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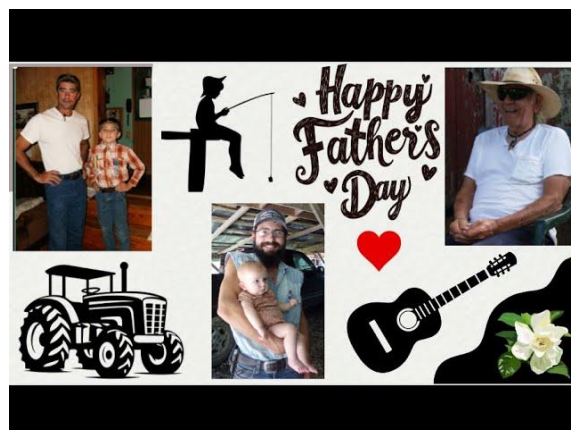
Dear Companions and Everyone:

Greetings from Masonic Pathways HFA side. The magnolia trees burst out wonderful flowers this year and they didn't get frosted! I wish it would stay warmer and not as windy. I have relatives in the areas where the ice storm hit. They survived by working the fireplace and waited 4 days before the power came back on. The power is back on, but the damage is huge. I know of 3 people who were injured doing clean up, but everyone made it through the crisis.

June is the month we celebrate Father's Day. Let's get Dad a gift he would really like. In the past I had gifts of drones, fishing gear, or a gift card to his favorite store. I will miss this year, but the memories are forever.

This issue has just one candidate for the open chair. If you are interested call our Grand Secretary Don. He can tell you what you need to know for running a campaign. Our Grand Officers have written good articles and left reminders in each too. In our Education section Companion Kevin Brown, PHP, is talking about "The Number 3". Another 'Home Run' for our Triple Tau. Thanks to all for helping me get another issue of the Triple Tau

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau



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Companions All,

Another busy month as I installed the officers of Hooker #38, Grand Rapids #7, and Battle Creek #19 Chapters, as well as visiting Paw-Paw #34 and Tecumseh #42 Chapters. I wanted to attend Lapeer and Saginaw Chapters, but time did not allow. I was able to attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication where Most Worshipful Grand Master Bill Sauget was installed as MWGM of Michigan. Also, the Most Excellent Companion Mike Roberts (PMEGHP) was elected to Deputy Grand Master, and the Most Illustrious and Very Eminent Gary Paquet (PMIGM & PVEGC) was advanced to Senior Grand Deacon. It is obvious to see that York Rite is making a huge impact on Masons all throughout the State of Michigan.

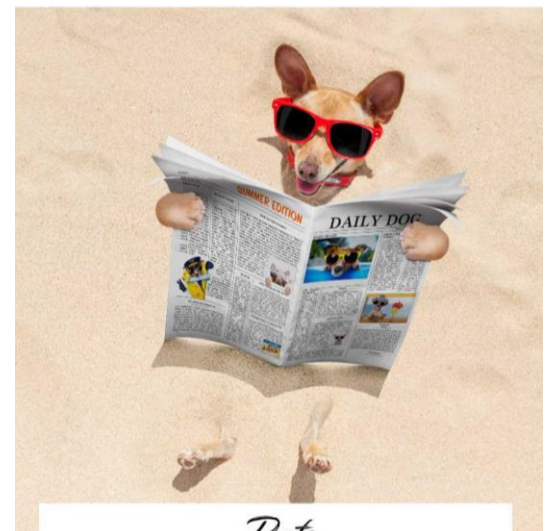
May is also the month for ensuring the Chapter secretaries and treasurers submit their per capita to the Grand Chapter and ensure your Chapter officers are installed. If you need help with installation, please contact your Grand Chapter officers and we will be more than happy to help.

Please remember the service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice this Memorial Day. Also, those members who did not die overseas, but lost their battle with the demons they carried with them from overseas and took their own life here in the U.S. Two of my own teammates succumbed to this, and their death is still difficult to bear.

