



Michigan Triple Tau *Official Publication of the* *Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons* **DECEMBER 2023**

Dear Companions and Everyone:

It's December and we have already seen snow. My pals in Marquette are thrilled that they can put the car up and drive their snowmobiles and ski everywhere. Yes, I think they are nuts but in a nice way.

Thank you to our article writers and we also have a flyer for a celebration dinner and a future Celebration for George Washington's birthday.

To everyone out there, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,
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Greetings Companions,

In November REC Tom Black, Grand King, Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, received the Chevalier Degree from the Order of DeMolay. We congratulate REC Tom on receiving this recognition for his outstanding leadership.

As we enter the month of December, we are looking forward to the Lodge Installations. This year, as in past years, the Grand Chapter has commissioned a lapel pin to be presented to the new Masters. These pins should already be in the hands of your Chapter Secretary. It now becomes the responsibility of the Chapter to present these pins to the new Masters. This is not solely the responsibility of the High Priest. On the contrary, it can be delegated to other members of the Chapter.

The presentation may be the first introduction to the York Rite of Freemasonry. It offers an opportunity for your Chapters to get exposure. Put on your red coats and wear them proudly with your Past Master aprons. Remember to report your presentation to your Chapter Secretary so that he can record the presentation in the Grand Chapter's database.

Finally, Nancy and I would express our sincere wish that everyone in the Grand Chapter experiences a happy and joyous holiday season.

Fraternally,

Brent Helm, MEGHIP*

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Scribble's From The Secretary

'Tis the season to be jolly, by the time you receive this article we will have twenty-three days left to shop for Christmas. With everything that happens to the masonic during the month of December, not to mention all the other distractions, I have finally come across the thought that we need more days in the month or more hours in the day. None of this is ever going to happen and if it did, we would fill the time and still complain.

All the chapters have received the Masters Pins currently. Remember that all the information is located within the database, the secretaries can post the information in the database when they are notified that they were presented.

November was a full month, with the Education Seminar being held on the fourth, the information presented was on point and very useful. David Montgomery did a very good job in presenting the information. We could have had more members in attendance as all the information is pertinent to every member. On the thirteenth the Grand Chapter office was moved to the Masonic Temple in Detroit, which is the largest Masonic Temple in the world. We are looking forward to getting settled in and up to speed. The eighteenth of November put us in Clio for the DeMolay Honors. Our own Thomas Black received the Chevalier Honor, there were several Royal Arch Masons that received awards also all of which are well deserved. Grand Rapids Chapter had the honor of celebrating two members from the west side of the state. One from Grand Rapids receiving the MSA Leroy Hernandez and Ken Simons from Hooker 38 receiving the Bronze award from General Grand Chapter.

Remember December and January are the months for Lodge installation and the time to present the incoming master with the honor of the Masters Pin from Grand Chapter. This is a great opportunity to display some of the workings of your Chapter.

With this Sherry and I wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joyous NewYear.

Donald and Sherry Galway





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Greetings Companions:

I was recently honored by DeMolay International by receiving the Chevalier and inducted into the Marquis de Lafayette Court of Chevaliers. An honor that I never thought I would receive. This came off the heels of finding out that another one of my friends that I served in the military with was killed. This was bittersweet and brought back some memories.

In 2014, my house was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. I lost everything. I moved into a one-bedroom apartment for a while and took stock of my life. My work was finished and about 70% of my friends had been killed or assassinated. Everywhere I looked reminded me of something that I had lost or was taken from me. A change of scenery was what I desperately needed; and so, I moved back to Michigan. I found so many new friends in Masonry that became real brothers and a real family.

As with any family, there was work to do. Work in the Chapter, as well as other Masonic organizations. What I realized with the work that I was doing, is that is just a temp job. Soon enough, someone else will come and take your job, and you must move on to another temp job. This is VERY true with the Grand Chapter. I hope I can live up to y'all's expectations while doing this temp job. All of you are such close friends and some are family, I do not want to let you down. Please write or call if there is anything I can do for you or your Chapter. God be with you and until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Your servant,
Tom Black, Grand King

Greetings Companions.

December is our month for installations in our blue Lodges. Each year the Grand Chapter has a pin made for each of the incoming masters of the Lodges. This is our opportunity to present the new incoming master with his pin for his year and let him and the Lodge members know that more light in Masonry is available. Wear your red coats and get other York Rite Masons to join you for the presentation, make a pitch for joining. This may be all that's necessary to get someone interested, be visible and 'Enhance the Secret'.

If your Chapter is able with the approach of Christmas, do some charitable things in your community to bring a better image out. Of all the virtues, Charity is the greatest. Have a safe and prosperous Holiday Season.

