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Dear Companions:

What a wonderful bunch of people I get to work with! This issue is full of thought provoking and creative ideas for all of our Masonic Brothers. Even if you are not a Mason, you will get something out of this issue. The article writers have hit this one out of the ballpark! Thank you all!!! Yes, even those of you who were a little late.

Thanksgiving and the Christmas season has hit Masonic Pathways. There are all sorts of decorations and projects being put together for the big day! Am I ready for Christmas? No, I still have a few items to get and wrap. Hiding them from the people they are for is another problem. The Job's Daughters are going to be here at Masonic Pathways on December 15<sup>th</sup> to help with the church service. On December 15<sup>th</sup> the Job's Daughters are having a Christmas party with the residence here at the Masonic Pathways. The Grand Commandry, Knight Templar of Michigan will be here to act as honor guard for Pastor Steve Swem and visit with the residence at Masonic Pathways on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Church service is held at the Doig Chapel at 10:00 am every Sunday. The Grand Chapter OES will be at Masonic Pathways on December 4<sup>th</sup>, to have the Christmas visit with the residence. They will also be at Masonic Pathways on December 15<sup>th</sup> to help with the Job's Christmas party for the residence.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving Day and a Merry Christmas too! Please remember our soldiers deployed all over the globe and those less fortunate than ourselves.

Fraternally,  
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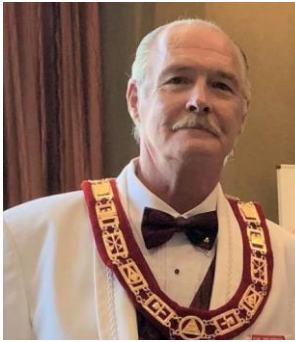


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## Companions All:

This poem says it all. I hope you enjoy it as I did.

“ ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas”

by Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt.

‘Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,  
in a one-bedroom house made of plaster and stone.  
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,  
and to see just who in this house did live.  
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,  
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,  
and on the wall pictures of far distant lands.  
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,  
a sobering thought came to mind.  
For this house was different, so dark and dreary,  
the home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,  
curled up on the floor in this one-bedroom home.  
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,  
not how I pictured a United States soldier.  
Was this the hero of whom I’d just read?  
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,  
owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.  
Soon round the world, the children would play,  
and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.  
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,  
because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn’t help wonder how many lay alone,  
on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.  
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.  
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,  
“Santa don’t cry, this life is my choice;”

“I fight for freedom, I don’t ask for more,  
my life is my God, my country, my corps.”  
The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep,  
I couldn’t control it, I continued to weep.  
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,  
and we both shivered from the cold evening’s chill.

I didn’t want to leave on that cold, dark, night,  
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.  
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,  
whispered, “Carry on Santa, it’s Christmas day, all is secure.”

One look at my watch and I knew he was right.  
“Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night.”

Have a great holiday!!

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I know I say this every month, but where has the time gone. The month of November seems to have passed in warp speed. The time between the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and Thanksgiving did not seem like 28 days. Must have just been me! If that is the case Christmas is going to be here tomorrow and I have not started to shop yet. I just do not rush into things like that.

December will be a busy month, with Lodge installation, Council installations and Christmas gatherings. Christmas and New Years are the social events of the year, it is the most important time of the year to be with family. We spend the better part of the year away from them, so at this time of the year, they deserve all of the attention we can heap upon them.

January will be just as busy as December was, starting with the planned Education Seminar on Sunday, January 5, 2020 from 10 AM until 3 PM or longer if needed. This will be held at the Doig Conference Center. I know that there will be Chapter degrees but as yet I have not been informed of any. If your Chapter is planning a degree contact me and I will send the information to the rest of our Chapters.

February is going to be fun, with the Council day being planned for the first weekend to be held in Auburn Hills hosted by Pontiac No 3. The degrees will start at 1300 (1:00 PM). Next on the list is the George Washington Celebration being held in Caro on February 22. For many, we start on the 21<sup>st</sup> with an impromptu dinner at Big Boys and the hospitality suite back at Woody's. Saturday there is a Grand Chapter meeting for the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and the DDI's starting about 8:30 and ending at 1:00 PM, followed by a Foundation meeting. Caro Chapter then hosts a George Washington Dinner, after which of course is the hospitality room. The next weekend, the 29<sup>th</sup>, is the Tri-state being held in Michigan Center which starts at 8:00 AM.