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

WFZ,

Tom Black, MEGHP



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Greetings Companions,

My Triple Tau article for June is to comment on the growth and bright spots I have experienced while interacting with Chapters this year. I have been encouraged by the large number of younger Companions that have been added to our Chapters and their enthusiasm with getting involved in Chapter work. Our numbers will only increase if we get out in our Blue Lodges and invite good people to join and participate in our Chapters.

If I am elected as Grand High Priest for the upcoming year, my intention is to help the Chapters become more proficient in the floor work. I have two schools planned and no inspection. I have also proposed the addition of a proficiency for each of the degrees to help our new Candidates and help refresh the degrees in the minds of Chapter members.

Many of the Chapters go dark in July and August, some Chapters have work going on if anyone needs to get a Candidate finished before summer. Check the Grand Chapter Calendar or with a Grand Officer for Chapters doing work. Don't forget to sign up for our golf outing and picnic in July.

Fraternally,
 Dave Montgomery GK



Greetings Companions:

The time keeps flying by so fast it is hard to keep up with, it seems like. I just finished an article, and it is time to start all over again. Here in northern Michigan spring has arrived and everything is in full bloom. Everyone has recovered from the Ice Storm and the Electrical Grid has been restored. The residents here in northern Michigan wish to express our gratitude to all the first responder's thank you to the electrical contractors, police, firemen, military support groups and the citizens in our communities.

April was a very busy month for the grand chapter and all the officers, the Grand Chapter attended Prince Hall's Grand Session on April 19th at Muskegon, MI. The Grand Chapter also conferred the MEM degree on April 23rd at Union No. 55 Northville, Michigan. The Ontario Grand Chapter session was held on April 24th through 26th and the MI Grand Chapter was represented by me. I would recommend everyone to attend their session next year, if possible, what a great group of Royal Arch Masons.

The month of May and June will give the Grand Chapter officers some time to make visitations before the joint York Rite Golf Outing and Picnic, so be sure to sponsor and sign up for the picnic and golf outing that will be held on July 19th at Pickney, MI.

Companions take some time and visit the Blue Lodges in your Districts and introduce them to Royal Arch Masonry and let them know they can seek further light and understanding. In closing I hope all the ladies had a great Mother's Day and they truly deserve it.

May God bless us all,
 Harold Staley,
 Grand Scribe





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Scribbles Of The Secretary

The calendar tells me that summer is almost here, but the thermometer is telling a very different story. I am writing this article this Memorial Day weekend and for the lack of warmth no one is going swimming this weekend in Michigan.

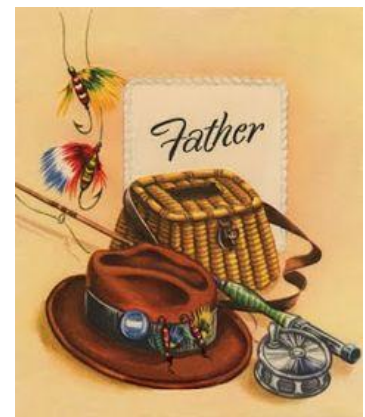
The Grand Lodge of Michigan held their annual communication this month, with the election of their new officers. The Grand Chapter would like to congratulate MWPGM Eugene Abbaticchio on the great year that he had and wish the best in the future. We would also like to wish MWGM William Sauget and his newly installed officers the very best in the coming year.

The Grand Chapter had the pleasure of presenting three scholarships this month for the upcoming semester. There is always pleasure in talking with these students and getting an insight into what they are studying. They are looking into the future and hoping to make the world a better place.

I am looking forward to the next couple of months, as winter and spring seem to have taken a long time to get here this year. I am looking forward to taking a little time to do absolutely nothing for a couple of days, just to see what it is like.

Remember to use the calendar on the website and database for all your activities and ask for help if you need it for the degrees. Remember this is **free advertising** for your Chapters and fund raisers also.

Fraternally,
Donald.



Hooker Chapter #38 is excited to announce the decision for Excellent Companion Brent Raterink as a candidate for the Grand Chapter line of Michigan. His heart is deeply invested in the York Rite, and he is eager to bring positive, impactful attitude. He pledges to work tirelessly to foster growth and serve the Companions of Michigan.

