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Dear Companions:

This November has two holidays. Firearm Deer Season and Thanksgiving! I really like venison and wild turkey. There is a lot of preparation that goes into hunting. The prey isn't stupid, but I wonder about my fellow hunters. Most hunters know the difference between an elk, horse, cow and a white-tail deer. The elk is very large, and the horse and cow are usually in a field grazing. I pray that everyone who goes out this year is prepared and careful.

If you are having a degree or doing a special at your Chapter make sure you contact the Grand Secretary so he can send it to the rest of the Chapters. There just isn't anything on the Grand Chapter's list for November. The youth groups have plenty of things you can go to. Just going to regular meeting would make their whole year!

Thank you to all of my article writers and ideas. As usual, each issue I learn something new and get to create something new. Happy Hunting hunters and to all Happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,
 Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

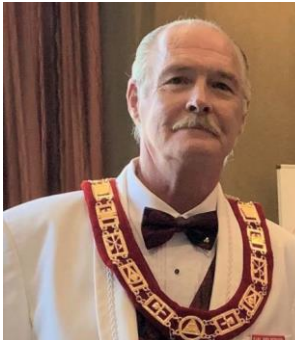


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Companions all:

It may seem early to be sending out a debt of gratitude to our DDI's, in as how the leaves are just now changing color here in the northern country, quite a sight to see already, but I understand from our Director of DDI's, Excellent Companion Lou Scott that 3/4 or better of our "Schools of Instruction" have been completed. I thank the "workhorses" of our fraternity for their time and diligence in working for the Chapters and the Grand Chapter. Also, a thank-you to those Companions who have been in attendance for the schools. As everyone knows, our numbers have been down for the past couple of years throughout the State. We need to not only go into our own Lodges but make visitations in other districts to see if there are potential candidates for further light in Masonry. We're not out to take membership from our Lodges but only add to the education of Masonry. As it has been so stated, "Masonry is a way of life". If they only receive half of the lesson, they are not understanding or receiving the full benefits of what is intended in the York Rite. I would like to challenge all Royal Arch Masons to carry a pocket petition to the beginnings of Masonry. If we don't assist our Lodges in finding good candidates, then we have nothing to draw our membership from. It all starts with our cornerstone and from there we need to build. The Grand Chapter is prepared, without hesitation, to give dispensations to those Chapters that wish to have all degree days and will assist in the work throughout the State. This year let's make an extra effort to support our Lodges, as, in the long run, we will be supporting our own membership program. I've been this last month to Kentucky's Grand Session and to Ohio's Grand Session and found that those States have attendance and new membership problems also. I've given them the same suggestions that I have here for you. I believe that if we go into our Lodges and assist in their degree work, and, mentor the new members, they will be a better candidate for Royal Arch Masonry by understanding that Masonry doesn't stop at the Lodge level.

With the 'white stuff' on the way, I wish all safe travels and remember to divide your time as we are taught. I'll be moving throughout the State, the upper peninsula, and the western side this coming month and I hope to see all. And one more thing, I wish to congratulate all of the officers of the Knights of York Cross of Honor in their new positions and those of the HRAKTP Tabernacles in their new positions. Plus.... above all, let me thank everyone for their presence this last 13th of October at the York Rite Grand Reception in Lansing, Michigan. It was an honor to see everyone and so many leaders of Free Masonry, Youth Groups and affiliates attending. The fellowship was outstanding. Thank- you! A special thanks to our Grand Commander " Butch" for the agenda and work involved.

Companions Have a great month!

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Protocol - A Noun.

Definition of protocol

- 1: an original draft, minute, or record of a document or transaction.
- 2a: a preliminary memorandum often formulated and signed by diplomatic negotiators as a basis for a final convention or treaty.
 - b: the records or minutes of a diplomatic conference or congress that show officially the agreements arrived at by the negotiators.
- 3a: **a code prescribing strict adherence to correct etiquette and precedence** (as in diplomatic exchange and in the military services) *a breach of protocol*.
 - b: a set of conventions governing the treatment and especially the formatting of data in an electronic communications system *network protocol*.
 - c: **CONVENTION_SENSE 3A,B.**
- 4: a detailed plan of a scientific or medical experiment, treatment, or procedure.

