is 15,532.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Companions!

Soon, it will be “leaf peeping” time in Michigan! It has been so muggy and gloomy as one after another low front goes by. It is bound to be a gorgeous Fall Season. Full of colorful leaves on the trees. A time for weenie roasts over the campfires and lots of smores to enjoy. If you get the chance, go out and snap some pictures of the beautiful leaves.

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