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Dear Companions and Everyone:

Didn't the heat of summer blow in and out by Wednesday night? I am referring to October 23 thru the 26th. I had to turn on my A/C one more time.

My article writers did a nice job getting in their news. This issue of the Triple Tau has all 3 Youth Groups included in it. Please take time to see where they are having a special meeting or an occasion you could make a visit to see them perform their work. The email address for more information on DeMolay is jstewart@michigandemolay.org. Thank you to Dad Jeff Stewart, Personal Representative for the Grand Master, Order of DeMolay, Jurisdiction of Michigan. Our writer for the DeMolay article is State Master Councilor, Eric Zervos! For more information on Rainbow for Girls, please email Grand Nature and Grand Supreme Inspector, Maureen Riley at mirainbowsupreme@gmail.com. The email for more information on Jobs Daughters is dana.burtrum@gmail.com. Thanks for the nice articles and pictures.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

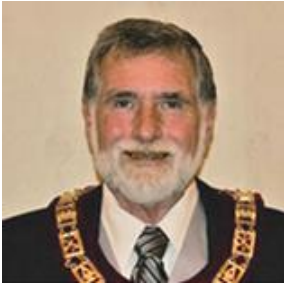


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Greetings Companion's:

The month of October travels started out with a visit to Ohio Grand Session with PGHP and Grand Secretary Donald Galway and we met up with REC Brent Helm and Lady Nancy. The hospitality they showed us was remarkable. Lady Joanne and I had the privilege of attending the Fun Night for Eastern Stars in Muskegon. The theme was down the Rabbit Hole, we were very well received. The venue was very well decorated in the style of Alice in Wonderland. Off we go to Grand Rapids to attend the Royal Arch Festive Board sponsored by Grand Rapids Chapter #7. Also, Lodge and Local Chapter and Commandery visits and had the privilege of constructing a storage shed at my Lodge.

The fall weather is upon us, and this brings out the Grand Chapter Officers and DDI'S making their Chapter visits. Great news, we are making these visits to assist in any way we can to help build your Chapter. So please help Us to Help your Chapter. We serve to be of service to your Chapter.

Remember Veterans Day is November 11th, the day is set aside for us to commemorate and honor all those who served or are currently serving us and our country.

Thanksgiving Day is November 24th. A lot of us take this for granted with a day of family and friends enjoying a meal of turkey with all the trimmings but let us not forget the less fortunate. Some ideas include food bank donation or helping at a food bank, give the gift of Life, DONATE BLOOD.

This reprint of an article written by Edward James, then the Grand Governor of MI for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America:

What I would like to touch upon today is leadership. As our membership in some areas of Masonry is shrinking, so does the number of available good leaders. Through my travels around Michigan, I consistently find worthy Brothers who would make fine leader but feel challenged by the prospect of stepping out of their comfort zone or perception that they have a lack of any formal training. What I would like to say to those Brothers are that the three things needed: 1, A sincere love for the Brothers and the Craft, 2, A desire to provide for the fraternal needs of your brothers, 3, and most importantly, the ability to LISTEN! Not to worry, as advanced training will come with time and experience. Never be afraid to extend yourself beyond the sum of all your learning and experience. The only regrets in life are the chances not taken and desired road not traveled. Don't be afraid to do that which you feel a fire within you to do or be more than you thought you ever could be. Step up and be that person.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
MEGHP Don Mayville





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Scribbles of the Secretary

Here we are, the first of November. Daylight savings time is about to turn to winter (November 6th), not really, winter begins December 21st. Trust me it will be colder long before that. Some of us look forward to the winter months. Deer hunting, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and skiing. Others will just turn themselves into hermits until it gets warm again. That is one of the reasons we love Michigan, there is something for everyone. Even if you fly to somewhere warm, it gives you the excuse to go.

November is the month that our local Lodges will hold their elections. In December we will start presenting the master's pins to the incoming new masters of our Lodges. We should, at this time, be planning to present the pins. The assignment for the masters' pins will be in the database for all Chapters before the first of the month. I would like the secretaries to look them over and let me know if there are any changes. I am sending the pins out to the secretaries on Monday November 8th and should be to the secretaries before the end of the week. The database will be the record holder for the pin presentations.

