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Dear Companions and Everyone:

Is it my imagination or did this last month just fly by? The leaf peeping was awesome this Fall season. It seemed to go by us quickly. Yesterday, I saw snowflakes in the air. It is a good thing I know where my snow boots are. I just might need them in a couple of weeks!

Our Grand Scribe, REC Dave Montgomery will have the Educational Seminar in Mio's Masonic Center this month on the 4<sup>th</sup>. That is on a Saturday, but REC Dave will start at 10 am and adjourn probably around noonish. I have a sneaking suspicion that he is also a sports fan too.

Please don't think I am teasing our Grand Secretary Don. It's just close to dinner time and I am having the open-faced turkey sandwich with gravy. The turkey on the bottom of the page looks tasty.

Thank you to our article writers and we also have a flyer for a celebration dinner for two very deserving companions. Please help give these companions the recognition they so deserve. Congratulations companions!

Fraternally,  
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Greetings Companions,

Nancy and I recently attended the Grand Chapter of Ohio. While we were at their Grand Banquet, there was one of the Ohio Grand Chapter officers seated at our table. He explained to us that he was awaiting a phone call from his family. His daughter was on the transplant list awaiting a new kidney. This was going to be the second transplant attempt for his daughter.

During the evening, he did receive the call. He left that night to be with his daughter and family.

We do wish his daughter well as she undergoes this surgery and begins her recovery. Our thoughts are also with her father and the rest of her family as they support her recovery.

Fraternally,

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## *Secretaries Scribbles*

I can't believe that it is November already, I realize that I didn't have what you could call a great summer, but it seems like it was nonexistent. Fall went by in the blink of an eye. The bad part is there are only fifty-four shopping days until Christmas. The years just seem to go by quicker as we get older.

November is going to start with the Education Seminar being held at the Mio Masonic Temple on November fourth at 10:00 AM. The session as always will have good information coming out. This is always a good time to have all your questions answered. November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day, a day to thank all who have served our country and remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Remember to thank a veteran. I know there are other activities that are going on around the state, but we are not using the calendar on the database and the website to our advantage. The two calendars are linked to each other. The calendars can and should be used by all the York Rite Bodies and they are color coded for each body, if there are two bodies using the same date, they are color coded for each. The Thanksgiving holiday weekend will be a busy weekend for all the bodies, each having different events. We can only try to make it easier for all the bodies, but we need the help of the secretaries to put the information in the calendars. There are also place holders for flyers if you need the space.

The next thing is the Lodge Masters Pins will be in the Secretaries hands by the first week of November. I sent out an email requesting input for the distribution of the pins. All the information has been put in and the changes have been made. We have currently forty-two Royal Arch Chapters in the state along with two hundred and fifty-five lodges. In theory that says each chapter should be presenting six pins. That is not so. As the large portion of the chapters are in the southern portion of the state. Currently, the chapter with the most pins to present is 13 and the least is 1. I haven't found a solution to this spread yet, but I am working on it. When we consolidate chapters, it is going to become much worse. My wish is to expand our chapters as we move forward except if we can help exploring locations north of highway M-57 is wide open. Finding new members in these area lodges would be great and that we can help with.

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Greetings Companions:

Tempus Fugit, or Time Flies, seems to hold more meaning the older one gets. I remember standing in the Northeast corner of the Lodge as an Entered Apprentice like it was last week. Where does the time go? Time is the most precious things on Earth because it's the only thing you can't get more of. You can make more money, or get a bigger house, or a nicer car, but you can't get more time! Has our time been well spent on this Earth? Have we lived up to our maximum potential? Is mankind better off or worse since I have lived on this planet?

Membership has been spoken of in many masonic bodies. While dispersing light and information is our duty as Royal Arch Masons, is your Chapter someone would want to belong? Is your Chapter doing the best they can to be productive? Ensure your Chapter has a ritual program to help members learn ritual. Ensure your Chapter has an education program to provide further light in Masonry. Ensure your Chapter has a degree team to be able to put on a degree. There are many York Rite bodies that are recognized as outstanding in their degree work. Hooker Chapter #38 is one of the best at the Most Excellent Master degree, Durand Council has a great Select Master degree, Detroit Commandry has a great Order of the Temple. What can your Chapter do?

There are many days that are hard for me since my father passed earlier this year, and I am so glad that I have my friends and brothers in Masonry who I can be with. I think of my father often looking down on me, and I hope he will be satisfied with the man I hope to be one day. Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Your servant,  
Tom

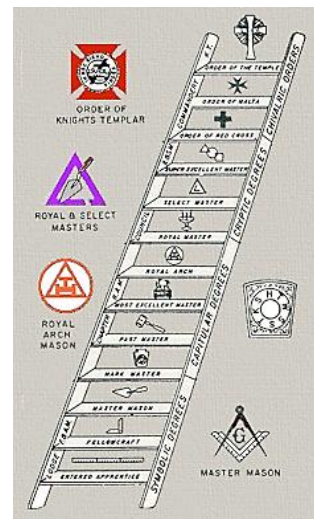
Greetings Companions:

It's hard to believe it's November already. I will be having my Educational Seminar meeting in Mio, on the 4th of November. The meeting will start at 10:00am and last until? I'm not very long winded so it may be short.

