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Please notify Peter Hunt (huntp@charter.net) of any change in the name and email address for the individuals delegated by your organization to provide your organization's monthly article for the Northland Masonic News.

We will no longer follow up on non-receipt of articles.

Steak Roast fundraiser for Grand Marshal Craig Maison's reception is Sunday, August 23rd, at the Traverse City Lodge #222.

The reception will be October 4th at the Hagerty Center in Traverse City; social hour at 3:00 pm dinner at 4:00 pm. Prime Rib and all the trimmings.

See attached flyer.

Benzie Area Lodge No. 444



Greetings Brothers:

AN ARTICLE WAS NOT RECEIVED

In Brotherly Love

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Traverse City Masonic Lodge No. 22



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East Bay Lodge No. 264



Greetings Brethren:

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Steven P Wheelock, PM/WM East Bay #264



Hello Brothers:

I hope all is well with all brothers and their families. Summer has been very busy for me this year since my wife and I have recently moved into our new home. Therefore I was not able to complete the June newsletter. Upcoming event for our lodge -- the Old Settlers Picnic which will be held at the Old Settlers Picnic grounds in Burdickville. Members of our lodge will be preparing food for this event the day before at our lodge in Empire. The picnic will be held on Sunday August 2nd at 12 p.m. Hope all can attend.

Fraternally yours
Jamie Schichtel, WM

Elk Rapids 275



Greetings Brothers,

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Fraternally yours,
Dave Kopkau, WM, Elk Rapids Lodge 275
Bill Murphy, PM, Secretary 231.564.0487

TRAVERSE BAY AREA CHAPTER No. 147
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

Well, did you enjoy all the festivities of the National Cherry Festival? What a great time for residents and visitors!

Did you read the Newsletter for July?? It seems I left out a line which told of our NEW DIGITAL ORGAN! We have been using it for a couple months now and it is great. I wish each and every one of you could hear it. Our fund raisers have been helped out by the Masons and we truly appreciate their help. Now we are giving all of you who would like to help a chance by including a flyer on our bakeless Bake Sale in with your dues notices. You will be getting those in the mail in August. We are also having an initiation the third Tuesday in August (August 18). If you can, come out and hear the initiation again especially if you haven't heard it in a while. We would enjoy seeing the faces of you who haven't been to chapter for some time.

We are planning to make our September meeting more fun than usual - but we are not giving any secrets away just yet!! Susan and I are getting our heads together. Oh, that's right, I am on the refreshment committee. We will have our fun time during refreshments. Prizes??? I can't say, too early in the planning.

Remember our shut ins and be good to your fellow /female friends.

Star love,
Doris Norton, Secretary PH: 231-421-5089
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SHERMAN CHAPTER NO. 197 OES

Hello Sisters and Brothers:

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Star Love,

Judy Schafer, Worthy Matron 510-7494
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TRAVERSE CITY COMMANDERY NO. 41

Greetings Sir Knights

A member of Traverse City No 41 was again in the Cherry Royale Parade. There were four Sir Knights forming a lead element ahead of the Local Shrine club carrying their parade banner which was followed by many marching Shriners and the colorful Shrine Hospital transport van. The Sir Knight were SK Paul Roggow, Right Eminent Grand Commander from Traverse City No 41, SK Albert Johnson, Very Eminent Grand Commander from Port Huron No 7 carrying the TC-41 marching Beauceant, SK James Hawn, Past Grand Commander from Northville No 39 and SK Stephen Lambert, from Port Huron No 7 Chairman of the Hospitaler Committee of the Grand Commandery. The Marchers were glad when they reached the end of the parade and for the ride back to the Elks Club starting point. After a lunch at the Elks Club the Knights Templar and Shriners parted with promise of joining again next year. Sir Knights the August 5th conclave we will discuss having an open house celebrating our 125 historic years in Traverse City. Your input and participation is necessary for success.

Yours in Templary,

Paul Roggow, REGC & PC

Mark Drake, PC Commander (231) 271-3404

Peter Hunt, PC Recorder (231) 421-4414 huntp@charter.net



TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER NO. 102

Royal Arch Masons

YORK RITE

Greetings Companions:

Our next convocation will be at 7PM on August 5, 2015.

Respectively submitted,

John Snyder High Priest, (231) 362-2720, johnandbarb@outlook.com (new)

Peter Hunt, Secretary, (231) 421-4414 huntp@charter.net



Valley of Traverse City



"We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members."

Dear Brothers,

As you know, we have just sent out the 2015-2016 dues notices. We want to thank all of you who have responded promptly, but it has also highlighted a growing problem we have in the Valley.

I have had a number of notices returned as "undeliverable", for a variety of reasons, but mainly because the brother has moved, and his mail forwarding time limit of one year has expired. It is not just about collecting dues, but keeping in contact with our members, and keeping them informed of Valley news, events, and in some cases, benefits some are eligible for.

Towards this end, WB Keith Wright, MSA, has graciously agreed to head a committee to update contact information for the Valley. If you have ANY contact information for a member who has moved, whether a phone number, address, email address, etc., please forward this information to Brother Keith Wright (keith@wrightinsurancegroup.com), or myself (johntsees@att.net), so that we can update the info and keep in contact with our members. For many, contact info has not been updated since joining the Valley, and is limited to the info you provided on your petition.

