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Dear Companions and Everyone:

This week started out nice, then it got cold! As usual, I use the last few days of the month to complete the next month's Triple Tau issue. The weather has changed for the Fall season, so we put on the warmer coats and hats to ward off the chill in the air. I do look forward to the leaves on the trees to change color.

I do not have new photos of our new Grand Officers. I hope they remember to take good pictures at the Joint York Rite Grand Officer's Reception on October the 23rd. There is a lot going on this month. "Thank you!" to all my writers and helpers this month. MIGM Robert E. Cooper sent me a reminder to include the York Rite Grand Officer's Reception information with this issue. WB Vince D'Aguanno has gone onto another assignment so welcome Dad Jeff Stewart, Personal Representative for the Grand Master, Order of DeMolay, Jurisdiction of Michigan. The writer for our DeMolay article is non-other than State Master Councilor, Eric Zervos! Thanks for the nice article and pictures.

Everyone enjoy the Fall leaves and a safe and Happy Halloween!

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

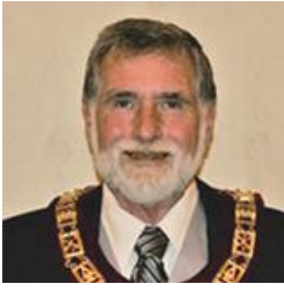


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Greetings Companions,

The Outdoor Degree on September 10 was very special to me seeing all the hard work and dedication to the craft that makes REC Tom Black, a Royal Arch Mason you would like to emulate. The response was overwhelming with 34 candidates being Exalted and the strong support of the area Chapters for doing excellent Degree work. Also, a special shout out to Rick Stange and his team who put together a terrific lunch for all of us to enjoy.

Travels this September to The Youth Group's Picnic, great to see all the young people enjoying themselves and off to Kentucky's Grand Session with REC Brent Helm, REC Tom Black, and PGHP & Secretary Don Galway. Also, various other visits to my Lodge Functions and the York Rite Bodies I belong to.

Upcoming dates: State Master Councilor reception Dinner October 1st, KYCH October 8th, Joint York Rite Reception Dinner October 23rd. at the Crowne Plaza, Lansing West, Honoring Robert Cooper MIGM of Grand Council Royal & Select Masons, Daniel Stewart REGC and Don Mayville MEGHP Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Please see the flyer for menu selections and don't forget to RSVP.

My theme throughout my progression in the line is York Rite Unity. First let me define unity according to Webster's Dictionary: the state of oneness or wholeness, if we do not and together, support one another, we will continue to decline in our York Rite membership. This includes the local Lodges, where our membership comes from.

Since most of us belong to the appendant bodies, shouldn't we strive to make each one as successful as possible. Help one another in Degree work and in recruitment.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,

MEGHP Don Mayville





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Scribbles of the Secretary

We are now in the third season of the year, The calendar say's so and the weather for the last few days has confirmed it. Fall is here, the colors are turning, the temperature is getting cooler, and the days are getting shorter. It must be Fall. I have always liked this time of the year. Fishing is good, Hunting is pleasant, and walks in the woods is always a pleasure. Mother nature brings out her special canvas and paints a beautiful picture in full color.

Fall is also the time when we get back to work in our masonic bodies. We enjoyed the summer, took a little break from the busy year, and refreshed and ready to begin work for the ensuing year. We started the season off with a very good start. The Royal Arch degree day in Reed City was a great success, we had a great time at Tom Black's property and Tom out did himself again this year, with new props and hidden gems to enhance the experiencers exalted for the candidates. The best part is there were thirty-four new members exalted that day. The next day our youth groups held the 5-fs event (fantastic fun filled fabulous festival). It was held in Howell at the International Society Grounds. The weather was shaky in the morning, but cleared up by the time the event started, and everyone had fun. As we were leaving, it began to rain which was good timing.

The next week we visited with one of the East Central members for the Grand Session located this year in Kentucky. When one travels to the Commonwealth of Kentucky you cannot help but have a good time. They always treat us great.

We ended the month with the Grand Chapter Education Seminar held in Grand Rapids. The session was well attended, but we can always have more attendees. All the information was pointed and informative. There is always a need for more information and new ideas are always a good thing to put out to a group to vent them for different points of view. There is never a bad idea if you ensure that you look at all three hundred and sixty degrees of the idea. I have always disliked the term of thinking outside the box. I believe that an idea is a circle. Einstein was right even with ideas, for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

October is going to be a full month also, there are already a few events that are on the calendar and in the events section of the web site. A reminder to the chapter secretaries, please put your events on the calendar either on the website, the data base, or both. Remember, communication is key and the easiest way for you to communicate is by using the website.

Enjoy the season and keep York Rite in your thoughts.

