

# Michigan Triple Tau

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Dear Companions, All!

The leaves are changing, and it is so wonderful to look outside and see the Fall colors just popping out. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> month of shutdown for Masonic Pathways. We are still COVID free, but it is very scary to be off campus. The activities are coming back but very slowly. There are no visitations on campus. That will change as soon as the cases of COVID-19 goes down in the county. The staff has been great but we, as residents, can tell that everyone is COVID-19 weary.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan! I am so pleased that those who made the Zoom video meeting a new way of doing business. Even though there were hiccups along the way, the members and Grand Officers made this meeting work. In a world of pandemic crisis, the fear of doing something different, and learning new skills of communication across the miles that we are separated. It was not as smooth as it might have been but look at what you all have accomplished! Amazing!

I have not received any new photos from the newly installed officers. I hope by next month's issue I will have some nice pictures. It is always nice to have every officers' photo with his article. If you find an article or have an article that would benefit us. Please send it into our Grand Secretary who can see to it that it is printed in this e-magazine. This is **your** Triple Tau!

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Greetings Companions.

Thank you to all that were able to attend the Grand Session in Fowlerville in person and via zoom online. A special thanks to our hard-working staff who were able to make the Grand Session possible and accessible to all Companions who want to attend online.

I would like to congratulate all the Grand Officers of all the York Rite bodies in their new offices and wish them the best in the coming year. Knowing all the hard work you have done to earn this great honor and the joy it brings to you to represent the best of what Masonry is.

With all the new guidelines and edicts that have been implemented on you and your fellow Companions in the last months can be vexing. For that, I am sorry but thank you for your understanding and cooperation. I hope that in time we can resume normal operations. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or one of my staff, who will be happy to work with you and your local Chapter to resolve any misunderstandings or confusion?

Fraternally,

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## Secretaries Scribbles

Here we are in October, we are in the third quarter of the year and very little has changed. We have not accomplished much this year. Chapters are flustered, members are flustered, everything is in chaos. We are dependent on the state government to make decisions for us, and we all know that never works out well for us.

We are supposed to get a little more freedom back on the ninth of October (Good Lord willing and the creek don't rise), so we shall see if we can get back to the new normal. Hopefully, we can put our candidates through by the end of the year. Something to work on. Any thoughts on where to have them?

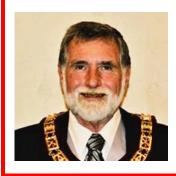
October seventeenth Grand Chapter will hold the educational seminar at the Mt Pleasant Comfort Inn. Information is on the website. There will be several speakers on a cornucopia of subjects. Plan on attending if you get the chance.

Our Chapters that had a recipient of the MSA or bronze award this year should be thinking of your award ceremonies and dinners. Please remember to run the date by our protocol committee before you schedule the date. While on the subject, it is not to early to start thinking of candidates for this year's awards. Every Chapter in this jurisdiction has at least one, if not more, that is well qualified to receive one of these awards. All it takes is a little effort on the secretaries and members part to submit the applications.

I hope that you have the opportunity to get out and see some of mother nature's fine paintings and artwork on display every day in the fall. The cost is a nice drive in the country or some of the parks in southern Michigan or anywhere in Northern Michigan. Michigan is a sportsman's paradise in the fall from upland bird hunting to bow hunting. Even river fishing can be beautiful this time of year, catch some fish and take some pictures and make some fond memories. This may sound like a commercial, but this Pure Michigan and I for one could not think of a better place to be. Get out, go for a walk and enjoy. The snow will be here soon enough.

Stay healthy stay safe and stop to smell the roses. Donald





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Greetings Companions:

Grand Chapter Educational Seminar. on October 17, 2020, at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mt Pleasant, Michigan. Who is required to attend All elected Grand Officers, District Deputy Instructors, and appointed Officers? Please download the agenda on the RAM web page. (www.ram-mi.org.)

Local Chapters can meet now Remember Social Distancing and Face Mask covering. I attended Jackson Chapter #3 and Livingston Chapter #30. They opened and closed without a problem using the prescribed methods.

I will be visiting more Chapters in upcoming months remember when a Grand Officer or DDI comes to your

The chapter we are there to assist in making your Chapter the best possible and in growing your membership. In the upcoming year let us show our pride in being a York Rite Mason and pass this on to new potential Companions at our current membership.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship Don Mayville, Grand Scribe



Happy Fall my fellow Companions!!!

It is an honor and a privilege to be serving as your Grand Principal Sojourner this year. My journey of Masonry has taken me from California to Virginia, and from the Middle East to Michigan. I am continuously amazed at the life that the Grand Architect has given me, and the path that he has led me down. After coming close to meeting the Grand Architect face to face, my life has been about how best to serve others. As we begin to meet again with regularity, I hope all Companions are asking themselves, "How can I serve?"

Serving others can be as simple as picking up a fellow Companion on your way to a Chapter function, or placing a dollar in your Chapter RARA fundraiser, or setting up the Chapter room before the meeting, or learning a small ritual part for the next degree. Ask your Chapter High Priest or Chapter Secretary how you can best serve your chapter. Use your imagination. Serving others is contagious. When you serve others, it becomes habit-forming, and you will want to serve more.

I hope to see many of you at the Grand Chapter Educational Seminar. This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> of October at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Mt. Pleasant. Additional and amplifying information can be found on the Grand Chapter website <u>www.ram-mi.org</u>.

Best Regards, Tom Black, Grand Principal Sojourner