I open with the definition of PROTOCOL because we seem to have lost what it means, along with where and how it should be applied. We as Masons should be very respectful of using proper protocol at all our functions. I have noticed in a lot of the places that I attend we are not following proper protocol. We have in Grand Chapter a Protocol Chairman who is ready and willing to help for all occasions. A phone call or e-mail will answer your question on how to set up for a banquet, dinner or how to do introductions. When used properly, you will respect your guests and impress your audience. You will feel good about your event.

October has slipped through our hands like the sands of time. Halloween is over. Our dentist is happy for another year. Our blood sugar should be on its way down. We should be starting our exercise regiment in preparation for Thanksgiving dinner. (Yeah, Right), like that is going to happen. I don't have a lot on the calendar for the month of November. If your Chapter is doing a degree or degrees, please drop me a note and I will spread it to the rest of the Chapters.

The end of November is the official kickoff of the holiday season (I thought Halloween was it.) along with the Lodge installation season. This is an excellent opportunity to visit the Lodges and present the incoming Master with your token of the Master's Pin. Take a few of your Chapter members to the visit and wear your red coats. They will make people wonder and ask questions. They are great ice breakers for you and your Chapter. Chapter secretaries should have the pins by the end of the first week of November.

Sherry and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. Take the time and reflect on the meaning. Give thanks for all you have along with your family.

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Greetings Companions,

Well, in October I was a traveling man. In one week alone, I was in St Clair Shores twice, Battle Creek, Columbus, Ohio, Alma, and Lansing. The next week I was in Livonia at Players Golf and Poker, working the poker parties for the Grand Chapter. All proceeds go to the Grand Chapter RAM Foundation, some of the money goes to support the youth groups of Michigan and soon some will go towards our scholarships. Companions, I am asking for help working on these events. We have four nights, four times a year and they are mostly manned by Past Grands and Grand Officers. There is a State requirement to have three workers each night. It takes me an hour to travel each way to get to Players and home again. We could use some help. Many Chapters are in Southeast Michigan, I will post the dates for the next scheduled poker night when they are released. Please consider working one night to give the rest of us a much-needed break.

November brings two holidays, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Veterans Day was once known as Armistice Day because on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 all hostilities stopped in World War One. If on Veterans Day, or any other day for that matter, you see a WWII Vet or Korean War Vet make sure you acknowledge them, there are very few of them left. You do not necessarily have to walk up to them and shake their hands, but if you look them in the eye, give them a nod and a smile, it will let them know that you appreciate their service.

Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks and be with family. Those of you whose parents and grandparents are still around, make sure to spend time with them and enjoy their company, one never knows when they will no longer be with us.

Final note: Thanksgiving, there is no such thing as too much-whipped cream on a slice of pumpkin pie.

As always, God speed and God bless.

REC John A. Ames, Grand King

A Freemason

A Freemason should be like a good watch! An open face, busy hands, pure gold, well regulated & filled with good works.



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**EMERGENCY
 TRAVEL KIT
 FOR THE WINTER**

COPESTONE OR KEYSTONE?

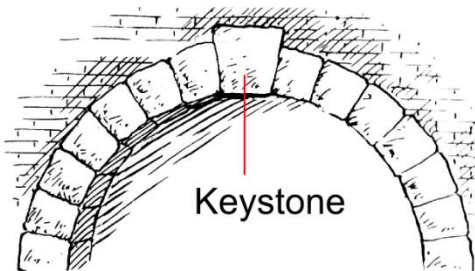
What is the difference between a keystone and a copestone?

According to Merriam-Webster, the keystone is a wedge-shaped piece at the crown or apex of an arch that locks the other pieces in place. It is the stone on which other associated stones depend on for support and is the final stone to be placed in the arch.