March Starts with a seven- degree day the first Saturday in Grand Rapids, hosted by Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7, start time 0800. The next weekend puts us in Ft. Wayne, IN. for the General Grand Chapter East Central conference. The location is Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, 1020 South Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802. For more information check our web site for the flyer. This takes us to the middle of March and at this time I have not received information on anything else. Once again, if your Chapter is planning degrees contact me. I will put it on the web and send the information to all of the Chapter secretaries. Remember, help is just a keystroke away.

Sherry and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year. Remember our troops and first responders especially on Christmas Day and New Year as some will be working or deployed and not have the comforts you are enjoying.

Donald and Sherry





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Greetings Companions,

Well, I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving, spending time with the family and enjoying everyone's company. We had a nice meal and spent time chatting and sharing memories. Looks like we will be having turkey salad sandwiches for a while here at the Ames house.

Lodge and Council elections should have all been done, and the new officers installed soon. Best wishes to all those that took an office in their Lodge or Council or both.

December is here and with it the holiday season. Let's try to carry that good fellowship for others all through the year, and not just during the Holidays. Remember the less fortunate this holiday season and do what you can to brighten their day and lighten their hearts.

Remember that the best present you can give your family and friends this time of the year, or any other time, is of yourself. Play games, tell stories of past holidays spent with those who are no longer with us. Make new memories for the rest of the family to carry with them for the rest of their lives.

In closing I and Lady Judi would like to wish, the most wonderful holiday season to you and all your families and am looking forward to spending time with you in the months and the events to come.

As always, God speed, and God bless.

REC John A. Ames, Grand King



Dear Companions:

Happy Holiday to all the Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights. From your Grand Scribe.

This month will be installing New Master of their Lodges and Thrice Illustrious Masters of the Council. Make sure the master pin is presented to the incoming Master of the Blue Lodge.

Now is the time to find a companion for the MSA and Bronze Award, forms are available on the Grand Chapter web site.

Fraternally,  
REC Eldon Miller, Grand Scribe



### **Seminar Reminder!**

The Grand Scribe's Educational Seminar will be on Sunday, January 5, 2020, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., at Masonic Pathways in Alma. A luncheon will be served.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest Carl John Peterson encourages all who can attend to do so!

Fraternally,  
Comp. Lou Scott, Executive Director of DDI's



"Hold onto that Date"

REC Don Mayville, G.P.S. and Comp.Randy Galbraith

York Rite Golf Outing in Gladwin

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020



Greetings Companions,

I was asked at the York Rite Golf Outing in Gladwin last July if I would help out with the fundraiser by chairing the "July 19, 2020, Golf Outing in Gladwin". I replied to the Grand High Priest Carl Peterson that I'm not sure how good I would do, but I believe that all the money raised after the expenses that are then equally divided between the three York Rite bodies is a great thing.

I have to believe that all of the Companions whether they are golfers or not would have to agree, that any money raised from any fundraisers that the York Rite sponsors is a good thing because the money is donated to many different causes.

Therefore, I'm sending this letter to all the Royal Arch Chapter's Secretaries asking them to please read it as a communication letter to the membership at their upcoming regular Chapter meeting.

I know that the more money we raise means the more money we can donate, which is a good thing. I also know not everyone is a golfer, but I'm sure everyone knows someone that does. So, I'd ask that during your day to day life's if you would take the time to ask your friends or family members that do golf, to ask around for donations large or small between now and the Golf Outing on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Some things that you can be looking for as donations (but not limited to golf) are things like Golf Balls, Clubs, Towels, Socks, Hats (with the courses logos), or Golfing supplies, Certificates for Rounds of Golf, Gift Cards for anything, etc.

Chapters, if you have not already, don't forget to help by Sponsoring a golf hole (signs with your Chapter's Name placed at different tee boxes) on the Golf Course that's displayed during the outing.

