



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

Dear Companions and Everyone:

It is a new capitular year! Congratulations to our new DDI's. These wonderful Companions are introduced to you by none other than, Ex. Comp. Terry Baker, Ex. Dir. Of DDI's. Make sure you read his article inside this issue of the Triple Tau.

Just as a reminder September 14th is the All-Degree Day, the Outdoor Degree Day, in Reed City! Please remember this is an outside degree. You may want to dress and have bug spray for this event. I am also hoping for good weather that day.

Fraternally,
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Greetings Companions:

What a fantastic year we are going to have as Royal Arch Masons in Michigan!! So many new and formidable things in the works right now! The Certificate of Excellence is already in the hands of all the Chapter Secretaries! Get with your Secretary, find a mentor and complete the program, and receive a terrific certificate from the Grand Chapter.

In addition to the many travels I will be undertaking as the Grand High Priest, I have 11 Michigan Chapters that are on my schedule to visit. If you would like me to visit your Chapter, please let me know, and I will ensure that I am there. I am also starting a new you tube program called, "Tuesdays with Tom" and it will be available on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. I will be addressing current issues, interviewing Past Grand High Priests, and answering questions sent to me via email. I will let everyone know when it is up and running. I got this idea from a combination of Scottish Rite's, "Thursday night at the Rite" and Grand Lodge's, "Trowel Time."

Also, as I have traveled, I have noticed some Companions are having trouble with rituals. Here is an idea: put your ritual book in your car. Read your ritual book for 5 minutes before you go to work, and for 5 minutes before you come home from work. See if that helps. Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Tom





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August has ended and summer is over. Labor Day is just around the corner and most Chapters are about to resume meeting again for the year.

August was a remarkably busy month, with a large amount lot of masonic activity, starting from the first of the month. York Rite Sovereign College held their convention in Kentucky July 31 thru August 3rd. The convention had seven members from Michigan receiving the Order of the Purple Cross, I would like to congratulate all the members that received this honor at the session. On the tenth of the month DeMolay had their conclave in Howell, where the new officers were installed. The evening was spent at Trampoline Park in Novi where everyone had a wonderful time. Mark your calendar on October 5th for the State SMC reception to be held in Port Huron Masonic Temple. Information is available on Facebook.

August 13th began the annual York Rite annual conclave. The 14th had the officers meeting for the three bodies lasting into the evening. The 15th Commandry had their meeting and banquet as they had to leave for their Tri-Annual in Utah. The 16th was Councils Day, for the annual meeting and the fun night dinner. The final day, the 17th was Chapters Day, the session went well. The installation and banquet went well but the week was long and most of us were happy to see Sunday come and put us home to recover.

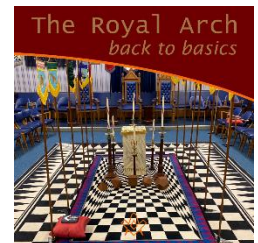
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These listed Companions are the Grand Chapter Officers for the year 2024-2025.

August 24th was Rainbow's Concave held in Alma, with the new young ladies being installed as the new officers. Grand Chapter wishes the incoming Officers a great and successful year.

Fraternally,
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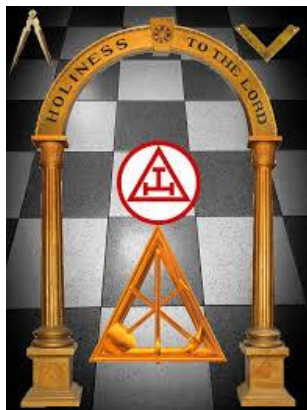
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Greetings Companions:

I am writing this article right after the Grand York Rite session. Tom Black was installed as our Grand High Priest. Tom is a dedicated Royal Arch Mason that works tirelessly for the benefit of our Chapters. I will help support him in his efforts to solve the problems that have been going on with our Chapters for quite some time.

September is our first all-degree day on the second Saturday of the month at Reed City. It is an outdoor degree that has good work and a chance to meet new people. Make plans to attend, I'm sure you will not be disappointed. The Grand Chapter is available to help Chapters around the state with their degree work and an all-degree day if any Chapter would like to have one. The only other thing I can think of in September, is Kentucky is having their Grand Session in Lexington. Information is available on their web site if anyone would like to attend. September is also the month I am starting my visitations. I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally yours:
Dave Montgomery, Grand King



Greetings Companions:

It is hard to comprehend how quickly the time flies by, summer is over, and all the signs of fall are apparent, the leaves on our trees here in northern mi are starting to change their colors. The Grand York Rite session has just ended, and I would like to congratulate all the grand officers for advancing and a special welcome for our new royal arch captain REC Companion Scott Blanchard. I know the Grand Chapter will have a wonderful year coming under the leadership of our new MEGHP, Tom Black.