The team of the data base are always in the form of flux. The latest move has been to make the calendar more user friendly. The secretaries and recorders can place events on the calendar for their masonic body and it is color coded for each masonic body (red for Chapter and purple for Council). You can also scroll down and see the events and flyers, if added. Should you have any questions, feel free to call us and we will walk you through it, or if necessary, we will come out and walk you through it. We can also use the zoom program to help walk you through it. We are trying to make the database to convey information to the membership. We have always felt that communication is key and the easier it is to communicate it, the more we will use it.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving. We sometimes lose site of the fact that we all have a lot to be thankful for. Enjoy the holiday and look forward to the next thirty days to the Christmas Holidays. I also understand that this thirty-day cycle is one of the most stressful times of the year. There are a lot of times that I like to revert to my youth. I did not have a lot of worries in those days. Remember, youth is not wasted on the young, we can always look back at the happy times.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Donald and Sherry Galway





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Greetings Companions:

November is typically the month when we give thanks for all our blessings of the past year. Among those blessings has been the less prevalent occurrence of the Covid virus and the ability to be with friends and family.

As a Grand Chapter officer, I am also thankful for the Companions of this State and the efforts that they are putting forth for Royal Arch Masonry and Masonry in general. May all your efforts help lead this Grand Chapter to new heights this year and in the years to come.

Fraternally,
Brent A. Helm, Grand King

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Outdoor Degree Day in September 2023. Talk it over with your Chapter if they would like to perform one of the other 3 degrees for the Outdoor Degree Day in September 2023.

Lastly, don't forget about distributing your Master's pins to the Lodge's in your area. Why wait until the last minute to figure out who will give an incoming Worshipful Master a Royal Arch pin. When you present your pin, ensure to wear your red jacket to promote Royal Arch Masonry. After you present your pin, let your DDI know when and to whom it was presented.

Until we see each other again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Tom & Loki



Greetings Companions:

This month's travels took me to Bedford Chapter #188 on the 10th, and to Romeo Chapter #17 on the 12th. The Grand Rapids Royal Arch Festive Board was a smashing success on the 18th, and the Royal Arch Mason degree in Lapeer on the 19th was not too bad because of how many Chapter individuals were spread thin between Charity Poker and other masonic commitments. I have only visited 7 Chapters so far this year; Alma, Lafayette, Battle Creek, and Midland. I haven't forgotten about you, but there are only so many days in a month and Loki hates long car rides!

I was going to the store to buy some Halloween decorations, but all the Christmas decorations were up already! Did I miss something? How on Earth did we skip over Halloween decorations, completely bypass Thanksgiving altogether, and have all the Christmas shenanigans out already? Without drawing too much of a parallel, are there things in your Chapter that you wish weren't skipped over? Don't let the need of a speedy meeting conflict with the need for further light in Masonry. During my Chapter visits I often see Chapter's skipping over the 3 veils in the opening while there are others who sit quietly during the opening. The veils remind us of every meeting of the roots in our Royal Arch. There are some Chapters that skip meetings completely.

Please don't forget about your Chapter's degree work. Inform your DDI or Grand Officer if you would like to participate in this year's ritual competition this spring. As of right now, the Grand Chapter & DDI's will be putting on the Royal Arch Degree for the

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Greetings Companions:

My name is Harold R. Staley Jr., and I am a long-time member of Mackinaw Chapter #134 and a plural member of Iosco Chapter #83.

Please allow me to share a bit of my background and history with you now.

I was born on August 11th, 1948, into an agricultural family, in Albion Indiana, into a family of 10, myself being the second eldest. It was in my 19th year of life, when I joined the UNITED STATES ARMY (1968-1975) where I served two combat tours in Viet Nam, my occupation being a Demolition/High Explosive Engineer.

Shortly after my years of service, I met my Lovely Wife, Lady Deborah, who blessed me with 2 wonderful sons, Sean & David, who in turn blessed us with two Grandsons, Declan, and Remington.

So far, post military, my occupation was as a +35-year Letter Carrier for the United States Postal Service, City delivery, Wyandotte, Michigan. My Religious Affiliation is with the Missouri Lutheran Church. I also belong to several civic organizations, The American Legion and Dallas Safari Club International. Masonic Values and tenants have always been very important to me, and I use them as a guideline for my day-to-day Life.

I am Proud to serve the Grand Chapter and look forward to working with all the Companions.

Fraternally Yours,
H. Staley Jr., GRAC

Greetings Companions:

12 October 2022

**The Report For-
NOVEMBER 2022 TRIPLE TAU**

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

1 School of Instruction was reported. .02% completion rate.

0 Inspections were reported. 0% completion rate.

0 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 0% completion rate.