Donald





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Greetings Companions:

Last month we saw the completion of the Second Annual Outdoor Degree outside of Reed City. It was an event that required a significant amount of effort from all of those involved. Our Grand Scribe worked hard in preparing the grounds so that they would be suitable for the work at hand. As in past years, Ex Comp Richard Stange prepared an excellent barbeque pork lunch for all present. Finally, we must acknowledge those Companions who identified the candidates for the event and made sure that they were there to witness the degrees that day.

A big THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make the day such a success.

Fraternally,
Brent A Helm, Grand King



(Continued from column 2!!!)

Don't forget to let your Grand Chapter Officer or your DDI know if you wish to participate in the Ritual Degree competition so we can see many Chapters show off their proficiency. Make sure your Companions in your Chapter are challenged, but not overwhelmed. Until we see each other, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Fraternally,
Tom & Loki



Greetings Companions:

September is a CRAZY busy month, and I still have more to do!! We had almost perfect weather for the Outdoor Chapter Degrees on the 10th of September, and it was wicked awesome!! Around 100 members were there including the 33 candidates that were exalted!! Rick Stange and the Companions from Paw-Paw Chapter did a wonderful job with all the delicious food!! The last two years, Grand Rapids Chapter and Grand Rapids area Chapters have been hogging all the degree work. Next year, I plan on expanding to see how many other Chapters would like to participate in putting on the degrees.

I visited Saginaw Chapter on the 8th, as well as Traverse City Chapter on the 14th. In Alma, the Grand Lodge Legacy Society on the 17th was a wonderful time. EC Dan Pelak (Grand Rapids Chapter #7) received the Tuscan award from the Grand Lodge for donating over \$25,000. EC Dan continues to support RARA through Chapter functions, as well as donating his time, effort, energy, and resources to the many worthy masonic organizations.

As I write this, I am leaving for the Kentucky Grand Session the 20th and 21st. On the 24th will be the Royal Arch Educational Seminar in Grand Rapids, which will be another fantastic event. On the 26th, I will be in Cadillac to visit their Chapter. On October 1st will be an all-Council degree day in Grand Rapids as well. For those newly exalted Royal Arch Masons who wish to become Council members, be sure your petitions are in. September was a great month, but more incredible things are to come.

(See Column 1 to the Left. There is more!)



DeMolay



Greetings from Michigan DeMolay,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer because it is 39 degrees now. Fall and the cold months seem to be fast approaching. First off, I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported DeMolay at our annual Conclave, it was great to see you all there.

This past September was once again installation season for us, and all our Chapters were very excited to see everyone who came out for their installation. Another event we recently had and hold annually is 5f's where the three youth organizations come together and put on a day of fun filled festivities and games. We had some pretty cool visitors too including Most Worshipful Grand Master Dad Davis, Mom Torpey and Dad O'Connel the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron respectively, the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch, and we even had an exchange student all the way from Switzerland who is interested in joining show up! It was a great time and I appreciate all of you who were able to attend.

Now a major event we held on October 1st was State degrees followed by the State Master Councilors Reception. I'd like to personally thank all of you who came out and supported DeMolay and its new members by coming out to state degrees and attending the reception after.

An upcoming event we have planned on October 22nd is a Halloween party at Port Huron Chapter. Not only that but October is also the month in which Port Huron Chapter was founded 100 years ago so we will be doing something special for that. You can find details and flyer for that on our social media pages and via email. Next on November 19th we will be holding our annual Honors day at Wayne Masonic Temple. Our Honors day is when we take a day to give to those who have been designated or elected to receive honors for their outstanding service and achievements in our Order.

Lastly and still a bit away, we have Michigan DeMolays' Heartland qualifiers and if you don't know what heartland it is a ritual competition where any member from any Chapter who thinks they have what it takes to perform a ritual part to perfection can have an opportunity to prove it by competing against other DeMolays who are competing in the same part. Only those who do their absolute best will win. However, this is only the qualifier, those who win here will have the opportunity to compete in the finals against members from five other states!

That is all I have currently, I look forward to seeing you all during any upcoming travels and if you ever have any questions about upcoming events or anything else feel free to reach out to me.

Fraternally,
Eric Zervos,
State Master Councilor, DeMolay International Jurisdiction of Michigan





Pictures from Conclave!



The installation of the State Master Councilor with the Past State Master Councilors around the alter (Pictured Below: Is from our 5 Fs – Fantastic, Fun, Filled, Fall Festival.)



New International Supreme Council Members presented with their Collars at conclave. (Pictured Left to Right: Ron Blaisdell, Ryan Toll, Matt Shelton, Leonard Davis MWGM, Gary Paquet.)