I'm sad to report that the DDI for District #5, Companion Damon Garascia passed on October 12. He was only 57 and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

November and December are busy months for the Blue Lodges, with the election and installation of officers. Let's get out with our red coats for pin presentations and other events and promote the York Rite. We need growth and participation in our Chapters.

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Greetings Companions:

Fall has officially set in. The Colors are now at 50% peak. Please remember to visit our Apple Orchards for your Hot cider and donuts. The Apple harvest was truly incredible this year. Archery Deer season opened on October 1st. Firearm Deer season opens November 15th. There is no better place to practice your Ritual than in the comfort and solitude of a Deer Blind. Thanksgiving is at the end of November as always and I hope you all have plans with friends and family.

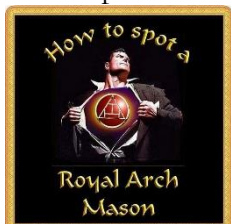
Ohio Grand Session was held in Columbus Ohio on October 4th. MEGHP Helm and I represented Michigan Grand Chapter. We were received well and in accordance with the regular customs and Courtesies.

Iosco 83 and Sunrise 74 are hosting a Chapter Unity Day in Lewiston in December. We invited some of the best and brightest Blue Lodge Members out of District 6 in hopes to promote Chapter Interest and Involvement.

Many of you have attended the Leadership Seminars within the State. We Thank the MWGM for attending ours in Alpena. He gives Royal Arch Masonry his full Support. Remember to incorporate what was discussed into your Lodges and Chapters.

Have a Happy Halloween and a Thankful Thanksgiving with your Family and Friends.

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



Greetings Companions All:

By the time you read this the “Fall Season” will have well set in. Nights are quite cool, and the rainy season begins. For the woodsmen and deer hunters, the Bucks in the Eastern Lower Michigan, in my area are rutting. Good luck to our hunters this hunting season. Wear that hunter’s orange for safety. Even that doesn’t assure safe travels to and from our favorite deer blind, but it does help. Pace yourself to and from the woods as our hearts are perhaps not as young as once were.

Since Grand Session in August 2023, I have been very busy visiting numerous Chapters. Some Chapter struggle for members in attendance more than others. The Chapters, all in all, are trying. I would say they are doing the best they can, but more Chapter members are needed. Remember it is not always what your Chapter can do for you, but what you can do for your Chapter (attend monthly meetings). I think I may have stolen that from some movie!!!!

Fraternally,  
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Grand Royal Arch Captain





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**Have a happy, healthy month!**

**This month's holidays are as follows:  
 Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, opening day  
 of firearm deer hunting is November 15<sup>th</sup>,  
 and Thanksgiving Day is November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Greetings Companions,

**15 OCTOBER 2023**

**NOVEMBER 2023 TRIPLE TAU**

0 Schools of Instruction were reported. 0% completion rate.

0 Inspections were reported. 0% completion rate.

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

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

Total mileage traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of October 15, 2023, is 3,178 miles.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Executive Director of District Deputy Instructors  
 Grand Chapter of Michigan Royal Arch Masons

\* Note:

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



**Remembering Veteran's Day**

From Bing search engine

**Veterans Day**, in the United States, a national holiday (November 11) honoring veterans of the armed forces and those killed in the country's wars. The observance originated in 1919 on the first anniversary of the 1918 armistice that ended World War I and was known as Armistice Day. It was commemorated in 1921 with the burial of an unknown soldier from World War I at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Other countries that had lost soldiers in the conflict, such as Italy and Portugal, conducted similar ceremonies that year. The previous year, unknown soldiers had been interred at Westminster Abbey in London, England, and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, France.

November 11 became an official national holiday in the United States in 1938. In 1954 the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor those who had served in all U.S. wars. Ceremonies are held each year at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and floral tributes are placed on the graves of service men and women and at memorials throughout the country. Naturalization ceremonies have come to be an important part of the day's activities.

In Britain, Canada, Australia, and France November 11 is observed in honor of the veterans of World Wars I and II. In Britain the second Sunday of November is observed as Remembrance Sunday, and in Canada November 11 is observed as Remembrance Day. In Britain and the Commonwealth countries and in countries of Europe, it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11:00 AM on November 11, the time and date of the World War I armistice in 1918.

Fraternally,  
 Jane Todd, Editor



Hooker Chapter No. 38, & Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7  
Royal Arch Masons of Michigan  
Celebration Dinner

In Honor OF

**Kenneth J. Simons Jr, PHP**

**Bronze Award from General Grand Chapter**

And

**Companion Leroy Hernandez**

**Meritorious Service Award**

**Saturday, November 25, 2023**

Grand Rapids Masonic Center

4<sup>th</sup> Floor Dining Rooms

5:00 PM-Refreshments

5:30 PM-Dinner

\$25.00 Per Person

Ladies and Guests Are Invited

**RSVP-Required By November 18, 2023**

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