A copestone is defined as a flat stone forming part of the coping of a wall or the top stone of a building. In Romanesque work, the coping was projected over the wall with a throating to allow drips to form.

This begs the question, are we using the right representation of setting the copestone in the Most Excellent Master degree when if we place the keystone in the top of the arch? Recently, I attended a MEM Degree where the Chapter placed a flat stone along the top of the wall to complete the temple and not the keystone.

Slate Stone Coping Stone



Fraternally,
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According to the Weather Channel, we should be thinking about an emergency travel kit. An easy set of items that will help you or someone else with car trouble or stuck in the snow.

Items needed are: a shovel (a snow shovel plastic or metal), blanket for warmth, those hand warmers you activate, snacks and water, extra pair of gloves, a pair of socks (non-descript type to put on your good shoes if you want to have good traction and protect your good shoes), a pair of snow boots and kitty litter.

This is also a good time to check your antifreeze, oil and window washer fluid in your vehicle. Having some jumper cables and starter fluid isn't a bad idea either. Making sure your cell phone is charged and bring the charger with you. It may come in handy if you must wait a long time for a tow. Check the tires on the vehicle. The proper amount of air and good tread will help with traction.

I have seen it done but remember you can use those floor mats to put under a tire to get you out of a snowbank. Just remember to pick them back up in case you need them again.

One of the line officers in Grand Chapter had a similar list for the Fall season. That was a good list and I was glad to put it into the Triple Tau. So be prepared and stay safe this Winter.

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The act of giving thanks or being truly thankful for our blessings?



Knights, ladies & Companions,

As we approach Thanksgiving this month, I wonder how each of us will celebrate the day, and more especially how will our Christian faith play out this secular holiday. As a child, our family tradition gathered as many family members as we could into one place to break bread and share thanks for the year's blessings. I admit that many of those formative years I wondered if it was the "act of giving thanks" or a truthful expression of being thankful. When Christy and I were in the military and even after surrounded by our kids, we would invite single servicemen or single's with children into our home to share what the Lord had given us. That often played out as simple foods (but lots of it) a large picturesque turkey cooked like a grandma (in a paper bag), sometimes a few libations and talking around the table to hear what our guests had to say. There was always a table grace, but admittedly, we were often lacking in sharing the wonders of our Lord, &, ashamedly, not reflecting on His word or His works in our lives. So, I was left to ponder the question again, is it an "act" or is it "being" thankful?

I'd like to think that as we have grown older and more appreciative of how our lives together were **meant to be lived within His word**, we have related His love and His word to others much more often. I have discovered a few simple and easy to include scriptures that I hope might help some of you relate God's love this thanksgiving time of year. Of course, these a few of the many you might include in your thanks to the Lord as you host others this year. 1Chronicles 16:34 ***"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His love endures forever."*** Psalm 9:1 ***"I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds"*** 1 Timothy 4:4-5 ***"For everything God created is good and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer"***. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 ***"Give thanks in all circumstances: for this is Gods will for you in Christ Jesus"***. WE companion's as Christians have so much in our lives that I often wonder if I give thanks enough. Like many of you I ponder on the question, "am I really giving thanks to God, for what He has given me or am I just in the act of giving thanks?"

To date, I have found no scripture to support or deny that the way we celebrate Thanksgiving Day is the way our Lord desires for His people. So, like you, I will resort to my standby and trusted Christian measuring stick PRAYER to Him and an open ear to His holy spirit. John 14:26 ***"But the counselor, his Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach me all things and will remind you for everything I have given to you."***

This year we will give thanks to our Lord, for the blessings of each other, of our family, biological and extended, the life he has given us and of course YOU. Happiest of Thanksgiving to you all.

Butch and Christy,
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DeMolay Of Michigan

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Michigan DeMolay

Fall is here and Michigan DeMolay is in full swing with the Chapter Membership drives. The State Master Councilor's reception was held on October 5, 2019, at Fellow Creek Golf Course and was very well attended. Several new members were initiated into DeMolay during the afternoon at Wayne Masonic Temple, the State team did a wonderful job with the degrees. After the reception, there was a dance, and everyone had a good time.



