



# *Michigan Triple Tau*

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Dear Companions and Everyone:

First, congratulations to our newly installed Grand Officers of Royal Arch Masons! Your MEGHP Brent Hime, has his Grand Officers and those appointed Grand Officers are listed in the Grand Secretary's article. At the present time I do not have new photos of our new Grand Officers. I hope they remember to take good pictures at the Michigan York Rite Joint Grand Officer's reception on October the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Remember the Royal Arch Outdoor Degree Day. It will take place at Reed City, on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. A big "Thank you" goes out to our DeMolay members who made sure we had information on what is going on with our Youth groups. October 7<sup>th</sup> will be a reception of our DeMolay Senior Master Councilor of Michigan. Please see the calendar for sign-up and meeting details.

"Thank you!" to all my writers and helpers who make sure I have each issue of the Triple Tau in its proper form. I could not accomplish this project by myself without help. I look forward to working with our new elected line officers. Get ready for a great Fall season of leaf-peeping!

Fraternally,  
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Greetings Companions,

Companions, I am proud to serve this Grand Chapter this next Capitular year. Hopefully it will be a productive year, filled with the fellowship we look forward to.

REC Richard Williams and REC David Patterson were just elected Grand Chapter Officers. I look forward to being able to work with each of them this coming year. Please welcome them to your Chapters and get to know them.

If I, or any of the Grand Officers, can be of assistance this next year, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Unfortunately, I must report that several of our Companions have let us know that they have tested positive for Covid. Please be aware of this and take any prudent precautions to stay healthy. Our prayers and concerns go out for their recovery.

I will look forward to seeing many of the Companions at this year's Reed City Outdoor Degrees.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Brent A. Helm,

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Royal Arch Masons of Michigan





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## *SCRIBBLES OF THE SECRETARY*

We are almost into September with the Grand Session over, Labor Day in the very near future and a new slate of officers installed. To say this was a session to remember would be a gross understatement. There were several of us that left the session with more than we bargained for, in which we ended up Covid. I don't have a good number as I was a member of the exclusive club, but I would say six at least. To say the least it was not a very good experience, but I am on the downhill side of it now and can only reflect upon it.

The new officers have been installed and we are looking forward to the new year. Here are our new officers for the new year.

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| MEGHP Brent A. Helm          | REGPS Richard Williams                    |
| REGK Thomas E. Black         | REGRAC David Patterson                    |
| REGS David L. Montgomery     | REGSENT Nathan Peterson                   |
| EGTREA, Sherman C Parker Jr. | Ex Comp of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Ken Simons |
| REGSEC Donald L. Galway PGHP | Ex Comp 2 <sup>nd</sup> Steven Striggow   |
| EXCHAP Terry Baker           | Ex Comp 3 <sup>rd</sup> Richard Tonda     |
| RECOH Harold Staley Jr       |   |

There are a few dates to remember that are coming up. September 9<sup>th</sup> is the outdoor all degree day in Reed City. If you are bringing a candidate, make sure you have all of the information from the database. The next day, the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, is the Five F's for the Youth Groups at the Shrine Grounds in Clio. Last SMC reception October 7<sup>th</sup> information will be on the calendar shortly.

Donald.







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Greetings Companions:

What is true greatness? Depending on how hard you look, greatness can be found anywhere at any time. The greatest running back in the NFL was Walter Payton. The greatest baseball player in the MLB was Ty Cobb. But what does it take for YOU to be great? You become great by making a significant contribution in the lives of others. If you choose to do nothing with your life, then your living is in vain, and you have wasted your life. Everyone could do something to help someone else along their path in life. Everyone has a purpose. Identify who has been great in your life and emulate their example.

After Grand Session this year, the party continues. Do not miss the greatest outdoor degree day in Michigan. September 9<sup>th</sup>, in Reed City Michigan. Four Chapter degrees starting at 10:00 am. Details are on the Grand Chapter website under "calendar."

Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Tom, Grand King & Loki



Greetings Companions:

The summer and our Grand Session is behind us. September has an all-degree day in Reed City on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>, check the Grand Chapter web site for forms and other information about this event. The Grand Chapter Officers are planning on attending the Kentucky Grand Session on September 20<sup>th</sup> and starting our visitation to Chapters around the state.

The theme for this year again is unity, and the Grand Master emphasized forward together in his address to the Grand York Rite Sessions. I hope this finds all our Companions well and excited about what is going on in Masonry. Let's get involved and move forward together.

Fraternally,

Dave Montgomery REC Grand Scribe





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Greetings Companions.

Greetings from the North! As the days are getting noticeably shorter, and the mornings are cool, let us welcome Autumn and all the joys it brings us. I hope everyone had a safe and happy summertime with their family and friends.

I would like to thank everyone that attended the 2023 Grand Session in Bay City this year. It shows your interest and pride in our Masonic fraternity. I appreciate every companion that supported me. I will do my absolute best to represent and serve you all. Feel free to contact me at 989 470 8737 if there is any way I can assist you.

Let us keep PGC Dan Stewart's family in our prayers concerning the loss of his Mother. I commend him for returning to the floor to finish his duties at the Grand Session after being informed. I would also like to wish a speedy recovery to PGHP Mike Roberts. Get well soon my Brother.