The joint YORK RITE GOLF outing was another success this year each appendix body received \$777.00 Please take notice on some upcoming events the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR BARK RIVER-ANNUAL TOUR starts September 19 thru the 22nd 2024. The Grand Chapter Educational Seminar will be held at the Midland masonic temple on September 21st, 2024, starting at 9 am please RSVP me as soon as possible so I may plan the luncheon.

In closing, please take notice that the DDI's and the Grand Officers will be starting their visitations and schools of instruction, so take some time to study opening and closing in the Royal Arch Degree. This is the opportunity to make your Chapter proud of their work.

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Greeting Companions:

A big thank you goes to Companion Eddie Gonzalez, HP and DDI, for getting the photos to me. I hope to hear more from him this year. The following is just another reminder of the new Companions and happenings around the State. We do have a nice calendar for use on our web site, .

Congratulations to REG Scott A. Blanchard, GCRAC new Grand line officer. If you have a picture of REC Scott, please send it to me or our Grand Secretary, REC Don Galway, PGHP. He can be contacted via email at blanchard1072@gmail.com. His Wife's name is Lady Dawn. REC Scott A. Blanchard is the High Priest of Battle Creek Chapter No. 19.

In the great outdoors, on September 14th, a Saturday, is the All-Degree, Outdoor Degree Day. I wonder who this class will be named by?

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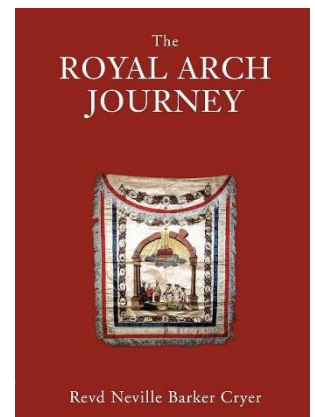
At the conclusion of the Installation of Officers of Grand Chapter, Installing Grand Officer MEC Robert Cooper proceeded to install eight of the thirteen DDI's present.

From L. to R.:, MEC Brent Helm, Companions Terry Baker the Executive Director of DDI's, followed by: James Groat, Eddie Gonzalez, Richard Stange, Randy Galbraith, Gene Newman and Gregory Schook.

MEGHP Tom Black and the remaining grand officers are searching for A FEW GOOD MEN to complete the corps of DDI's needed to round out the thirteen districts across our great state. If you feel you want to help your grand chapter and at the same time receive a little more light in masonry, please do contact our Grand High Priest or any grand officer and let them know.

For now, enjoy the upcoming Fall Season, hope to see many of you at the Fall Education Seminar being organized by our Grand Scribe, REC Harold Staley TBA.

Respectfully submitted:
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Executive Director of DDI's



Royal Arch Education

By
Comp. Kevin Bacon, HP of Oakland Chapter No. 5

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, I was honored by our new Grand King, David Montgomery, by being asked to support Royal Arch Education for the Triple Tau. I immediately agreed and then on the drive home I began to think about where to start. Eventually I came to the natural conclusion, to start at the beginning – the history of the Royal Arch Degree.

We may never know the exact origin of the Royal Arch Degree, but we have seen evidence of it dating back to the early 18th century during a time where the Ancients and Moderns craft lodges were forming the original Grand Lodges and ultimately the United Grand Lodge of England. We know that a portion of the Royal Arch allegory was included in the original 3rd degree and there is a notation of the “true Master’s word” in a French lecture dating back to 1725. The earliest mention of a separate Royal Arch degree was made in 1740. During this time, the recovery of the lost word was so integral to the craft lodge degrees, that even after the formation of a united Grand Chapter in England in 1817, that the articles of union state “ancient Masonry consists of three degrees only, *including the Royal Arch.*” Commentary in the *Freemasons’ Quarterly Review*, an editor noted that “The Royal Arch in England is not essentially a degree, but the perfection of the third.”

Our General GHP Teko A. Foley, mentioned in his remarks that Royal Arch Masons should offer something to our Brothers to encourage them to join Chapter. In addition to the offer of fellowship, additional tools to aid us in refining our rough ashlar, what better reason than going back to our origins and completing the degrees as they were originally intended.

*Reference: The Origin of the English Royal Arch Degree by Rev. J. Osmond Dakeyne.

Fraternally,

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