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Dear Companions and Everyone:

As usual, the weather has us all in a blue funk. When we are teased by April's warm sunny days. Michigan slaps us in the face, in May, with below freezing nights to ruin the new floral blooms. I am so over Winter temps and the intermittent snow flurries. Enough already! Let's try Spring Michigan!

I appreciate the Grand Officers for getting the articles to me this month. Writing a monthly article can be hard when you are struggling with issues from personal to masonic. There are 2 flyers in this issue. The newest is the Outdoor Degrees held in Reed City, Michigan. It will be after our Grand Session in August, but you can think about coming this year and bring a candidate too!

Fraternally,
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Greetings Companions,

Recently, Nancy and I went down to Ohio to view the Total Solar Eclipse. It was a clear day – excellent for viewing. We had purchased the special eclipse glasses so that our eyesight would be safe. At the conclusion of the eclipse, a bright burst of light appears in the Heavens.

I could not help thinking about the Most Excellent Master's Degree and if that would not be how the mind would perceive new ideas and teachings. We must all be open to the exploration of new ideas and new teachings.

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Secretary's Scribbles

Here we are the year is almost half over and spring is supposed to be here, and frost is on the ground for the last two nights. Welcome to Michigan. If you don't like the weather wait five minutes and it will change. May will be a busy month for most of the masonic bodies. Grand Lodge will be installing a new Grand Master. Grand Chapter would like to thank Grand Master Larry Judson for having a fine year. We would also like to hope that the incoming Grand Master Eugene Abbaticchio has a successful year. We will be willing to help in any way we can.

We have several bodies which will be having their year ends coming up this month, dues cards will be mailed out and per capita will be mailed in Grand Chapter being one of them. Chapter secretaries should not have any problems, but if you do feel free to call the Grand Chapter office for help. We can in most cases walk you through any problem you may have over the phone.

We are not using the calendar as we should for meeting information. Degree days are great information to members outside of your Chapter. The secretary can put the notice on the calendars in a couple of minutes, and it is color coded for the York Rite bodies. We have a Chapter and Commandry day scheduled for May 11th in Traverse City. We have much information within our Chapters that never make publication, whether with the Triple Tau or calendar. We complain that we are not receiving the information, but we are not using the tools to get the information out. Everyone has access to the calendar of the website or the database on our phone, computer, or tablet. The ability is there, we need to begin using more.

Fraternally,
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Tomorrow I am going to the Holy Royal Arch Prince Hall Grand Session being held in Kalamazoo in the morning, having lunch, then heading up to Mackinaw City for a dinner for Jeff Marlatt's MSA dinner. Starting a few weeks ago began the "busy season" for Grand Chapter Officers. In the beginning of May, I will be attending the Wisconsin Grand Session in Milwaukee, then to Traverse City for their "Membership Day" then to Burbank, California for their Royal Arch Grand Session, followed by Minnesota Grand Session in St. Cloud, Minnesota. No matter how busy I am, there is always time for the Chapters in Michigan should they need anything.

The summer is also a busy time for Michigan's York Rite. The Michigan York Rite Picnic and Charity Golf Outing will be in Gladwin, Michigan this July 21-22, 2024, and in August will be the Michigan York Rite Session. Don't forget, Grand Chapter meets on a Saturday this year.

A few weeks ago, I gave the Charge in the Most Excellent Master degree which reminds us of all that, "if you are not already conversant in all the degrees heretofore conferred upon you, remember that an indulgence, prompted by a belief that you will with double diligence make yourself so". This means if we don't know the work of a Royal Arch Mason, it is our DUTY to learn it. Not a good idea; not when we have time;



Greetings Companions:

The month of May is here and there are lots of Masonic activities to participate in. On May 11th we will be putting on an all Chapter and an all-Order day in Traverse City for any Chapter or Commandery that needs to get Candidates through degrees.

May is also the month for our annual Grand Lodge session. From the proposed legislation that is being proposed for state per capital raises for all Masonic members. This may be a big issue for many of the older members. Inflation has taken a lot of the disposable income from fixed income members.

Memorial Day will be on May 27th. This day for recognizing our Vets and the price paid for the life and freedoms we all enjoy.

Get out in the weather and enjoy our beautiful State of Michigan.

Fraternally,
Dave Montgomery, Grand Scribe



not once a month at a Chapter meeting; it is the duty we all have as Royal Arch Masons to ensure that we know enough about the craft to share the light that is within ourselves to all Masons Remember, Royal Arch Masonry is the summit of perfection in the ancient craft of Masonry.

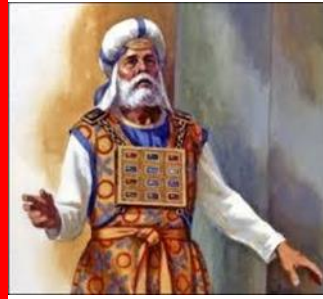
Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Your servant,
Tom Black, Grand King





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Greetings Companions:

We know that spring has arrived here in northern Michigan. Finally, the fruit trees are starting to bud up. The Robins have arrived and are having a feast on our lawns. The tree peepers (frogs) are making their presence known by their eerie sounds. It is time to take the bird feeders down or the bears will do it for you. The golfers are getting their exercise trying to get in shape after being couch potatoes and being cooped up all winter. Companions, as the old saying goes April showers bring May flowers and spring lawn clean up chores. Please lend a helping hand to your elderly neighbors who may need some assistance. This is what masons do.

