



# *Michigan Triple Tau* *Official Publication of the* *Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons* **August 2024**

Dear Companions and Everyone:

It is here already! Grand York Rite Session is just a few weeks away. Getting those reports and other necessities ready is hard but the end Advance Report is worth the struggle. I know because I helped Alma Chapter No. 123 get those reports in, and checks sent to the correct person. Plus all those reservations to get what and where you want to hang your hat. Usually, we all have to wait till the maids have cleaned the room and got it ready for guests. It probably be afternoon before you can unload.

There is so much going on here at the Masonic Pathways. August 5<sup>th</sup>, a Monday from 3 to 4 pm, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, WB Eugene Abbaticchio will be visiting us in the Doig Chapel. It is a nice venue to have a gathering. We have several daily activities here at Masonic Pathways and our front porch has a nice place to meet and greet too. Our activities Director, Lisa Godfrey and her team are working hard to keep us busy.

Fraternally,  
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

P.S.: I would love to have some pictures of the Grand Session. If you get any, please send them to my e-mail address. Thanks!



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Greetings Companions:

This month will mark the end to this Capitular year and my term as Grand High Priest. There are so many people that I need to express my appreciation.

First, are the other Grand Officers. You have done what I have asked and traveled to various places in the State to benefit the Chapters of this jurisdiction. I would especially like to commend REC Harold Staley and David Montgomery for their work this past year with the Golf Outing.

Second, are Lady Nancy and the ladies of the Grand Chapter. Lady Nancy has driven me to many different locations, both in State and out. She has worked hard in putting together the picnic and the various hospitality rooms. The other ladies have always been willing to lend a helping hand while providing their contributions.

I hope to see many of you at our Grand Session. Please come up to the Hospitality Room after the Grand Banquet and enjoy some fellowship with us.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
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## **SCRIBBLES OF THE SECRETARY**

The time is going fast, it seems as though the snow just melted, and it is August already. I know that we are all getting older, but it seems to be a lot quicker than when I was a kid. The years seemed to be 24 months long when I was a kid waiting to be 21 years old. My 20's, 30's and 40's were like 18 months. The 50's were like they should be a whole year. Then we hit 65, and time has gotten shorter every day.

The month of July didn't hold a lot of excitement for the first half, with the highlight being the almost long weekend of the fourth of July, in most cases if you are working you may have had to take a vacation day on the fifth. Those that are retired or semi-retired, every day is the fourth. On the thirteenth, Michigan DeMolay held their annual picnic at Maybury State Park in Northville. The weather was pleasant, and everyone had a great time. We could always have a greater attendance, but this is summer, and families do like to plan vacations.

On the weekend of the 19th, Grand Chapter held our annual picnic and golf outing. The picnic was held at the Sprague property on the twentieth with Jody being in attendance for the first in a long time. We were happy to be able to talk and enjoy her company for the day. The food was great along with all the conversation. This last Sunday was the annual York Rite golf outing held at Gladwin Heights Golf Course. We had eight teams playing and all of them had a great time. The winning team was made up of Steve Trumbull and Phil Vaughn. Al McGuire and Drew Louaasen. The full report will be in the advance proceedings of the grand session.

August is expected to be a very busy month. Starting with York Rite Sovereign College being held from July 31st through August 3rd, being held in Louisville Kentucky. Candidates for the Order of the Purple Cross will be invited with that Order. DeMolay conclave will take place the following Saturday in Howell. The Grand York Rite Session will begin on Wednesday the thirteenth and will go through the seventeenth. The format for this year has changed as Commandery will be held on Thursday, Council on Friday and Chapter on Saturday.

**Companion Secretaries and Treasurers at the time of this writing, I only have fifteen Chapters that have paid their per-capita.** This would seem almost impossible, as all of the information is already done in the database for you. To The Treasurers and Secretaries if your per-capitis is not paid by convocation, your Chapter will not be able to vote or take part.

