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Benzie Area Lodge No. 444

Greetings Brothers:

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In Brotherly Love

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East Bay Lodge No. 264

Greetings Brethren:

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Steven P Wheelock PM/WM East Bay #264



EMPIRE LODGE NO 597

Greetings Brethren:

Fraternally,

Jamie Schichtel, WM Empire Lodge #597



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,

After all the excitement we had in May and June, I personally enjoy a little relief.

MaryEllen and Pete have also had a busy time of it. Whew!

The Fourth of July and Cherry Festival are coming up quickly. Many of you will take part in that. It is a happy time for Traverse City and all the activity. I admit I am inclined to stay out of town because I was in the thick of things all the while my children were growing up. Our Eastern Star is taking a little breather planning a couple fund raisers in which we hope all you homebodies will take part in. We will appreciate all the help we can get. We heartily thank the Masons who have been generous in helping with that expense. We hope many of you will be able to hear it. It sounds great and is a beautiful addition to our chapter meetings.

We meet on the Seventh (July 7, 2015) of July for our regular meeting. We hope many of you can/will attend.

Bless each and every one of you and those of you who can't get out, please call someone who you know who also can't get out.

Star love, Respectfully submitted,

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

To all Sir Knights

Our next conclave will be at 7PM on July 1, 2015

Yours in Templary,

Mark Drake, PC Commander (231) 271-3404

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TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER NO. 102
Royal Arch Masons YORK RITE

Greetings Companions:

Our next convocation will be at 7PM on July 1, 2015.

Respectively submitted,

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

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Valley of Traverse City



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

Brethren,

As you should already know, the Valley Board of Trustees held a general membership meeting on Sat. May, 30, to discuss the Valley forming a consistory. While the attendance may not have been the greatest, the overwhelming enthusiasm and support for a consistory was. As a result, the Consistory Committee will be developing a "business plan" to guide the Valley Board of Trustees through the process of getting a dispensation, and ultimately a charter.

This decision is the result of a lot of work by the Board and Body Officers, but it is just the beginning. We have a long and challenging process before us. As part of our decision to move forward, we made agreements with our brothers in the Valley of Grand Rapids, to maintain our consistory ties and memberships with them for a limited time, to allow them to develop and implement plans to help alleviate the financial impact of losing a large number of consistory members.

While the "business plan" is still a work in progress, and will undoubtedly undergo numerous changes, we can report that we are working on a timeline that will cover a few years. We know that there will be only one conferral of the 32 degree in 2016, which will be Nov. 12, in Bay City. So we are planning and hoping to be ready by the Fall Reunion of 2017, but keep in mind that this is only a tentative date, and is subject to change. This gives us a 2 year window to get planned and organized, and to do that, we will need the help of each and every member.

YOUR VALLEY NEEDS YOUR HELP to make this a reality. We have gotten a great response to this so far, but now we need to start our labors. Ill. Brother Ken Cooper will be leading this effort as our first Commander in Chief, and we will be starting to flesh out the requirements for the 32nd degree. We would like to ask all brothers interested in ritual/degree work to please contact me at JohnTsees@att.net to volunteer or if you have any questions. We will have more than 20 roles to cast, from leading characters to bit parts with just a few lines, but we must fill them all, and with your help, I know we can do it. Even if you are a new member, never done ritual work before, or are just nervous about participating, please step up and take a small part. In the ideal world, we should have each part filled

and have an "understudy" for each, but right now WE NEED YOU to take an active role in the "Valley of Traverse City Consistory"! Overall, this is a great opportunity for our current members to become "Charter Members" in a consistory, (a very rare event and honor) and for candidates to become members in a "Full" Valley. What could be more inspirational, convenient, or enjoyable than for our candidates to become members of our consistory?

Respectfully,
Your Brother in Light,
John T. Sees, 32°, Exec. Secretary, Valley of Traverse City



SALADIN SHRINE

Greeting Nobles:

The onion sales are complete and we thank everyone who helped sell them. They were very good this year.

The Cherry Royale parade will be July 11. We will assemble at the Elks Lodge in Traverse City at 9:00 AM. Instead of the float from Northwest Shrine Club we will have a Saladin Temple Shrine Hospital van and Noble Ed Schocker's vintage Chrysler car. We will be able to transport Nobles to the beginning of the parade and bring them back to the Elk's Lodge. If you can't walk the parade route then you can ride in one of the vehicles. There will be an afterglow at the Elks following the parade. Suggested attire for all our parades are a red shirt, dark pants, dark shoes and your fez. We will also have a clown (Racer) from Moslem Temple.

July 16 will be an outdoor cookout on the shores of Suttons Bay. This year it will again be held at North Park, the public access site at the north end of Suttons Bay Village. The facility has a pavilion and picnic tables. Social hour will begin at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM with a short meeting to follow. We decided to have dinner an hour earlier than in previous years. This meal will be catered by Noble Frank Sorna. Please call with your reservations so we can order enough food. Ladies are invited to this cookout and as always, guests are welcome.

The Anchor Days parade in Empire will be July 18. We will have some small items and Mardi Gras beads to pass out to spectators. If anyone has an antique or vintage vehicle besides Noble Ed Schocker, you are welcome to drive it in the parade. The Mini 500 Unit from Cadillac will also be in the parade.

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

Great Lakes Masonic High 12 Club No. 757



Greetings HI-12ers:

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



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Bill Murphy, BGP #4

Rambling's from the District 4 BGP

Gauge, Twenty-four Inch

Symbol of time as wealth; note differences between this and the scythe, symbol of the shortness of human time. The twenty-four inch gauge impresses with the importance of allotment of time for various activities. "Eight hours for our usual vocations" is all inclusive, but the same need of dividing time between activities which the ritual rather baldly apportions among three only, is stressed here for the use of any part of time.

Time is the substance of life. Wisely used, carefully budgeted, it goes far and does much. Carelessly used, wasted, allowed to slip away, it becomes an expression of a useless and wasted life. Ecclesiastes III: 1-8, most interestingly describes some of the human usages of time. Hoping your time over the summer will be well spent.

Fraternally, Jim C. Larson BGP#6

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