To make this even better if your Chapter doesn't participate already, your Chapter can put a foursome together and enjoy the fellowship, the Golf, along with a great meal. Not being a Golfer is not an excuse, because not everyone there golfs, but they do enjoy the fellowship.

One last thing, Christmas is coming soon, if you're like me (a golfer), I always seem to get things that I know I will never use, and I end up giving it to someone else. So, if you golf and receive something (new) for Christmas or from a past holiday gift that you know that you either already have or know you'll never use, consider donating it to the outing. I'm sure someone will use it and appreciate it.

In closing, I'm sure either your DDI or any Grand Officer would be happy to pick up the donated items if you're not planning on participating in this fundraiser. Also, don't forget that on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> is the Annual York Rite Family Picnic in Gladwin, everyone is invited to join in and bring the family. (a flyer will be coming out before the event)

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Dear Companions:

What is Christmas truly about? It may be a surprise, but Christmas is a very difficult time for some people. The people in our lives or the ones that are brought into our lives have life impacts that we may not know of. It could be an issue that occurred way before they were even a part of our lives. We all must remember the reason for the season, Keeping Christ in Christmas means listen to his voice and respond in the way he leads.

The pressure to buy gifts; the fast pace on the roads and in stores; the commercials; the music, the constant advertising in stores, on radio, on social media, and on television can be so stressful and overwhelming. It is important that we are respectful. Not everyone can afford to buy gifts and it can cause them to become depressed and to withdraw. This is the time when we reach out in prayer and seek the gift of intervention from our Lord and Savior, "Hear thee ye child of God". God gives his guidance in *Isaiah 51 VS 1-4*  
*"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are dug. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah, that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places, and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people."*

My fellows this Christmas take a step back, reach out to your friends and family and ask how they are feeling about this holiday season. If they seem stressed or comment about money, maybe ask them if they'd rather not exchange gifts this year and instead just spend time together.

Christmas does not have to be about spending money, buying and exchanging gifts. It can be about spending time together, giving hugs, sending greetings and well-wishes and having a nice meal together. Let's work together to take a bit of that stress away.

My Fraters from Lady Christy and I, we wish for you the Merriest of Christmas blessings this year and for many to come. God brings his voice to your hearts, his blessings upon you and yours and his love to all.

Fraternally,

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## Michigan DeMolay

The Christmas Season is approaching, and Michigan DeMolay wants to wish a happy and safe Holiday Season on all the Companions and their families. We also wish a safe and happy Holiday Season on the entire Masonic family. Michigan DeMolay has been busy and will continue to be busy through the end of the year. On November 9, 2019, the DeMolay State Master Councilor and his elected Officer, together with the State Sweetheart and Mon Tammy D'Aguanno attend the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons at the Bay City Scottish Rite Masonic Center. The Grand Masters Honoring Day was held honoring Most Worshipful Grand Master Mark Manning Honoree Legion of Honor at Clio Masonic Temple State Chapter was opened by the State Officers, and the Investiture of for the Degree of Chevalier, Cross of Honor and Legion of Honor was held on November 16, 2019 at the Clio Masonic Center and seven new Legionnaires were created. The event was well attended, and both Michigan State Chapter and the Legionnaires of Michigan performed wonderful ritual work.



**MWGM Mark Manning address the DeMolays and his Honoring Day**



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**Our newest Legionnaires in Michigan DeMolay**

**Michigan DeMolay thanks all our Veterans for their service as they live our seventh precept of Patriotism.**



At this time, there are several new candidates that are scheduled to become new DeMolay, and we hope that there will be more. Michigan DeMolay is on the move with membership, and by the end of the year, we could have initiated over 12 new members. 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. Michigan DeMolays are preparing to attend the Installation of their local sponsoring bodies in the Month of December. Please try to attend any of the local DeMolay Chapter meetings 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**

November 23 found us celebrating Dad's Day. I know Father's Day is in June, but Rainbow is a little busy in June, so we celebrate it in a different month. About 130 people joined us at the Berkley Masonic Temple. The men (Dad's) planned the entire day, they make the reservations, plan the decorations, decide on the meal, prepare and serve the meal along with the setup and the clean up of the dining room and washing the dishes. The women handle the Assembly Room for that day, but we let the men handle the rest.