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Greetings Companions:

July certainly has been a whirlwind. The Minnesota Grand Session was the last remaining days of June. Harold Staley accompanied me there for the 10-hour drive. I just returned from the North Carolina Summer Session along with MIGM Chris Potts. On July 17<sup>th</sup>, I was honored to give the Masonic Heritage Award to 3 sets of Fathers and Sons of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

Every Chapter should have a 'York Rite Cooperation' committee. If you do not have a committee like that, start one as soon as possible. The first step in York Rite Cooperation is communicating with the local Chapters in your area. Communicating with Council and Commandery is all well and good, but please begin with the local Chapters within an hour from you. Encourage each other to go and visit these Chapters to get to know other members in the Craft outside of those in your own Chapter.

Please also remember that the Grand Chapter Session will be on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Bay City Michigan. If you can, stay for the whole session beginning on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, reserve on your calendar the greatest Outdoor Degree in the United States on September 7th, 2024 in Reed City Michigan.

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Greetings Companions:

The summer is moving too fast for my liking this year. In the month of August we will hold our Grand York Rite session in Bay City on August 14th - 17th at the DoubleTree Hotel. Grand Chapter has changed meeting days with Commandery to assist them with a conflict in the schedule. Grand Chapter will be on Saturday the 17th, starting at 8:30am. I'm hoping for a good turnout and someone to announce a desire to be elected to the open chair.

September, the second Saturday will be our All Degree Day in Reed City. Mark your calendars and there will be more information coming in the September Triple Tau. I am looking forward to seeing you at the big turnout for the Grand Session.

Fraternally yours,  
Dave Montgomery, Grand Scribe



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A third row of seating has been added to the Chapter room to accompany the 100+ Companions attending. I hope to see you all soon, until then keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Your servant,  
Tom Black





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### National Lighthouse Day August 7, 2024

*From the Michigan Economic Development Corporation*  
Michigan's iconic lighthouses truly offer something for every traveler – from lighthouse enthusiasts, to history buffs, to curious tourists looking to get out there and experience one of Pure Michigan's many gems.

August 7 is National Lighthouse Day, an annual celebration of lighthouses and the commitment and service of those who tended America's lights for generations. With more than 120 lighthouses standing sentinel along Michigan's 3,200 miles of shoreline, Michigan has more lighthouses than any other state in the country. What better way to celebrate National Lighthouse Day than to visit one – or several – of Michigan's iconic coastal landmarks?

Tall and elegant or short and utilitarian, beautifully restored or lying silently forgotten, the majestic beacons scattered up and down Michigan's coasts are worth a visit. Climb Ludington's Big Sable Point lighthouse, one of Michigan's tallest, for sweeping views of Lake Michigan. Boat around Lake Huron's Thunder Bay Island for glimpses of its red-and-white lighthouse. Visit Lake Superior's Big Bay Point Lighthouse for a rare opportunity to overnight in a historic light. Learn about Great Lakes shipwrecks and the keepers who tried to prevent them at lighthouse and maritime museums in Mackinaw City, Southaven, Ludington and Whitefish Point. Let's see these Michigan wonders!

#### Greeting Companions:

I cannot believe our summer is half gone and fall will be here before we know it. I hope everyone is having a great summer with their family and friends. Also, Christmas is only 146 days away my lady tells me to bite my tongue.

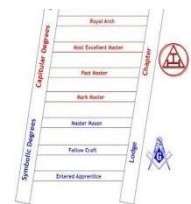
I would encourage all our companions to visit the blue lodges in your district because many Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commandries go dark in July and August. This may be the time to reflect on our ritual work if you have the time available.

In June REC Tom Black and I traveled to St Cloud Minnesota to represent the Michigan Grand Chapter at their grand session. We had a nice turn out for the Joint York Rite picnic on July 20th and the Golf outing on July 21st the report will be given at the Michigan grand session. I would advise everyone who plans on attending the grand session to get their reservations taken care of as soon as possible. In closing I hope to see and greet you all at the GRAND SESSION, AUGUST 15th thru the 17th.

God Bless,  
Harold Staley, GCOH



# Outdoor Degree 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 220<sup>th</sup> AVE. Reed City, MI.

Follow the Royal Arch signs.



## Outdoor Degree Sign-Up

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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