



Issue #1 - March 2026

Thumb York Rite

Caro Royal Arch Chapter #96

Thumb Council #90 | St. George Commandery #52

Recent News

For those that haven't been to meetings in awhile, quite a lot has been happening as the Thumb York Rite bodies continue to grow and prosper. After appropriate debate and several rounds of voting we have condensed our meeting times into a single evening. Caro Chapter #96, Thumb Council #90 and St. George Commandery are now meeting on the **3rd Thursday** of the month starting at **6:30pm**. It has been working well so far and the early start helps to get us out of the lodge before too late in the evening.

Mark your calendars!

New Website

We have launched a new minimally designed and easy to use website for the Rite! Some of the new features include useful resources such as:

- Interactive Calendar for Meeting and Event Dates
- Petition Forms for Easy Printing
- Contact Forms
- Maps and Directions
- Photos and Important Links
- History and Much More!

Check it out at www.thumbbyorkrite.org

General Updates

Voting is complete and all Thumb York Rite bodies have agreed to participate in the newsletter jointly each month. Print copies will be sent out to those who wish to receive it as well as being posted to our website and emailed to our members.

Announcements

New Knight – SK Daniel Albin has received his Order of the Temple and is now a full Sir Knight in St. George Commandery #52.

New Petitioner for Chapter – Tavin Cregar has submitted his petition to join the ranks of Caro Chapter #96. He plans to continue his journey through Council and Commandery as time allows and is excited at the prospect. He is currently a member of Mount Moriah #226 F&AM.

The Commandery Column



Milestones

St. George Commandery was honored to attend the Order of the Temple at the Detroit Masonic Temple for the Knighting of SK Daniel Albin. This courtesy was bestowed by Detroit Commandery #1 with many visiting Sir Knights in attendance. What a "Knight" it was to be in such a beautiful building surrounded by such fine members of the Order.

Captain General's Workshop

On March 28th there will be a Captain General's workshop at the Lansing Masonic Temple. The first half of the day will be spent with inspection review and information on cuts and rituals followed by a ritual competition in the afternoon. We have several Sir Knights planning on going so we hope to see you there for a day of information, practice and fellowship.

Chapter Chatter

Things are growing at Caro Chapter #96! As we continue to add more to the membership we are reminded to reach out to our Companions that may need a ride, a helping hand or simply a phone call. We often forget what is not directly in our field of vision and we certainly don't wish to forget about our members who may have hardships. Have a few free minutes? Give a Companion a call to check in and see how they are doing. We would love to see them back at Chapter in the future and to watch our ranks continue to grow.



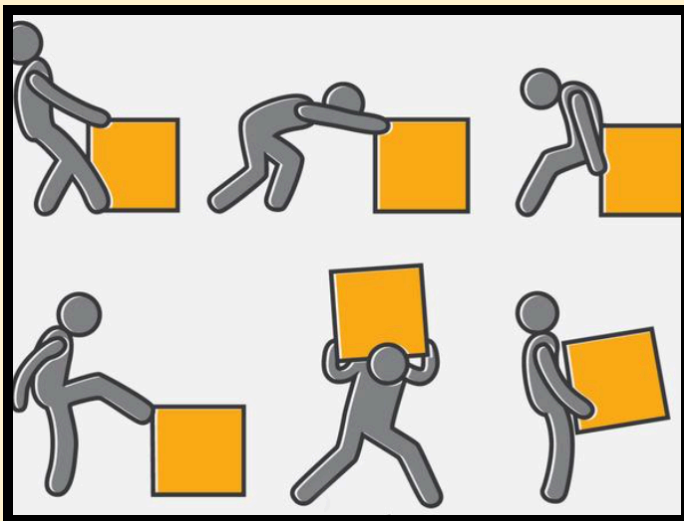
Prayers and Best Wishes

We extend our thoughts and prayers to Companion and Sir Knight Steve Dennis as he prepares to undergo a mitral valve replacement. Surgery is scheduled for April 1st (not fooling!) so please keep him in your thoughts for a fruitful and speedy recovery. I'm sure he would appreciate a few phone calls during his long recovery process.



Battle Creek Degree Festival

March 21st Companions from Caro Chapter will be taking our petitioner Charlie Hass down to the Battle Creek Degree Festival. Upon our return we will have a new Companion amongst our ranks and are so excited to welcome him. More to follow in the next issue!



Helping Hands Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with moving Chapter items from the Verona Lodge to Mount Moriah as time allows. If you have some free time and space in your vehicle please reach out to ericread@gmail.com or by phone. Many hands make light work for all!

Cryptic Council Coffee Talk

The Thumb Council is back in action after a few months of darkness and we couldn't be more excited! We have been practicing and it's starting to show. We also have been honored to have guests attend to share the fellowship and experience of the growing Thumb Council. Our Thrice Illustrious Master

John Banning was happy to take the gavel for the new year and looks forward to a prosperous 2026.



Installation of Officers

Our 2026 slate of Officers for Thumb Council #90 were duly installed before going dark. We welcome all who stepped up and into a new role to provide leadership, guidance and excitement to our Council. Wish them well on this year's journey!



Helping the Youth

We received written correspondence from Isabella Albin thanking Thumb Council #90 for their donation to her Youth in Government Conference in Lansing. This mock-legislature program teaches teens from across the state how laws are made from the ground up and each student must write their own bill.



Get the Word Out!

Know of anyone who has always wondered about Cryptic Masonry? Point them our direction so we can answer any questions they have and put a petition in their hands. We are only as strong as our members and the more fellowship the better.

Mark your calendars!

March 21st, 2026	Battle Creek Degree Festival	christenheir@gmail.com
March 28th, 2026	Captain General's Workshop	djheise@comcast.net
April 16th, 2026	Thumb York Rite Regular Meeting	ericlread@gmail.com