



Michigan Triple Tau *Official Publication of the* *Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons* **DECEMBER 2022**

Dear Companions and Everyone:

Where did November go? It was nice that we had a little snow to track the white-tailed deer last month, but the weather just could not make up its mind. Christmas is in full swing here at Masonic Pathways. There are decorations and Christmas trees all over the place. Glitter everywhere and you get to wear some for at least 3 days per exposure. Are you glad you don't have to keep the floors clean? Our environmental services and housekeeping do a phenomenal job. Unfortunately, now it is a losing battle.

We do have some missing articles due to illness and the holiday season. They will be back to report to us again next year! Thank you all for your support of this Triple Tau magazine. I could not do this without the help of my Brothers and Sisters. Merry Christmas to all and have a safe and healthy New Year!

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

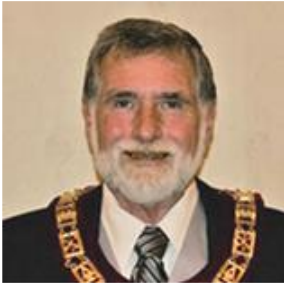


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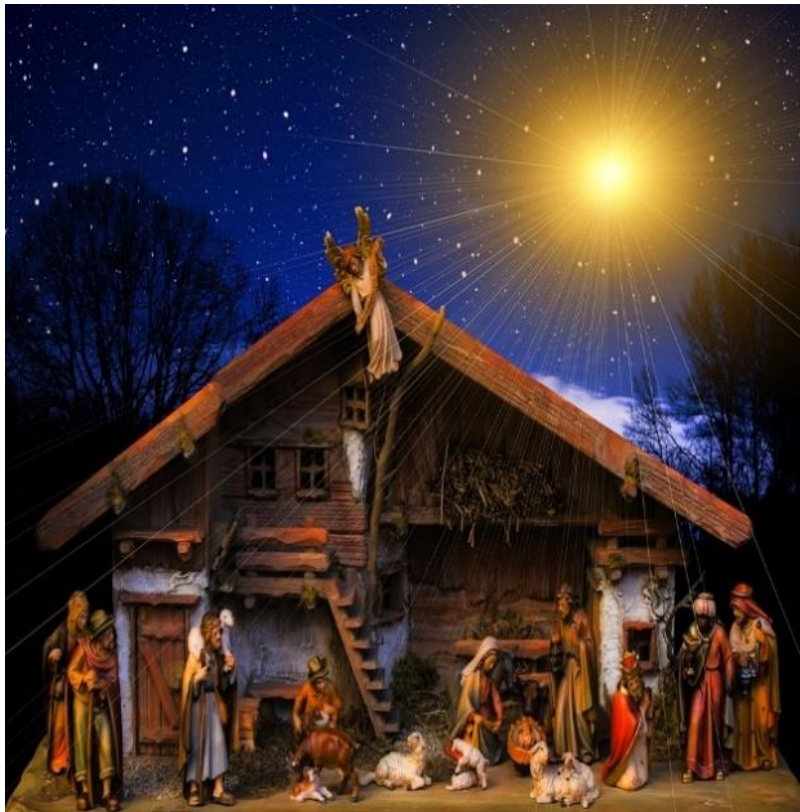
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Greetings Companion's:

On our behalf, we send get well wishes to our Grand High Priest Don Mayville. Being ill at this time of year is the pits. It's even worse when it is a long, drawn – out thing. You are missed these days. There will be better days ahead!

Fraternally,
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Scribbles of the Secretary



Thirty-one days till new year, which means three hundred and thirty-four days since the last one. Where has the year gone? We have exalted several Companions throughout the State with all degree days along with Chapters doing the degrees on their own. We still have twenty-one Candidates in the wings to receive their degrees. Since the holidays are upon us, it will be next year (31days) till they proceed. I have always been a fan of receiving new members into our fold and I am a bigger fan, if ensuring, that we have something to offer them when they arrive. The Rites, whether York or Scottish, have something for everyone. How we present it is key. What we have lost over the years is the fun and enjoyment of our meetings. I did not have a slip of tongue, our Chapters used to be fun to attend. I do not want to say that Covid was the fault for our demise, but it did not do us any favors either. Time to get off the soap box.

This year has given us a lot to make the job of our secretaries much easier. We have moved into a database that is user friendly not only to the Secretaries but also the membership. We keep trying to get more information needed into it, while making it easier to work with. We have tried to make answering questions for you as easy as we can. One of us will usually answer in truly little time if it is in normal business hours. We monitor the question box regularly during the day. When and if you need more help, we will travel to the location to give you more help, usually we can do this with a phone call also.