Total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of October 12, 2022, is 7,298.

Respectfully submitted,
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Executive Director of District Deputy Instructors
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DeMolay



Greetings:

I hope everyone enjoyed their Halloween. Michigan DeMolay is continuing to grow with two new Chapters in Coloma and Iron Mountain operating under Letters Temporary and busy recruiting Advisors and Young men. Don't hesitate to contact the local Chapter or Lodge with possible members near these new Chapters.

Now Michigan DeMolay is again on the move with many activities. On Saturday, October 1st, we had the honor of our MWGM and the RWDGM at the State degrees, followed by the State Master Councilors Reception.

The following week we attended the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, where our advisor Dad O'Connor was the outgoing WGP, and another Youth Advisor, Ms. Linda Koshowsky, became the WGM and will lead the Order of Eastern Star for next year. Michigan DeMolay, led by the State Master Councilor Eric Zervos, carried the opening ceremony flag, and delivered his remarks. Again, Michigan DeMolay had many advisors attending who are members of the OES.

Following OES Grand Session, Port Huron DeMolay held a Hundredth Anniversary Party of the original Charter of Port Huron DeMolay. Many Senior DeMolays attended or sent notes of congratulations. Sr. DeMolay John Cooper PM was presented with a scorched Trophy dated 1922 salvaged from the fire at Port Huron Masonic Temple. Memories of old activities were given by many Brothers in attendance, including the reading of letters from Sr DeMolays and a Proclamation from the City of Port Huron.



Following their remarks, Brother John Premo gave a vivid talk about the destruction of the Order of Knights Templar and the final and horrific death of Jacques De Molay.

Later that afternoon, we held a Halloween party at the Port Huron Masonic Temple for all Three Youth Groups. A great turnout with some prospective members!





DeMolay



The following day, I attended the Grand York Rite Reception and the Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Michigan Rainbow for Girls. Ms. Kathern Ellis, Grand Worthy Advisor, and I gave remarks from our youth organizations.

I invite you to our annual Honors day at Wayne Masonic Temple on November 19th. Our Honors day allows us to Honor those who have been designated or elected to receive honors for their outstanding service and achievements in our Order. The opening will be at 9

o'clock, with the ceremonies to follow.

Now that is all I have this time, I hope everyone enjoys the Thanksgiving season, and I look forward to seeing you soon. Please support our Michigan Youth Groups by attending their meetings. If you know of any young man interested in DeMolay, please get in touch with Dad Jeff Stewart at jstewart@michigandemolay.org.

Fraternally,
Eric Zervos
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Four Turkey Facts You Might Not Know.

1. Turkey Fast Facts:

Turkeys are native to North America, and wild turkeys can be found in every U.S state except Alaska. 7 million wild turkeys roamed the United States in 2017.

242 million meat turkeys were raised in the U.S. in 2017

Turkeys are Galliformes', an order of heavy, ground-feeding birds that also includes grouse, chickens, and pheasants.

Wild Turkeys are omnivorous and eat seeds, insects, frogs, and lizards.

2. Turkeys Will Fight You.

Turkeys follow a strict pecking order and are known to attack birds and even people they deem subordinate, especially during the spring mating season. People who have suffered turkey attacks recommend not looking the birds in the eye. In Brookline, Massachusetts, people don't chicken out when confronted by wild turkeys. Town officials encourage residents to clang pots, yell, spray the turkeys with hoses and swat them away with brooms.

3. What's in a Name?

Like other animals, turkeys have different names based on their gender and age: Male turkeys = gobblers, Female turkeys = hens, young male turkeys = jakes, and young female turkeys = jennies.



Michigan Rainbow



Greetings:

October has been a very busy month for Michigan Rainbow. Activities included the DeMolay State Master Councilors Reception, our annual Barn Dance, Eastern Star Grand Chapter, statewide Initiation, and the Grand York Rite Reception. Of course, upcoming in the next week are multiple Halloween parties.