The leadership team and the Executive Officer went to Grand Chapter for Eastern Star and were present for the installation of a new corps of officers. Mom D'Aguanno made sure that the State Team was on time for everything and I received many compliments on our young men. The State Team then headed to Charleston, West Virginia for the Region 4 DeMolay conference. Michigan is in the region with Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Each year we all gather to discuss issues in our regions and share fellowship. While it was a long trip it was worth the time. The conference was great, and the young men gained valuable information on programming. Our State Sweetheart attended the Provincial Conclave of Ontario with her mother. She represented Michigan DeMolay as the Councilors were in West Virginia. As always, she did a wonderful job on our behalf.





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The next big event will be the Honoring Day for our Grand Master. This event will be held on November 16, 2019, at the Clio Masonic Temple. The opening will be at 10:00 am and then will be followed by the Chevalier degree, the Cross of Honor ceremony, Lunch and then in the afternoon the Legion of Honor Degree will be performed. Lunch will be free to all who attend so come on out and see who gets DeMolay's top honors.



Our membership continues to grow in Michigan DeMolay and there are plans for more degrees. Remember if you have a son, nephew, grandson or know of a young man between the ages of 12-21 ask any of the State Officers or any Advisor for a petition. We will get in contact with the young man and his family as soon as possible to answer their questions about DeMolay.

Please try to attend any of the upcoming events and show these remarkable young men that the Masonic Family is willing to support them. If there is anything that Michigan DeMolay can do to help support any of the works of the Companions, please let a State Officer know or contact the Executive Officer.



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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

MICHIGAN RAINBOW

It's back to a busy time! We have had good lots of good, fun times together ending with the initiation of three new Rainbow sisters – all from Alpena Assembly.



Sunday, September 29th found us in Lansing at the Royal Scot Bowling Alley for an all Masonic Youth event under the direction of Brother Craig Maison, Deputy Grand Master. We had two games of bowling, pizza, prizes and a great afternoon and then drive home in the pouring rain. Thanks, Brother Craig, for organizing the event.

wonderful was great to have our as we celebrated Seth's



State Master Councilor, Seth's Reception was held on October 5th in Canton. The dinner reception followed a exemplification of the degree work by the young men. It three youth leaders, Krissy, MaKeelie and Seth together time as DeMolay State Master Councilor.

Eastern Star Grand starting at the same time Councilors Reception. the youth leaders together again. The first event Banquet with six of the youth attending. Tuesday Masonic Youth introductions and the three greetings to the attendees. Pictured below are the Job's Daughters waiting to be escorted to the their Sisters were the Escorting Grand Pages Shelby, Grace, Lillie and Sam. They are all Rainbow Girls or Job's Daughters and were a lot of fun to watch as they escorted the guests and others on to the Grand Chapter floor.



Chapter Session was as the State Master Grand Chapter found was the 1940's evening was the leaders brought Rainbow Girls and East. Ready to escort





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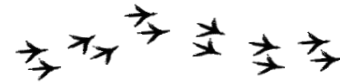
We adults were all so very proud of our girls. And one of the biggest highlights was the Installation of Dawn Talbot as Worthy Grand Matron and John Groves as Worthy Grand Patron. Dawn also currently serves as Mother Advisor of Dearborn Assembly #3. We are so excited for Dawn and John as they begin their year of service.

November is looking busy as we celebrate with Dawn and John and their Reception and then with our Grand Cross of Color Investiture, which is always a highlight of the year. Then the holidays are just around the corner!

Fraternally,
Maureen Riley, Supreme Inspector



Hunter Safety Tips From the Michigan DNR



General Safety Reminders: 1. Tell someone where you are going and when to expect you back. 2. Hunt with a partner and know your zone of fire. 3. Carry a communication device or a cell phone that has good reception. 4. If you are hunting near or around water, wear your life jacket.

