



Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Arkansas



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Companions,

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". This year I am asking each Companion/Council to set aside one day in the next calendar year to make a difference in the life of an individual or within the community in which you live. Great acts are made up of small deeds. As we serve others we are also working on our own inner Temple. What will you do to make a difference to the lives of others around you?

One way you can make a world of difference is to support our own charity – Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF). The Grand Council of Arkansas is selling coins/lapel pins with the profits benefiting CMMRF. If you do not have a charity that you support locally then perhaps you might consider supporting CMMRF which conducts research in pursuit of curing and/or alleviating medical conditions stemming from Vascular Disease. My home lodge, Washington #1, bought 16 coins to use in the Charity portion of our EA degree. I have attached an order form that you may use for the purchase of the Grand Council Coins as well as my lapel pin. The order form will also be posted on the Arkansas Grand York Rite webpage.

Paul C. Bush Council #80 will be hosting a statewide Grand Council Festival on Saturday, August 12th at Washington Lodge #1 in Fayetteville. The degrees will start at 10:00 a.m. with lunch being served in between degrees. The Super Excellent Masters Degree will also be performed that day in full form; and a special lapel pin has been designed to commemorate the day's activities. Please make plans to join us on this special day as we continue to spread the light of York Rite Masonry in Arkansas.

I again want to thank the Companions of Arkansas for elevating me to the rank and honor of Most Illustrious Grand Master. Remember – that none of us alone can easily change the world; but working together we can make a word of difference in the lives of those around us. Go out in the world and do one thing to have an impact that will be felt for generations to come.

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