I would like to make mention of the All Degree Day on Sept 9th in Reed City. Please pre-register your candidates with the Grand Chapter to ensure a smooth process.

In closing, let us congratulate all the newly elected Grand Chapter Officers. I certainly look forward to working with you all.

Fraternally yours,  
Harold R Staley, Grand Captain of the Host.

Greetings Companions,

This year's School of Instruction and Inspection is the opening and closing on the Mark Master Mason Degree.

The 2022-23 closing statistics are as follows.

23 Schools of Instruction were reported. 52% completion rate.

23 Inspections were reported. 100% completion rate.

14 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 32% completion rate.

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

Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of July 08, 2023, is 12,726.

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





You are invited to  
The Michigan Grand York Rite  
Joint Officers Reception  
October 22, 2023



**BROOKSHIRE GOLF CLUB**  
205 W CHURCH ST. WILLIAMSTON, MI

4:00 PM Social 5:00 pm Dinner

Kindly RSVP by October 10<sup>th</sup>!  
Cost \$60.00 per person.

Meal choices are:

Pork                      Salmon              Vegetarian

All meals include a salad and dessert.

Cash Bar is Available.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Selection(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make Checks payable to Livingston Chapter #30.

RSVP with remittance to: Don Mayville, PGHP

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# DeMolay of Michigan



Early this month, Michigan DeMolay held its annual conclave. Thank you, Eric Z, for everything you have done for Michigan DeMolay for the past two years. You made a difference and put your heart and soul into your time with DeMolay, and we are very proud of you and wish you success in your future endeavors.

Congratulations to the new officers: Zack and Aidan, who were installed as State Councilors, and Randy and Ian, who were installed as Sr. Deacon and Chaplain on Saturday afternoon. These young men are leading Michigan DeMolay's future. Congratulations.

**Eric's Final action as State Master Councilor and the end of his very Successful active DeMolay Year.**

After the Installation, led by a team of esteemed Past State Master Councilors, Ryan Binkley, Brandon Stewart, Matt Shelton, Danny Myer, and Matt Burnet, several Honors and awards were presented.

## **Congratulations to the 2023 State Outstanding's:**

**Mom Cresa Zirkle - Advisor of the Year**

**Ben O.- State DeMolay of the Year**

**Zack Z. - State Outstanding Ritualist**

The International Supreme Council Distinguished Service Award was presented to Brother Eric Z, Retiring PSMC.

Dad Stewart Presented his first Fidelity Cross Dad, Jonathan Premo. The Fidelity Cross is an award given at the discretion of the Executive Officer for distinguished service to an Executive Officer. This is the 26<sup>th</sup> Fidelity Cross Presented. This award was first presented in 1959.



Dad Walter Wheeler, Deputy of AASR NMJ – Michigan, Presented to Dad Sherman C Parker, Jr, EOE, the Scottish Rite Advisor of the Year Award.

Brother Aidan Z represented Michigan DeMolay at the Grand York Rite Banquet and presented each preceding Office with a gift from Michigan DeMolay. Later, Brother Zack Z represented Michigan DeMolay at the Grand Worthy Advisors reception - Michigan Rainbow for Girls in Alma and presented the new GWA with a gift from Michigan DeMolay.

September is an active Month for Michigan Masonic Youth, beginning with 5F's.

### **Fantastically Fun Filled Fall Festival**

5F's will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at Elf Khurafeh - Circus Park at 4240 West Wilson Rd. Clio, MI 48420 from noon - 4:00 pm. Hot dogs, chips, cookies, and more will be served for lunch at 12:30. Admission is \$5, and Masonic youth prospects are free. This event is open to all; we look forward to seeing you there.

September is also the Month for the DeMolay Chapters to hold their Installations; please visit our Chapters at their Installations.

### **MICHIGAN DEMOLAY IS VERY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE**

**that one its own Sr DeMolays is the new Sovereign Grand Commander AASR NMJ**

#### **III. Walter F. Wheeler, 33°**

Commander Wheeler began his journey as a member of the Grand Rapids Chapter, Order of DeMolay, in 1970. He served as Master Councilor in 1973 and District Master Councilor of District #4 in 1974. He is a holder of the degree of Chevalier and the DeMolay Legion of Honor. In 2012, he was inducted into the Michigan DeMolay Hall of Fame. He is an Active member of the DeMolay International Supreme Council. He also receives the Grand Cross of Honor from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Grand Triangle of Honor from Job's Daughters International.

Commander Wheeler was raised a Master Mason in Grand River Lodge #34 (now Grand Rapids Lodge #34) in 1977 and served as Worshipful Master in 1985. He served the Grand Lodge of Michigan as Grand Master from 2006-2007 and Grand Treasurer from 2007-2010. He holds Honorary Membership in 25 Michigan Lodges. He has served in all York Rite Bodies and is a KYCH. He is an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Commander Wheeler served as the Executive Director/CEO of the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation from 2009 to 2020.

He has been a Scottish Rite Mason since 1980 and is a member of the Valley of Michigan. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and an Honorary member of the Supreme Council in 1997 in Grand Rapids. Commander Wheeler was made an Active Member of the Supreme Council in Boston in 2009.