Starting off the month on October 1st, was the DeMolay State Master Councilors Reception, we were honored to attend the reception for Brother Eric Zervos as he begins his 2nd Term as State Master Councilor. The very next day, we drove down to Adrian for our annual Barn Dance. There was dancing, eating lots of good food, and of course, going on the hayride through the pumpkin fields. Our thanks to Mother Caroline Ambrose for welcoming us to her home. From Adrian we went over to Muskegon for the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session. Grand Worthy Advisor, Katherine, represented Michigan Rainbow with grace and dignity. Then from Grand Chapter, we came back down to Livonia for our statewide initiation where Violet from Wayne joined Michigan Rainbow. It was a good day and a good day to be back together again. The following day, October 23rd, found Grand Worthy Advisor, Katherine, and State Master Council, Eric, along with their adults at the Grand York Rite Reception in Lansing. It was a delicious dinner, and we were glad to be back again with the men of our sponsoring Orders.



November looks like it should be a little quieter. We have the OES Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Reception and then the Grand Cross Investiture on November 12th. The Michigan Rainbow will take a little time off to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. And, of course, then to get ready for Christmas.

Fraternally,
Maureen Riley,
Supreme Nature and Supreme Inspector





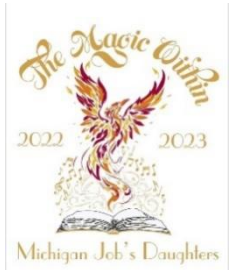
**Michigan Job's Daughters
The Magic Within 2022-2023**

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First Exemplification of the Year

On September 24, 2022, we had our first Exemplification where we celebrated 100 years of Job's Daughters in Michigan! This first of 3 "Legacy" Exemplifications was held in Menominee. Hannah Steenhagen, GBHQ, Mom Dana and Dad Dale held a celebration honoring of the past Grands from the Upper Peninsula. We celebrated by remembering their songs and each past Grand placed a token in a vase representing their tokens of wisdom instilled into Michigan Job's Daughters. Over the next two months all our past Grands will be honored.

Then we had our Jobie-to bee-ceremony where our "bees" (future jobs daughters) got to be in the spotlight. Three "bees" participated, the daughter of our Grand Inner Guard, the granddaughter of our Grand Guardian and our smallest one (weeks old), the daughter of a Menominee Bethel Majority Member!

Finally, the Grand Bethel did a wonderful job with their ritual work and initiated two new members! After a celebration dinner we all went to the movies where we had our own theater to watch Hocus Pocus. Everyone was tired the next day after the sleepover in the Menominee temple and were ready to travel home.
- Grand Bethel Senior Princess Beth Nocerini.



GB Sr. Princess at DeMolay State Master Councilor's Reception

On October 1, 2022, Beth Nocerini, Grand Bethel Sr. Princess attended the reception of DeMolay State Master Councilor, Eric Zervos. This was a wonderful evening of fellowship between our youth leaders, and we learned that Eric is a fan of Star Wars.



Official Visits

This month official visits by Mom Dana, Dad Dale and GBHQ Hannah were held at Bethel #33 Clio and Bethel # 52 St. Clair Shores. The Grand Family Team were surprised in Clio because each Bethel member and council member dressed as one of them! We can tell you it became very confusing as everyone was called by their doppelganger's name! Then it was a sad but festive Halloween official visit at St. Clair Shores. The night of this visit and Halloween party was bittersweet. It was the last night Bethel #52 St. Clair Shores will be meeting in this temple. It was the end of 48 years at this temple, their new home will be at the Roseville Masonic Center.



Grand Chapter of the OES

We counted "The Beauty of God's Blessings" as we celebrated the Torpey-O'Connell Grand Family as we went down the "Rabbit Hole" at their Monday Night Madness Banquet and ended the week celebrating the Koshowsky-Snodgrass installation. There are many members of Michigan Job's Daughters in these Grand Families, and we are proud that all the Masonic organizations support each other. Let us all continue to strengthen our membership through family.

Grand York Rite Reception

What a beautiful day it was to celebrate the leaders of the York Rite: MEGHP Donald Mayville of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan; MIGM Robert Cooper of the Grand Council Royal & Select Masons of Michigan and REGC Daniel Stewart of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan. A delicious meal was shared, stories were told, and fellowship given. Thank you to these three organizations for their continued support.



Upcoming Dates to mark on your calendars:

November 18th - BUNCO - Rockford Masonic Center

November 19th - Santa Parade in Grand Rapids

December 3rd - Exemp. and OES Holiday Celebration in Alma

Please try and attend any events in your area and check on your local Bethel's activities.

They love to have visitors and share what they have planned for their term.

Fraternally,
Dana Burtrum, PHQ – Grand Guardian



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

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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		