



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

Dear Companions and Everyone:

I learned today that the Coral Honeysuckle Bush is one of many flowering plants that come out in June. This can't be in Michigan yet; we still have frost/freeze warnings for our gardens. Summer officially starts Thursday, June 20th. As for myself, it can't get here quick enough.

There seems to be a lull in activity for the month of June. If you have anything happening at your masonic centers, (We used to call 'Temples'.) please use the calendar and the internet so the rest of us know what is going on. This is a good time to get those 'End of year' reports ready for publishing. It is not an easy task to compile all of them for the printers.

June's issue had a few hiccups in it. Usually, our MEGHP Brent is ready with an article. I figure with all the furor, and the Grand Convocation of Grand Lodge in May, he didn't get a chance to put something down. I used 'artistic license' to fill in the spot. The articles are good. They both went a little long. Come the future line officers I hope they continue the good work!

Happy Father's Day all you Dads out there. See you next month for another issue of the Triple Tau.

Fraternally,
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No copy?!?!?!?! Ok but help us out next month. It's easy to have the time slip you by when the month of May is so busy. Editor Jane Todd.

Greetings Companions, ?

Well, just maybe MEGHP Brent knew I ran out of room in some columns. Here is where I can put some large articles if I may. Editor Jane Todd.



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Travel to other Chapters and see how proficient they are and emulate that. Don't ever settle for 'good enough', you are Royal Arch Masons! The very summit of perfection in Freemasonry resides in the Royal Arch Degrees. Don't ever forget that. Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Your servant,
 Tom



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Companions a couple of dates to mark on your Calanders July 20 and 21 the Joint York Rite Picnic and Charity Golf Outing please get your sponsor and registration form filled out and mailed in as soon as possible. If you need a form, please let me know and I will get one to you immediately. In closing I wish everyone a safe memorial holiday and let us always remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Fraternally,
 Harold Staley, GCOH.





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Secretaries Scribbles

Welcome to June, the year will be half over at the end of the month. I keep on wondering just where has the time gone. When I was a kid, it took me forever and a day to get to twenty-one. It took half that to get to forty-one and a quarter of that to get to sixty-one, I could keep going, but you get the idea.

May was a very productive month for Masonry and Royal Arch. We installed a new Grand Master in Blue lodge and Grand Chapter wishes to congratulate Grand Master Eugene Abbaticchio on becoming our new Grand Master and wish him a very successful year. We also congratulate Past Grand Master Larry Judson on having a great year. May 11th. Traverse City held their seven-degree day which gave Grand Chapter fourteen new Royal Arch Masons and twenty-one new Sir Knights. I hope that everyone enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend. Most of the weekend was pleasant. Monday could have been a little nicer, but the weather held out for a morning parade and ceremony for fallen brothers, which is what the day is all about.

Looking at the calendar for June, we don't have any major events going on. I cannot report on them. Many Chapters will be taking the summer months off. July, August, and September will pick up on more activities, so keep your calendar in mind for those months, as information will be placed on the calendar for the events as they come up.

The Chairmen of the Grand Chapter Committees should be getting ready to submit your Annual Reports for our Annual Communication in August. **The reports will have to be in by July 12th**, I will have to compile them and have them printed and get them to the Past Grands and constituent Chapter Secretaries.

I hope that you have a great summer. Should you have any questions you have my number.

Fraternally,
Donald





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Greetings Companions:

May has been an EXTREMELY busy month. In addition to the Masonic obligations of Lodge, Chapter, Council, & Commandry, it started out with the Wisconsin Grand session on the 4th and continued with the Traverse City Membership Day on the 11th, followed by Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Knight York Cross of Honor in Alma on the 18th. After HRAKTP and KYCH, I was off to Burbank, CA for the California Grand Session the 19th-21st. On the 22nd, I traveled with RE Rick Williams to Midland for the Mark Master degree and Past Master Degrees. Still getting ready for the Outdoor Degree on September 7th to ensure is as perfect as it can be for the Candidates. My article for this month was due 3 days ago, so send positive thoughts to Jane and hope she approves this for publication.