Companions here are a few dates to remember the York Rite Picnic and Charity Golf Outing to be held on July 20th and 21st.

The Indiana grand session was held on April 5th and 6th REC Tom Black REC David Montgomery REC Donald Galway, PGHP and I represented the Grand Chapter.

Remember that membership day will be May 11th at Traverse City, Michigan. Come and participate in the Chapter and Commandery ritual work. If you wish to help, please contact Mike Wilsey at 231-944-9521. The help is always appreciated.

The Wisconsin grand session will take place from May 2nd through May 4th.



Did you know he was a masonic brother?



In closing let's not forget May 12th MOTHERS DAY they deserve all the kindness and respect we can bestow upon them. On this special day and to the mothers that have passed on lets always keep them in our hearts and prayers. I close with this special thought if it was not for our mothers there would be no masonic fraternity.

Fraternally,
REC Harold Staley, GCOH



26th Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing Saturday, July 20th and 21st



26th Annual James R. Sprague Memorial York Rite Picnic

- Sprague Cabin, 2281 Martin Rd, Beaverton, MI 48612
- Noon -??? Food will be served at approx. 3:00 pm.
- The entree for dinner will be your choice of steak or chicken with a potluck assortment of sides and desserts. Water, tea, and lemonade will be provided.
- Alcohol will be BYOB.
- Please call or email to let us know your choice of entrée if you plan to attend. There are several motels nearby, so plan to come early and stay late.

Sunday, July 21st Charity Golf Outing

- Gladwin Heights Golf Course, 3551 W. M-61, Gladwin, MI 48624
- Registration will begin Sunday at 8:30 AM and a Shotgun Start at 10:00 AM.
- Registration Fee Includes golf, cart, dinner, and door prizes. \$75.00 per player (\$70.00 if paid by July 10th).
- The event is a four (4) person scramble. Teams may be all men, all ladies, or mixed. You may submit your team, or we will be glad to put one together for you.
- There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as a “Closest to the pin” hole, and a “Longest drive” hole.
- Hole sponsorship is available for \$25. Individuals, Businesses, and Masonic Organizations are welcome to show their support!
There will be mystery prizes for the most hole sponsorships sold, as well as the largest donation!
All Profits will be divided equally between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery Charities.



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2024 York Rite Golf Outing Sponsor & Registration Form Sunday, July 21st, 2024



I/We would like to sponsor (individually, as an organization, or as a business) a hole or tee box, for only \$25.00 each hole. Please let the sign(s) read:

Number of holes sponsored _____ x \$25 Total \$_____

Golf Sign Up

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

(Registration Fee Includes: golf, cart, dinner, and door prizes) \$75.00 per player, (\$70.00 if paid by 7/10/2024).

Playing with: _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Enclosed please find my payment in full of \$ _____

Dinner will be served approx. 4:30 PM

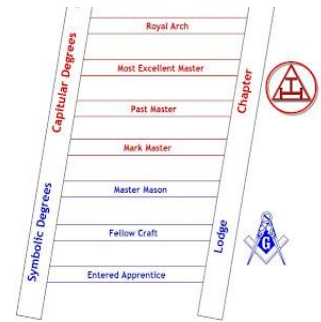
Golf Outing Dinner Choices: _____ # of Steak Dinners _____ # of Chicken Dinners

***Make checks payable to Livingston Chapter No. 30 "YR GOLF OUTING" on the memo line.
Mail in Advance Registration & Checks to: Livingston Chapter No. 30**

C/O Don Mayville, 148 Belmont Lane, Whitmore Lake, MI, 48189



Outdoor 2024



MM, PM, MEM, RA

In Reed City, Michigan, carved out of the woods on the Eastern border of the Manistee National Forest, is the home of the Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day. Owned by a Royal Arch Mason, this 5-acre property will host the Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day the first Saturday after Labor Day every year. This year, the outdoor degree will be on September 7th, 2024.

2021: John Ames Class	71 individuals total	17 candidates
2022: Mike Whiting Class	97 individuals total	33 candidates
2023: Larry Inscho Class	99 individuals total	34 candidates
2024: ???	???	???

Beginning at 10:00 Sharp!!!

- Mark Master
- Past Master
- Most Excellent Master
- BBQ lunch!
- Royal Arch Degree
- Fun, Fellowship, & Hospitality all day long.

“Royal Arch Outdoor Degree 2024” hats are \$10, and “Royal Arch outdoor Degree 2024” black polos are \$15. This IS outdoors in the woods. Normal attire for this degree will be what you would wear in the woods: hiking boots, jeans, perhaps a red shirt. Wear what you would like; however, this may not be the place for a coat, tie, & dress shoes. But please bring a chair. Candidates are encouraged to bring an extra pair of shoes & socks.

Exit 159 on US 131. Approximately ½ mile north of 10417 220th AVE. Reed City, MI.

Follow the Royal Arch signs.





Outdoor Degree Sign-Up



(Please print legibly)

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____



Shirt Size and quantity _____



Hat quantity _____

Make checks payable to “Judy Simons” for hats & Shirts. Please send information BY SEPTEMBER 1st for your shirt and hat. If you don't want a shirt or hat, please sign up anyway to ensure we have enough food.

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