You can also update your contact info by going to <http://scottishritemnj.org>, and logging in to the 'Members Center' (you will need your AASR membership number) and look for the "Update your info" link, and you can instantly update all your contact information.

Once again, this is not about collecting dues (although that is a consideration), but it is about keeping in touch with our members. The NMJ, and the Valley, have so much to share and provide to members, and we cannot do so if we cannot contact them. For whatever reason, we have members we cannot contact, mainly because they have moved and we do not have their current info on record.

We also have a great many out of date e-mail addresses (from changing accounts) and phone numbers (usually because of getting a new cell phone) that need updating. I want to ask each of you to please email me YOUR most recent phone numbers and email addresses. I have a few brothers with whom I am in constant contact, but for the majority of the Valley's members, I have addresses and phone numbers that are years old, and with each email I send, I get more and more delivery failures because the account no longer works.

Please update your contact info somehow, through Brother Keith Wright, myself, or the NMJ link provided. The NMJ link is the fastest and easiest, as long as you know or have your membership number (on your membership card). I can send you your number if needed, but please check to make sure we have your info.

Brothers, this needs to be a priority. Make sure you update your info, and if you have any info about a brother who has moved, or has new contact info you know of ... please, please, please, inform Bro. Keith Wright, myself, or any Valley or Board officer. We cannot say in good conscience that "We will strive to be a fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members" if we cannot contact our members!!!

Respectfully,

Your Brother in Light,

John T. Sees, 32°, Exec. Secretary, Valley of Traverse City



SALADIN SHRINE

Greetings Nobles:

The Cherry Royale Parade on July 11 was a success. For the first time in many years we had a Shrine Hospital van in the parade. The Knights Templar joined our unit for the second consecutive year. Representing the Grand Commandery were Paul Roggow, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Albert Johnson, Very Eminent Grand Commander; James Hawn, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander and Steve Lambert, Chairman of Hospitaler Committee of the Grand Commandery. They led the Shrine unit dressed in their Templar uniforms. Nobles from the Shrine Club followed with the club banner and Jonathan Clifford, Assistant Rabban, drove the Hospital van. The weather was great and the crowds very enthusiastic. We were number 48 this year.

Saladin Shrine Temple is sponsoring a dinner cruise aboard the Tall Ship Manitou on Saturday, August 15 in Grand Traverse Bay. Arrive at 13258 S. W. Bayshore Dr., Traverse City no later than 6:00 PM. The cruise will last until about 8:30 PM. Cost is \$40 per person and includes a picnic dinner and drink ticket. Reservations can be made with Sara at the Temple office at (616) 942-1570 or skopec@saladinshrine.com.

There will not be a club meeting in August. The next regular meeting will be September 17 at the Traverse City Elks' Lodge. There will be additional information in the next newsletter.

We will be selling nuts beginning in September. It is not too early to start taking orders. There will be additional information on pricing in the next newsletter.

Fraternally,
John Klumpp, President, 231-944-3300

Great Lakes Masonic High 12 Club No. 757



Greetings HI-12ers:

Our July 2015 meeting was not held. Due to lack of membership, the status of our club is uncertain.

Rambling's from the District 4 BGP



Masons. Live better.

Starting planning and thinking about our planned state wide Masonic Open House on October 17th. Elk Rapids, East Bay, Bellaire and Traverse City are thinking of combining our ads to get a larger ad in the Record-Eagle for a bigger bang for our buck.

I hope everyone is carrying a petition with you in case you see a friend who may be interested in joining our Fraternity. You don't ask them but give them a brochure telling about the Masons. Remember, we take good men and make them better. Grand Lodge has a couple of new pamphlets. (Should I ask?)

To our sick and shut ins, we wish you better health. If you need a ride to Lodge, just call one of your officers and they will make

arrangements. Have a safe and happy summer.

Bill Murphy, PM, BGP #4

District #6 BGP

FIVE POINTS OF FELLOWSHIP

Symbol of building; of completion. Ancient builders laid out the position of any structure with square corners for a center; thus the building was "erected upon five points." The pentalpha, or five-pointed star, symbol of the five points, is a diagrammatic representation of a man - two arms, two legs, a head.

A symbol may be of something different from what the symbol teaches; thus the Five Points, symbolizing completion of a building (a "making"), teach the essentials of brotherhood; the forty-seventh problem, a symbol of geometry and exact science, teaches a love for learning.

Fraternally, Jim C. Larson DDI 6

CHERRYLAND LUNCHEON CLUB
Noon with Ladies Second Monday
The Cottage, Munson Ave. Traverse City



AUGUST 23RD STEAK ROAST

50/50, refreshments and fellowship

Family and Friends invited.

THE REAL SECRET OF
FREEMASONRY
MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

RSVP by the 17th of August to Bill Vaillancourt at
bvaillancourt1221@gmail.com

Craig Maison Fund
Raiser

Traverse City
Lodge #222

August 23rd

Social Hour starts
at 3:00 pm with
Dinner at 4:00 pm

\$20.00 each
includes, steak,
potatoes, corn on
the cob and salad.

Sponsored by the Craig
Maison Reception
Committee