MICHIGAN RAINBOW



The summer of 2022 following the pandemic found Michigan Rainbow in full swing and back to a full schedule of events.

The biggest event of the summer was Supreme Assembly held in Oklahoma City. The picture shows the Michigan girls and 2 of our Canadian Rainbow sisters. Michigan and Canada again moved as a group. We were so proud of Cheyenne who is pictured in the lavender dress who served as Acting Supreme Charity. Katherine, who is in the center, carried the Michigan flag in the rapid-paced Cavalcade of Flags. Maureen Riley was named as Supreme Nature for the next 2 years. We had a great time and had lots of fun and hugs seeing old friends and making new ones.



The end of August found us once again at Masonic Pathways for our Grand Worthy Advisors Reception. We were pleased to initiate 4 new members that day. It was also the day that the girls showed off their new dresses for the year. Our new Contemporary Ritual was presented for the first time.

The second Sunday in September found us at the International Society in Howell for the annual Fantastically Fun Filled Fall Festival (5F's) for Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay. We were joined by Dawn Torpey, Worthy Grand Matron; Dave O'Connell, Worthy Grand Patron; and Leonard Davis, Most Worshipful Grand Master, along with many of our Eastern Star and Masonic sisters and brothers. A great time was had by all. The picture below shows all the youth in attendance.



As October approaches, we start off the month with the State Master Councilors Reception followed on October 2ND with our Annual Barn Dance in Adrian. Then is a trip to Muskegon for Eastern Star Grand Chapter. Next is a Grand Officer Exemplification on October 22 at Livonia Masonic Temple. Of course, the end of the month has the required multiple Halloween parties. It's a very busy month.

Fraternally,
Maureen Riley, Supreme Nature, and Supreme Inspector



You are cordially invited to the
Joint Grand York Rite Reception
Sunday, October 23, 2022

Sponsored by
Livingston Chapter No. 30 Royal Arch Masons
Tyre Council No. 10 - Royal and Select Masons
Muskegon Commandery No. 22 - Knights Templar



Donald C. Mayville
M.E. Grand High Priest



Robert E. Cooper.
M. Ill. Grand Master



Daniel Stewart
R.E. Grand Commander

To be held at the
Crowne Plaza Hotel
145 Creyts Road
Lansing, MI 48917
517-619-1540

Social Hour with Cash Bar at 3:00 p.m.

Dinner at 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Dress: Black Tux with collar, Business Suit, and Ladies, Sunday Best





JOINT GRAND YORK RITE RECEPTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

Name _____ Title _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Request Reservation for _____ persons.
Reservations with remittance is due by October 16, 2022.
Please make checks payable to Livingston Chapter No. 30.

Remit to: R.E.C. Don Mayville
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810-874-1637

Choice of Entrée: Served with Caesar Salad,
Dessert – Cheesecake Raspberry Topping

_____ Braised Beef Tips

Veggie: Balsamic Beans
White Cheddar Mash Potatoes

_____ Grilled Salmon fillet

Veggie: Roasted Broccoli Rice Pilaf with Quinoa

_____ Wild Mushroom Lasagna

Veggie: Sea Salt Brussel Sprouts

Note: Please include this sheet with your remittance!



Grand Chapter Ritual Competition

The Michigan Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is proud to be sponsoring a ritual Competition.

This Capitular year's Ritual Competition will be the Mark Master Mason Degree. Let your DDI or Grand Officer know if your Chapter plans on participating by January 1st, 2023, for scheduling purposes.

There will be two judges for each participating Chapter, and they will be Grand Officers from the Michigan Grand Chapter.

The degrees will be performed between February 1st and April 30th, 2023, in the host Chapter's own Masonic Temple.

Grading will be based on number of parts filled, ritual memorization and overall performance. Visiting Companions can participate; but points will be deducted. Books can be used; but points will be deducted. Each Grand Officer will rate the degree on a scale of 0-100, for a total possible of 200 points.

Special Ritual Competition Aprons will be awarded to the winning team, that they can wear with honor until the following year's competition.

This is a chance for your Chapter to showcase its talent and passion for Royal Arch Masonry.

We will look forward to many fantastic degrees this spring!

Mark Master Mason Degree Scoring

Chapter / No.	Date	
City		
Station	Companion	Score (1-5)
RWM		
KS		
SW		
JW		
SD		
JD		
S. Stew		
J. Stew		
MO		
SO		
JO		
Marshal		
Chaplin		
Exemplar		
Working Tools		
History		
Charge		
Chapter Members Present	_____	
Visiting Companions Present	_____	
Visiting Companion degree part -1 point		
Book used by Companion -1 point	_____	
Overall	1-15	_____
Total	_____	
Grand Chapter Officer		
Grand Chapter Officer		