We were fortunate to initiate four new young ladies and pictured with Grand Worthy Advisor, Krissy, are Lea, Elisabeth, Zhanna, and Keziah. These young ladies, along with our new sisters in October, makes seven new girls for Michigan Rainbow. Hopefully, we will see an increase in positive growth for Rainbow in 2019. Our Grand Officers, who exemplified the degrees, were marvelous! Three officers were word perfect with their Ritual presentation while nine others received honorable mention. I was so very proud of each and every one of the works that they presented. Worthy Grand Matron and Patron, Dawn Talbot and John Groves, both complimented the girls on their Ritual presentation.





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The second picture shows Rainbow State Dad, Robert Otte, along with his girls – the Michigan Rainbow Grand Family. The other 15 State Dads who helped on this day were still cleaning up but Dad Otte enjoyed the opportunity to have his picture taken with his girls. We are so very lucky to have the help of not only our State Dads but of so many of the Masons here in Michigan. We would love to have you join us and to get to know the girls and spend some time with them. The girls love their Dads!

The holidays are coming, and we will be celebrating Christmas with our Eastern Star counterparts on December 8. It should be a lot of fun, good food, and, of course, Santa. We wish for you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Fraternally,  
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Hello from Michigan Job's Daughters!

As we head into the holiday season, we take time to reflect on how we can spread Kindness and give to others who are in need, may not have a family to visit them, or who are far from home. Please take the time to write a card to a military service-member, donate food to a pantry or shelter, or to visit a home for the elderly. We are offering an opportunity for our family to give to our own Shriner's Children's hospitals, by donating blankets, afghans, or fleece to make them. Michigan Job's Daughters will collect the blankets and deliver them to the Shriner's Children's Hospital. All you need to do is to reach out to me and let me know that you have some to donate. They can be fleece, or knitted, or crocheted! The children who have to stay in these hospitals receive the gift of a handmade blanket to use for their comfort and security during their stay at the hospital, and they are able to take their blanket home with them when the time comes. Please email or text me if you would like to donate: 715-938-6653 or [terri.c.brower@gmail.com](mailto:terri.c.brower@gmail.com).

Since our last article, Michigan Job's Daughters has been very busy! The first weekend in November we held our annual Leadership weekend, where we learned about empowered women in history and had a visit from some professional story spinners who taught us how to tell a story that is exciting and engaging. We also had some fun along the way, playing some games like "what not to wear" and "Jobie Jeopardy". We also completed a "Pay It Forward" project, assembling 150+ blessing bags for the homeless!



The next weekend, we had the extreme honor to attend the reception honoring the OES Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Dawn Talbot and John Groves. Our Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Miss MaKeelie was given an opportunity to give remarks on behalf of our organization, and I hear that she knocked it out of the park!



The weekend before Thanksgiving, we held a Bunco Fundraiser, with the help of OES Chapter 215 in Rockford. It was a great turnout, and there were awesome prizes. A great time was had by daughters and adults alike!



The next morning, we all headed to downtown Grand Rapids, to participate in the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Rapids Santa Parade. Thousands of people lined the parade route to catch a glimpse of Santa and his reindeer, in the kickoff of the holiday season, and Michigan Job's Daughters were very excited to participate in the parade for our third year. We passed out candy to the kids and shared our Masonic pride and enthusiasm with the residents of Grand Rapids who braved the cold!



Later that same day, our Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Miss MaKeelie, had the distinct honor to be invited by Most Worshipful Grand Master Mark Manning, to attend the wreath-laying ceremony at the Gerald R Ford Presidential Museum, along with the Grand Lodges of Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana.



Michigan Job's Daughters wishes ALL of our Masonic family a safe and happy holiday season, and we hope to see you at our upcoming events: A Grand Bethel exemplification at the Alma Masonic Temple on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and our Christmas Program at Masonic Pathways on December 15<sup>th</sup>!

Respectfully Submitted,  
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