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Dear Companions and Everyone:

This month brings us to the half-way point of the 2024 year. At Masonic Pathways, we are enjoying lemonade and popsicles on our front porch. It surprises me to find a few residences wearing a sweater or a coat! It is 80 degrees out with a ‘feels like’ temperature of 85! I like the warmer temperatures, but the humidity really plays hob with my long hair. Those humid days make me look like I have “big hair”, and I need a cowboy hat to control it.

This is the July issue where things get busy. The yearly reports for the upcoming York Rite session are gathered and published in the advance report. Sometimes I am asked to help put one together for a Chapter or other York Rite body. A fun and social outing is the York Rite picnic and Charity Golf Outing. I hope some of you Companions will take some photos. If you need help, it is just a phone call away! Especially when you need another reservation for the Picnic or Golf Outing. It would be great if you all would use the website’s calendar. Even if you just put your regular meeting dates in it.

Have a wonderful summer and thank you, Grand Officers for getting the articles in. We almost missed another officers’ article, but I hung on till he got it in. A nail-biter of a time getting them all together. August will fly by and keep us busy. Stay well and safe this month because “Baby, it’s hot out there”!!!

Fraternally,  
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Greetings Companions:

Summer is now here, and with it the end of the Capitular year. It is good to see that some of the Chapters have been able to do some degree work recently. Several of the Grand Chapter Officers journeyed up to Sault Ste. Marie to confer the Royal Arch Degree prior to Upper Council. Unfortunately, only one of the candidates from April was there to finish their Royal Arch work.

At Caro Chapter there were three candidates to receive their MMM Degree. It was good to see this Chapter being able to have Brothers starting their degree work. I thank those Grand Officers who journeyed from the various corners of the state to assist them.

This month there will be the annual picnic and golf outing. There will be steak, chicken, and hot dogs at the picnic. Just bring a dish to share. If you plan to attend, let me know so that we are not short of food.

REC David Montgomery and Harold Staley are working hard on the golf outing. If you are participating, please thank them for what they are doing. I really appreciate all their benefiting the charities of all the three York Rite bodies.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Grand Session in Bay City next month.

Fraternally yours,  
Brent Helm, MEGHP

Hmmm, now doesn't this look like a tricky shot. Mine would go right into the water hazard!

(Editor's Note.)





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## Secretaries Scribbles

Summer is officially here and for the last week or, so it was made clear. The temperature seems to have taken the effect that the dog days of August are here. I can't wait to see what July is going to bring. Many of the Lodges and Chapters will be dark for the next couple of months. We don't have a lot on the calendar for July except for the Grand Chapter picnic and golf outing on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The picnic will be at the Sprague property between Gladwin and Beaverton on the 20<sup>th</sup>. And the golf outing will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Gladwin Heights Golf course. Dinner will be served after the round is completed.

We are always looking for more input for the York Rite calendar. The more information we can place on it, the better informed we are. We have the opportunity to put all three bodies on this calendar and they are color coded to make it easier to follow. We are not using the calendar to its full potential. We look forward to degrees, but we do a lot more than degrees, there's a lot more that our Chapters, Councils and Commandries do more than just degrees. Our social functions would be better attended with just a little more advertising, and it's free!

So long for this month,

Fraternally,  
Donald



**P.S.:** 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 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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.



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Greetings Companions:

As Father’s Day has come and gone, it gave me time to reflect on my own dad. My dad would come home from his 8-to-5 job, have dinner, read the newspaper, smoke a pack of cigarettes, watch the evening news, and go to bed. He did this during my entire childhood growing up. My father taught me one thing only by default: self-reliance. As a man, I see the interaction with some father’s and their children while attending baseball or football games, parent-teacher conferences, and interact with their children on a meaningful level.

This thought suggested that some individuals in your Chapter room can be seen in this light also. Some Chapter members may put on their aprons, sit in the North, and do nothing. They learn no new ritual, they don’t participate in any degrees unless it falls on a regular meeting night, they never travel, and never offer any sound advice.

On the opposite side of that coin, there are members that were a Past High Priest 20 years ago and are active all the time. Helping and mentoring new members, traveling, putting on degrees, and overall, highly involved in making the Chapter better. I know we all desire to help, support, maintain, and grow our Chapters.

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Greetings Companions:

This summer is moving along very quickly. It’s gotten to the Fourth of July which is the mid-point of the Summer. On July 19th and 20th, we will have our annual York Rite picnic and golf outing. Information and forms are on the Grand Chapter website and this event is open to all who would like to come and participate. Grand Chapter is also asking Chapters, Councils and Commanderies to sponsor a hole for 25 dollars. The money collected is split three ways between the York Rite bodies.

Coming up in the month of August the Grand York Rite session will be held in Bay City again this year. Make plans to come and support both upcoming events. I have not heard of any declared candidates for the open chair in Grand Chapter. We have many good Companions that would be good additions to the moving line. Please consider becoming a part of the moving line and keep the Grand Chapter moving forward.

Fraternally yours,  
Dave Montgomery,  
Grand Scribe





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**OVERFLOW  
 AND  
 MORE?**



Greetings Companions:

Summer has officially begun here in northern Michigan and the dog days of summer will be upon us shortly. It seems like all I'm doing is mowing the grass with all the rain we have had everything is thriving here. I implore everyone to take every precaution to avoid heat exhaustion so drink plenty of water when working outside on your projects. Many of you will be traveling on vacation and coming up to northern Michigan. This summer enjoy your activities and stay safe. If you are camping, please be careful with your campfires and when boating please use your life vests.

The Grand Chapter has just exalted a new companion at the Yooper Council on June 15th. The Chapter officers in attendance were MEC Brent Helm, REC David Montgomery, REC Rick Williams, EC Ken Simon, EC Jeff Marlett, and me. I wish to thank the Grand Council for their help and all the Companions in attendance. Please mark your Calanders that on JULY 20th York Rite Picnic, JULY 21st York RITE Golf outing! I would like to mention the golf outing dinner for non-golfers. The cost is \$ 25.00, it was not mentioned in the flyer. All Chapters and Councils please send in your sponsorship registration forms as soon as possible. In closing, I hope all of you had a great Father's Day.



Fraternally,  
 REC Harold Staley, GCOH

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Don't forget:

- York Rite Picnic & Golf Outing / Gladwin, MI / July 20-21.
- York Rite Grand Session / Bay City, MI / August 15-17.
- Outdoor Degree Day / Reed City, MI / September 7.

Growing our Chapters begins on the individual level. And by helping individuals become better Royal Arch Masons, we will grow the Fraternity by our good examples to emulate. Until I see you again, keep seeking further light in Masonry.

Your servant,  
 Tom Black, Grand King



Editor's Note: Remember when we installed a great group of Companions? We will be doing this again in August!



# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual York Rite Picnic & Charity Golf Outing Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>



## 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 10<sup>th</sup>).
- 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

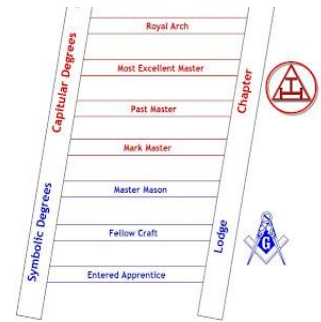
Golf Outing Dinner Choices: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Steak Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ # of Chicken Dinners

**\*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 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



(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 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.

Send information to:

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