'Tis the season to be jolly, we will be visiting with relatives and friends throughout the month along with Lodge installations. We will visit and see friends and relatives that we visit only once a year. Somehow, we managed to make it much more complicated over the course of time, when in fact with all the inventions it should have been easier. This time of year, I sometimes wish that I were a kid again, with visions of sugar plums dancing through my head. You just had to hope that Santa did not know all the things you may have done the past year, still having the fear of receiving that clump of coal in your stocking.

Sherry and I would like to wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Greetings Companions:

With this season's appearance of snow, we are reminded of a couple of upcoming events. They are the Installation of Lodge officer and the holidays.

By now your Chapter should have received their Masters Pins. While it is suggested that these pins be presented at the Lodge's Installation, this may not always be possible. In that case, consider the Lodge's Regular Communication.

Also, remember that Companions other than the High Priest may make these presentations.

While we may not wear our Royal Arch paraphernalia to make the presentations, we can certainly wear our red coats with a Lodge Past Master apron.

I do want to wish every Companion and their families a very merry and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Brent A. Helm, Grand King



Hello Companions from snow-deluged Western Michigan. We received over 12 inches of snow in the last 2 days, projecting another 7 inches tonight, and it has no sign of stopping. Winter is certainly here!

We are taught that "truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue." How important is truth to you? What does truth mean to you? What is the intrinsic value in Royal Arch Masonry and in Symbolic Masonry. Here are some of my thoughts on truth:

Truth can be a double-edged sword. Many individuals want to hear *some* of the truth, but not all of it. Some individuals want the truth only when it suits them or fits their needs. We as Masons are charged with telling the **entire** truth to ALL brothers wherever so dispersed. The truth is not used to ridicule or dismiss another person, but to admonish our Brother that we can all grow and learn together in knowledge, in spirit, and in truth.

I hope you all have a wicked awesome Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas! Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Fraternally,
Tom & Loki





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Winter has come to the North.

Let us welcome the cold air and snow as we dig in, and prepare ourselves for the change of seasons and what that brings. With shorter days and longer nights, we can focus on our hobbies, pastimes, and traditions.

Personally, hunting and fishing have been a focal point in my life, and one of my favorite past times. The time spent outdoors affords us an opportunity to see the beauty of nature that the creator has blessed us with. It allows us time to reflect on our family, their future, and the years past. I was blessed to have children who share my love for the outdoors, and the memories we created together as a family unit are everlasting.

The Holiday season gives us an equal opportunity to bond and cement family traditions.

The joy in children's eyes on Christmas morning is a sight to behold.

In my opinion, the best gifts are not wrapped, they are bestowed. Our knowledge and skills are the most valuable asset we possess.

Therefore, we must work diligently to pass on our traditions, skills, and knowledge to the younger generations, so they in turn can do the same with their children. This investment will build character in the years to come for both the student and the teacher.

Happy Holidays from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan,

Fraternally yours,
Harold R Staley, Grand Royal Arch Captain



The Report For-

DECEMBER 2022 TRIPLE TAU

7 Schools of Instruction were reported. 15.9% completion rate.

0 Inspections were reported. 0% completion rate.

0 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received.

0% completion rate.

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

1. 10/25/22 Chapter GG found in violation of Section 223, A, "Quorum" of the Red Book of Capitular Law regarding a School of Instruction.
2. 11/05/22 Chapter F found in violation of Section 202, A, "Allegiance" of the Red Book of Capitular Law for failing to attend a School of Instruction.
3. 11/05/22 Chapter K found in violation of Section 223, A, "Quorum" of the Red Book of Capitular Law regarding a School of Instruction.
4. 11/05/22 Chapter L found in violation of Section 202, A, "Allegiance" of the Red Book of Capitular Law for failing to attend a School of Instruction.
5. 11/05/22 Chapter R found in violation of Section 202, A, "Allegiance" of the Red Book of Capitular Law for failing to attend a School of Instruction.
6. 11/05/22 Chapter OO found in violation of Section 202, A, "Allegiance" of the Red Book of Capitular Law for failing to attend a School of Instruction.

Total mileage traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of November 15, 2022, is 7,868 miles.

Respectfully submitted,
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A Friend's Greeting

by

Edgar Guest

Greetings Companions:

We are well into the holiday season with Thanksgiving behind us. As we get ready for the Christmas and New Year's celebration remember to keep those that are less fortunate in your giving and prayers. In all our degrees and orders, we are instructed in Charitable giving. As Masons, this should be part of our daily lives. If you don't already participate in this, start this year.

In December, blue lodges have their installation of new officers. Royal Arch Masons show up and support our Companions that are presenting Masters pins. Dress in your red coat and promote our Royal Arch Grand Chapter is offering funding for a dinner and program to increase membership and participation.

Grand Chapter is sponsoring a ritual competition. This year's competition will be on the Mark Master Degree. Let your DDI or Grand Officer know if your Chapter plans on participating by January 1st.