Fraternally,
Dave Montgomery, Grand Scribe





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Season's Greetings Companions,

Hope you all are living well and looking forward to the holiday season as we close out 2023 together in high spirits. Personally, I celebrate Christmas with family & friends and can't wait to see my grandchildren on Christmas morning.

It is also the season for Masonic installations. Hopefully, we have all brushed up on the monitorial work to ensure the ceremony flows properly. Please work with the younger and first time Worshipful Masters as they may need our guidance during their tenure in the East as we continue to enhance the secret of Masonry together.

Winter Safety driving is something I pay close attention to. Companions, please make sure you have all the necessary winter gear such as hats, gloves, boots, blankets, jumper cables, safety flares, MREs, fuel cans and tow straps in case you find yourself in a precarious situation like being stranded, snowed in or with a dead battery. This is the way the Northerners prepare for the winter because there might be only 1 tow truck driver in the county and cell service is limited at best.

Have a Merry Christmas with your family and friends.

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



**The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch
Masons International
Bronze Medal Mediatorial Service
Award Recipients**

Pictured with Ex. Companion Kenneth are five other Companions who also have received this annual award. Left to Right are Companions Michael Clark, of Grand Rapids, Chapter No. 7, Terry Baker St. Clair Chapter, No.12, David Montgomery of Oakland, Chapter, No. 5, Kenneth Simons, and Harold Staley of Mackinaw Chapter, No. 134 with MIGM Christopher Potts of Grand Ledge Chapter, No. 85. Well done good and faithful servants!

An awards dinner and presentation was enjoyed by the Companions and ladies and friends held at the Hooker Chapter No. 38 in Grand Rapids Masonic Center, Saturday, November 27th, 2023. The prestigious award was granted to Ex. Companion Kenneth Simons, PHP of Hooker Chapter No. 38, Grand Rapids. Ex Companion Kenneth has an impressive background of Masonic leadership and existing fraternal activity. He well deserved this annual award.

Fraternally,
Companion Terry Baker, PHP

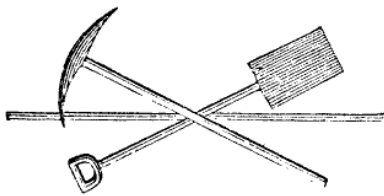




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Cordially Invites you to attend our Worshipful Master's dinner, where we will honor all the incoming Worshipful Masters in our area. This is our way of congratulating you on reaching the Worshipful Master seat in your Lodges. The Brothers of Livingston Chapter RAM know how important this position is in our Lodges, and we feel that you need to be recognized for your service to the Craft of Masonry.



Join us on January 21, 2024
Gathering will start at 2:00pm
Dinner at 3:00pm



There is no charge for the Worshipful Masters and their spouses. All other guests there will be a \$20:00 charge.





St. Clair Chapter No. 12,
Royal Arch Masons
An Invitation to the Annual
George Washington Birthday Celebration

St. Clair Chapter No. 12 once again will be hosting the George Washington Birthday Celebration. Please join us on Saturday, February 17th, 2024, at 6:00 pm. This year we will be celebrating Brother George Washington's 292nd's birthday. The dinner will be at the Port Huron Masonic (Center) Temple located on 927 Sixth Street, Port Huron, Michigan. A brief program will follow the dinner.

For those wanting to stay overnight, we recommend the Super 8 Motel on 1484 Gratiot Blvd., Marysville, Michigan, phone number (810) 292-0328 or the Hampton Inn on 1655 Yeager Street, Port Huron, Michigan, phone number, (810) 966-9000. No rooms have been reserved.

Dinner reservations are due no later than February 9th, 2024. Dinner is paid for by reservations only. No dinner tickets will be sold at the door. To make your dinner reservations please fill out the bottom of this page and send your check out no later than February 9th, 2024. We look forward to seeing you at dinner!



 Name _____

Phone number _____(In case we need to call you.)

Number of dinner(s) _____@ \$25.00 each Total amount enclosed
 \$ _____

Make your check(s) out to **St. Clair Chapter No. 12, RAM:**
 Mail this information to **Bill Herlihy, 874 Crystal Lane, Marysville, MI 48040-1598.**





Michigan Rainbow

On October 28th we held a statewide Initiation at the New Hope Assembly at the Howell Masonic Temple. Pictured to the left is a portion of a very enthusiastic group of Rainbow Girls.



Several members of Michigan Rainbow travelled across the Detroit River on November 4th to join our Canadian Rainbow Sisters for their Grand Cross of Color Ceremony and their Grand Officer Reception. It was fun to see our Canadian Sisters and we had a great time dancing and partying with them.



On November 11th found us at the Roseville Masonic Center 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 three members of Rainbow and 3 adults.

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

Thankfully,
Maureen Riley,
Supreme Inspector

