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Dear Companions and Everyone:



Thank you for posing for the picture! For a complete listing of the Grand Officers, please read the Secretary's Scribbles. Welcome to the new Line Officers: REC Thomas Black – Grand Captain of the Host, REC David Montgomery – Grand Sojourner, and REC Steve Eliopoulos – Grand Royal Arch Captain. (REC Steve GRAC has escaped the picture!).

The Youth Groups will be back next month. They will have a lot more to share with us then. Stay tuned!

Fraternally,

Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

P.S.: The OFFICE of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan has moved to Pinckney, Michigan. Please make a note the P.O. Box has changed to 1185!

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Greeting Companions:

I write this article as your newly installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest and while the week of the Joint York Rite Session can be a busy one, it is also very exciting to reconnect with friends from around the state. I would like to congratulate the newly elected and installed officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery. I look forward to working with Most Illustrious Grand Master Ken Simons Jr., and Right Eminent Grand Commander Gary Paquet as we travel the roads this year. Thursday, August 19th marked the start of our 173rd Annual Grand Convocation and I am happy to announce that Right Excellent Companion Steve Eliopoulos was elected and installed as our new Grand Royal Arch Captain, Excellent Companions James Henley, Bud Prough, and Stephen Smejkal were appointed to the 3rd, 2nd, and 1st veils, respectively. I would like to thank them all for serving the Companions of the state of Michigan and welcome them into our Grand Family. This year the Companions voted in a change that allows the reprinting of the Red Book annually and distributed electronically instead of once every ten years. This was done to allow the law changes to be seen much more quickly allowing everyone access to the most current law.

I would like to thank all the Companions in our great state for allowing me to serve as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest. If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to reach out and let me know. I will do my best to help where I can. Thank you again for this opportunity.

Humbly yours,

Jeffery A. Heaven,
Most Excellent Grand High Priest





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Scribbles of The Secretary

We are now in the ninth month of the year, where has the time gone? In January we were hoping that this covid thing was almost over, now this seems more like a relative that will not go home. Now we are looking at 2022 before things get better. So much for the rant, let us get down to business.

I would like to say August was a banner month. I cannot somethings were done around the state, but we are not back to anything like normal. The 173rd Convocation was held in Bay City, MI from August 19th thru August 21st. The York Rite bodies have a new slate of officers for the coming year. Grand Chapters New Officers are.

Jeff Heaven, MEGHP
Donald Mayville, Grand King
Brent Helm, Grand Scribe
Sherman C. Parker Jr., Grand Treasure
Donald L. Galway, Grand Secretary
Thomas Black, Grand Captain of the Host
David Montgomery, Grand Principal Sojourner
Steve J. Eliopoulos, Grand Royal Arch Captain
James K. Henley, Grand Master 3rd Veil
Bud Prough, Grand Master 2nd Veil
Steven A. Smejkal, Grand Master 1st Veil
Nathen J. Peterson, Grand Sentential

The Session went very well. The Grand King oversaw the session as the Grand High Priest was/is still in the hospital at this time and was not able to attend. The business was conducted in due form and in accordance with the Grand Chapter Laws and Regulations. We passed a budget for 2021-2022 and we will be publishing a new Redbook as soon as the revisions are completed.

September will be an exciting month for a change. There will be a Chapter Outdoor Degrees on September 11, 2021, in Reed City the flyer is on the web page. The 12th will put myself and the Youth Groups at the Shrine Grounds in Clio for the 5 F's fun event. Fun, Food and Games, what more could you ask for? We have done this for several years, and we always have fun with it, what more could we ask for.

We are starting to get more events working as the year goes on, and I hope we receive more. October will be a busy month also there several events coming up, that will be posted as soon as they are finalized. Should any Chapter have an event feel free to have me place on the Triple Tau for more exposure to other Chapters. I only ask that you give enough time for the placement I need at least a week for the website, and I must have it in by the twentieth for the Triple Tau for the next month. Remember this is your Triple Tau and website, I can only put in or on what you the members tell me. Please enjoy the Fall as Winter will be upon us soon, enjoy the Fall Season as it is one of my favorites.

Donald.



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Greetings Companions:

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

Some upcoming events: All Degree Day September 11th see flyer for details, October 10th Grand Reception Banquet honoring Jeffery Heaven Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons, Kenneth Simons Jr. Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal & Select Masons, Gary Paquet Right Eminent Grand Commander Knights Templar, to be held at the Doherty Hotel, in Clair. see flyer for more details.

This year I will be Chairing the Membership Committee. Companions I would like to have your input regarding increasing membership and retaining our members. All ideas are welcomed.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
Don Mayville, Grand King



Greetings Companions!

The annual Grand Chapter session has concluded and is now part of history. Time moves on. There are two All Degree Days planned for September. For those Chapters with candidates that have been waiting, this provides an excellent opportunity for them to begin their York Rite experience.

A lot of work has already been put into these events. One of these degree days will be outside. We certainly hope for good weather that day. The area has been cleared and furniture improvised. It will be interesting to see how the site compares to those of yester-year.

Fraternally,
Brent A Helm, Grand Scribe





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Greetings Companions:

It was a great time at the York Rite Grand Session! New Officers were elected, appointed and installed in the Grand Chapter line, and all of the Royal Arch Masons of Michigan are ready to leap forward and put this lockdown nonsense in the rear-view mirror.

Communication is going to be key this year, and for many years to come. Communication between Grand Chapter and the Michigan Chapters; communication between Michigan Chapters, and communication within the Chapters. I will be reaching out to Chapters: 12, 17, 30 55, 69, 116, 139, 182, and 189 in September and October. Before ANY of that happens, the Outdoor Degree will be in Reed City this year on Saturday September 11th. Initially I thought maybe 20 or 30 Companions would show up, but the word got out at how incredibly awesome it is going to be. Now it looks like there will be about 65 to 70 individuals. This is great chance to see all Royal Arch Degrees outdoors. What is usually done virtually or symbolically in a Chapter room, will actually be done. This is also a great chance to see the Mark Master Degree done by Paw-Paw Chapter and could give you some ideas for the Mark Master ritual competition in the Spring. I look forward to seeing many companions this year as I roam around the State of Michigan.

God Bless,
REC Tom Black, Grand Captain of the Host



Greetings Companions:

Summer is moving along very quickly, and our Grand York Rite session is just about here. The date is August 19th, 20th, and 21st at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City. It is good to see the activities of the York Rite getting back to normal after almost everything last year was being called off or done remotely. At this time two names have been submitted for the open chair.

An Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day has been planned for September 11th in Reed City. Lunch will be served between the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch Degree. If interested in attending contact Tom Black at 616-438-8371 to sign up.

I hope everyone is enjoying a warm relaxing summer and looking forward to getting back to the Chapter fellowship and Degree work. Stay Safe.

Fraternally,

REC Dave Montgomery,
Grand Principal Sojourner





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 outdoors 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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