Firearms: 1. Keep the safety on at all times until you are ready to take your shot. 2. Treat every firearm as if it was loaded. 3. Keep the muzzle in a safe direction at all times. 4. Be aware of your surroundings. 5. Put your finger on the trigger ONLY when you are ready to shoot. 6. Don't use your scope as binoculars. 7. Unload your firearm while crossing obstacles and/or getting out of a tree stand. 8. Make sure the firearm and ammunition are free from field debris. 9. Do not drink alcohol or be on any mind-altering drug while hunting. 10. All firearms should be unloaded and the ammunition stored separately while in the home. 11. When transporting a firearm, make sure it is in a case and also the ammo should be secured.

Tree Stands: 1. Using your hands and feet keep three points of contact on the tree stand while ascending or descending. 2. Always use a full-body harness, anchored above your head to keep you from falling out of the tree stand. 3. When lifting your firearm or crossbow into a tree stand, use a secure pull system (such as a rope) and make sure it is unloaded and the safety is on. Do not attach anything to the trigger guard. 4. Refrain on using tree steps on the trees on public lands. 5. Ensure your tree stand is securely attached to the tree itself.

For more information: go to <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr> and have a great season everyone!
From the Editor



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Michigan Job's Daughters has been very busy over the past couple of months! Starting with the 1st annual ALL-Masonic Mackinaw Bridge Walk on Labor Day, where we participated in fundraising for the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation, along with brothers, sisters, moms, and dads from our Masonic Family! Mark your calendars for next Labor Day, as we grow this event into a chance to expand our outreach and have a fundraising opportunity!



The next weekend, we had a great time at the 5 F's (fantastically fun-filled fall festival) in Howell, which was sponsored by the Order of the Eastern Star. Lots of great food and great fun was had by all! Unfortunately, we lost our tug-of-war title, but at least it was retained by GIRL POWER! Congratulations to our Rainbow sisters!!!



At the end of September, we traveled to the UP for a Grand Bethel Exemplification, where 3 new members were initiated! If you have never been to Crystal Falls, I strongly recommend a visit. Their city is beautiful. And the Masonic Family there is so incredibly close-knit and supportive of each other! And take the time for a leisurely trip. If you play your cards right...you can stick your toes in THREE Great Lakes on the same day!



While most of us were in the UP for the exemplification, some of our members were able to attend the Masonic Youth Bowling event sponsored by Grand Lodge.



The following weekend was our official HIKE event. The Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment (H.I.K.E.) is the official philanthropic project of Job's Daughters International. Kids from birth to age 20 can apply for a grant, through the HIKE Fund, to receive up to \$4,500 for hearing aids or other non-surgical assistive devices, such as flashing lights, or vibrating alarms for beds. As Job's Daughters International heads into its 100th year, the HIKE Fund is in its 35th year of giving the gift of hearing. Recently, the HIKE Fund chose a child from Michigan for the 20th time, and on Saturday, October 5th, Michigan Job's Daughters had the immense honor to present a check to an 8-year-old girl from Muskegon, at our annual HIKE fundraising event. We were very excited to welcome Miss Lyla, and her family to the Red Flannel Festival in Cedar Springs, which is the home of our Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Miss MaKeelie presented Lyla with a check for \$4,500 to cover the cost of a pair of hearing aids. We were also excited to be able to have a local Lodge sponsor the MiCHIP event for this day, and we had Masons from Doric and Grand Rapids Lodge on hand to show the girls how it's done. It was a beautiful day, in ALL senses of the word! If you know a child who needs non-surgical hearing assistive devices, please refer them to a Michigan Job's Daughter near you!



Finally, Michigan Job's Daughters was honored to attend the Grand Chapter "Light of Knowledge" session, celebrating the year by PGM Elizabeth, and PGP Michael. Our Grand Bethel Honored Queen did a phenomenal job of recognizing and appreciating the work and support given to the youth over this past year, and we do so love to have our Masonic Family on hand to support us, so we enjoy being on hand to support all of you as well!



Respectfully Submitted,
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