Brent Raterink



For the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan

Past Master-Sparta #334, 2018

Alexandria Lodge of Research and Study #1002

DDI-District #11, 2021-Present

High Priest-Hooker #38

Tyre Council #10 R & S.M.

DeMolai Commandery #5

Mt. Moriah Council #128 AMD

Western College #10 York Rite College

President-Beer City #807 High Twelve Club

Saladin Shriners

Scottish Rite

Robert Cooper PMEGHP, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the printed name.

Royal Arch Education – The Number Three.

By Comp. Kevin Brown, PHP of Oakland Chapter No. 5

In Freemasonry, the number 3 plays a prominent role in many aspects of our traditions and symbolism and we see them in our craft masonry ritual:

- Three Primary Orders of Architecture: (Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian)
- Three Degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason.
- Three core tenets: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

As I look to Capitular Masonry we see a continuation of the appearance of three and I would ask that you contemplate on whether the connection to our ritual is a coincidence or intentional.

- King Solomon's temple: the first of three great structures with our three ancient masters of the craft – King Solomon, Hiram King of Tyre and Hiram Abiff
- The Tabernacle: the second of such designs built by the Israelites as they escaped captivity under the direction of Moses, Aholiab and Bezaleel
- The Second Temple: the third structure prominently mentioned that was built under the supervision of Zerubbabel, Joshua and Haggai.

Personally I think the occurrence of three's within our ritual drives home the message of balance in our lives and our organizations and is clearly evident in the design of the Triple Tau. Imagine trying to sit upon a three legged stool with one pole too long/short or missing all together. Now let's ponder what gifts/talents we might bring into our individual organizations that help bring balance into our own Chapters. Some are skilled in learning ritual, others with organization, finances, empathy or charity – all critical to our success as a Chapter but no one individual can provide them all.

Finally, I'll refer you back to one of the very first lessons we are taught in the EA lecture and consider the continuity of message throughout the York Rite bodies:

The vast fabric is supported by three Grand pillars called wisdom, strength and beauty, because it is necessary that there should be wisdom to contrive, strength to support and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings.

So as we open our Chapters in the month of June and break for the summer – I'd suggest that you ponder two things – 1) how am I taking what I've learned from the craft to add balance to my own life? and 2) what am I bringing back to the craft to help create balance within the organizations we are members of?

Fraternally,
Kevin Brown, PHP, Oakland Chapter No. 5





27th Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing

Saturday, July 19th

27th Annual James R. Sprague Memorial York Rite Picnic

- Pinckney Temple, 210 Mann St., Pinckney, MI 48169
- Noon-??? Arrive ~2:00. Food will be served at approx. 3:00 pm.
- Potluck, burgers, brats and hotdogs. Bring a dish to pass. Alcohol is BYOB.
- Water and soda will be available.
- Picnic costs: \$5.00 per person.
- There are several motels nearby, so plan to come early and stay late.

Charity Golf Outing

- Whispering Pines Golf Club, 2500 Whispering Pines Dr., Pinckney, MI 48169
- Registration will begin at 8:00 AM. Single tee start at 9:00 AM.
- Registration fee includes golf and cart. \$65.00 per player.
- 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 gladly put one together for you.
- There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, 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!
 - All profits will be divided between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery Charities.

Make checks payable to: Grand Rapids #7

AND

Mail to: Mike Clark, 6815 Sunrise Ct., Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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2025 York Rite Golf Outing

Sponsor & Registration Form

July 19, 2025

I /We would like to sponsor (individually, as an organization, or as a business) a hole or tee box for only \$25.00 for 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 and picnic) \$65.00/Player

Playing with: _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Enclosed, please find my payment in full of..... \$ _____

Picnic only (\$5.00/person) \$ _____ Number attending picnic: _____

* Make checks payable to: Grand Rapids #7

Please enter "YR GOLF OUTING" on the memo line.

Mail advance registration & checks to:

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