I would also like to pass along an event happening on July 8th, 2023 in Traverse City. It is for the National Cherry Festival Parade. It's open to all Masons and their families. We will meet at Traverse City Masonic Lodge between 8:30-9:00 am. The address is 13360 West Bay Shore Road, Traverse City Michigan. I hope to see you there.

Fraternally,
 Dave Montgomery, REGCOH



*I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me;
 I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be;
 I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day
 As you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way.*

*I'd like to do the big things and the splendid things for you,
 To brush the gray out of your skies and leave them only blue;
 I'd like to say the kindly things that I so oft have heard,
 And feel that I could rouse your soul the way that mine you've stirred.*

*I'd like to give back the joy that you have given me,
 Yet that were wishing you a need I hope will never be;
 I'd like to make you feel as rich as I, who travel on
 Undaunted in the darkest hours with you to lean upon.*

*I'm wishing at this Christmas time that I could but repay
 A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along the way;
 And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be:
 I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.*





Michigan Rainbow



Greetings from Michigan Rainbow:

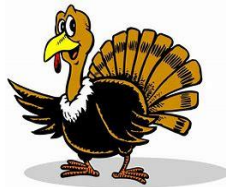


November 12th found us at the Howell Masonic Temple for our annual Grand Cross Investiture. Grand Cross is the highest honor that can be awarded a member or an adult of one of our sponsoring orders. It is awarded for service above and beyond what is required. Each Assembly is allowed to award one girl and one adult award for each of three new initiates during the year. This year the award was given to two members of Rainbow and 3 adults. One of the adults awarded this year was **Sherman Parker**.

On December 3rd several members of Michigan Rainbow are traveling across the river to join our Canadian Rainbow sisters for an initiation and then a Candyland Game Quest. It will be fun to see our Canadian sisters.

A week after that, on December 11th, Michigan Rainbow will celebrate the Grand Family Christmas Party and wish each other a Merry Trekmas as we continue to use Star Trek as our theme.

We hope that your Thanksgiving Day and weekend are full of good food, good family, and grateful for many blessings.



Thankfully,

Maureen Riley,
Supreme Nature and Supreme Inspector





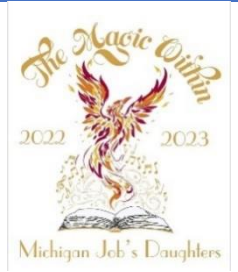
**Michigan Job's Daughters
The Magic Within 2022-2023**

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Worthy Grand Matron's & Worthy Grand Patron's Reception

To Livonia to honor Mom Linda Koshowsky, Past Grand Guardian and Worthy Grand Matron, along with Mr. Theodore Snodgrass, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan. It was a beautiful afternoon with a strong attendance, delicious food, talented entertainment, and amazing fellowship. The Chapters that hosted this event had put a great deal of thought and care into the event and it showed. We are happy to have been a part of this event for these very special people. Thank you, Mom Koshowsky and Mr. Snodgrass.



Grand Rapids Santa Parade

The Grand Rapids Santa Parade was on Saturday, November 19th and everyone was so excited to participate. We scheduled BUNCO in Rockford on Friday to give people something to do if they came in the night before... But best laid plans of mice and men... But Mother Nature and the snow apocalypse had other plans. Yet the "parade must go on" and that it did with Bethel #10 here to represent the Michigan Job's Daughters. After which they gathered at the Masonic Center for Hot Chocolate and decorated lunch sacks for Kids Food Basket. Great job ladies!!!!



Leadership Weekend at the Air Zoo

On November 12 Michigan Job's Daughters went for another new experience by holding their Leadership Weekend at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. The morning included a tour of the museum and learning about aviation and our exploration of space. That afternoon, our leadership program took over. Workshops surrounding self-image, body awareness, hygiene, nutrition were all discussed. Past Grand Bethel Honor Queen, Jessica Cornwall was our Keynote speaker for the evening.

Those that stayed for our evening program worked with members from the Air Zoo. They participated in a STEM lab that consisted of creating rockets. During this lesson, we learned about many female role models in aviation and space exploration. Unfortunately, due to cold weather, we were not able to launch a rocket, but we hope to do so at a future date. The Air Zoo did a lock-in for the girls to hold an overnight at the museum. Talk about an amazing backdrop for an event. They were able to sleep under the stars yet be warm. The best of both worlds.



**Michigan Job's Daughters would like to wish everyone the Magic Within.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
We look forward to seeing you in our travels throughout 2023.**

Upcoming Dates to mark on your calendars:

December 3rd – Exemp Honoring the Women of Masonry in Alma

December 3rd – BUNCO for District 1 in Alma (following the Exemp & Dinner)

January – Watch for your local Bethel Installation and plan to attend

February 24th – BUNCO for District 3 in Taylor

February 25th – Exemp Honoring Michigan Masons in Roseville

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

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		