I recently was reading a book that stated, "How could the nature of man ever reach its full potential without challenge and danger?" If one were to replace the word 'man' with the word 'Chapter' this may or may not apply to your Chapter. As you and your Chapter how can we reach our Chapter's full potential? Moreover, ask yourself and your Chapter 'why?' for everything that happens:

- We don't have enough members...why?
- We can't put on the Mark Master Mason degree...why?



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Greetings Companions:

Spring has been great this year for Chapters taking in new members. I have heard of several adding 3 or 4 new members. The interest is there for Chapters to take in members, but effort must come from the Chapters to approach good prospective people. At Traverse City I think there were 14 new Royal Arch Masons made that day.

I have not heard of much going on in the month of June. Many Chapters go dark in Summer and that may be the reason. Get out and enjoy our great State of Michigan this Summer.

Fraternally,
Dave Montgomery, Grand Scribe



***(Continued from last column!)**

- We need an all-degree day to put members through the degrees...why?

Socrates said that learning is asking and answering questions. Keeping old man Socrates in mind, after you have asked why, now to can answer that question. We don't have enough members...why? Get the word out as to what The Royal Arch Mason is. Improve your Chapter every day (through discipline and ritual proficiency) to ensure that it is a Chapter that someone would want to join. Learn from other Chapters that are increasing their membership and follow their examples.

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Greetings Companions:

How time flies by so quickly it seems like yesterday that I wrote my May issue. Spring is in full bloom here in northern Michigan, all the fruit trees are budded out and the bees are humming all over them. The morels are popping up all over the place and the mushroom hunters are out in full force. Northern Michigan wildlife is rearing its head everywhere. I have seen many fawns with their mothers out on roads so please drive with caution. The hummingbirds and orioles have also arrived, along with those nasty mosquitoes.

Now to Chapter business may has been a busy month already RE Companion Tom, Grand King, represented the Grand Chapter at the Wisconsin Grand Session and I know he had a great time and was well received. THE GRAND CHAPTER participated in Membership Day at Traverse City Chapter No. 102, and we exalted twenty-three new Royal Arch Companions. Plus, we have twenty new Sir Knights in our Commandries. Everyone had a great time. The Grand Officers and DDI's will be making more visitations shortly to help our struggling Chapters on opening and closing. As an elected officer of your Chapter, it is your responsibility to learn the job that has been entrusted to you.

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Greeting Companions:

A wonderful thing happened at a Royal Arch Chapter Convocation recently. While attending a scheduled convocation along with Most Excellent Grand High Priest MEC Brent Helm and REC David Patterson (GRAC), the Chapter which was preparing to do business in the dining room, was moved into the Chapter room and Opened in due and proper form. This hasn't been done in well over a year.

Eight members were present, and no one could remember when this last occurred. During the meeting four local lodge Brothers submitted membership petitions this also not done in many years. Their Mark Master Mason Degree is set for Thursday Evening, June 20, 2024, Lodge Opening at 7:30 PM.

Their financial status was realized having recently gone through a consolidation process. They held their annual election of Officers resulting in a full officers corp. The Officers were then Installed by MEGHP Brent Helm. A few moments of instruction in protocol and procedure were conducted and the Chapter was Closed at 9:15 PM, followed by the Sir Knights who held their scheduled conclave. WELL DONE!!! Companions of Caro Chapter, No. 96!!! Your Grand Chapter Officers stand ready to aid and assist you whenever necessary. We are only a phone call away. Such a wonderful night!

Respectfully submitted:
REC Terry G. Baker,
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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

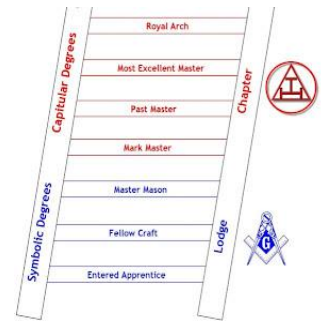
Golf Outing Dinner Choices: _____ # of Steak Dinners _____ # of Chicken Dinners

***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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