

ARKANSAS SUPPLEMENT



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Memorial Day

In an annual tradition, the Sir Knights of Damascus Commandery #8 honored those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country,



laying a wreath at the tomb of the fallen in Graceland Cemetery in Pine Bluff.

Honor Guard: SKs Billy Britt, Thomas Lampirez, Troy Cole (above left) & Ron Tucker, Thomas Amison, Sam Ashcraft (above right).

In Memoriam

Ronald P. Schmidt
 R. E. Past Grand Commander
 Arkansas 2015 -2016

Past Grand Commander Ron Schmidt laid down the working tools of life on May 1, 2018. He and his wife Karen had moved back to Wisconsin to be closer to family, after he completed his term as MI Grand Master of the Grand Council of Arkansas. RESK Schmidt brought many new ideas to Arkansas Freemasonry, and a dedication that will be missed.



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R. E. Grand Commander
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Greetings, Sir Knights:

As you will note in this publication we have lost a good man; brother, companion and sir knight with the passing of REPGC Ron Schmidt. Ron was faithful to the Craft even in the days when he was making a great sacrifice by being in attendance at various meetings and functions. He will be missed for being the man that he was and the example that he was.

You will also note that we are going to be having some festivals in the coming months. Needless to say we want to have large classes to make the work of the hosting bodies be worth their effort. I can recall classes of 25 plus candidates during the year of REPGC Burt Lee's term, and there is no reason we cannot exceed that number. I encourage each Commandery to get me an invitation to your local lodges so that we can get petitions. Call or email me with some lead time and plan on some of your sir knights accompanying me.

As we have meetings of our invitational bodies there is always one of the class that will thank the cast for giving of their time and effort. I would ask all members to consider letting each of the directors of work know that that you are willing to assume a role in these bodies. We assume that when an invitation is extended and accepted that each candidate is willing to take on the

role of active member and not just a card carrier. If we do not assume a role of taking on some responsibility we are cheating ourselves from truly gaining more insight into the lessons that that body through it's ritual, and our study, is attempting to convey and instill in every member. Everyone has a particular role that they really enjoy performing or that has a special meaning to them but everyone would enjoy seeing some new faces involved in the work and would be pleased to give up some parts.

A reminder to contact me if you would like a role in the regional teams that will be conferring THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE. We need full casts by area and also fill ins or back ups for several of the key members when schedule conflicts occur.

Yours in His service,

Wm. Paul Wilson
 Grand Commander

Statewide YR Festival
 Hosted by Hot Springs Bodies
 August 4, 2018
 Hot Springs Masonic Temple
 Grand Ave. at Central
 All Degrees and Orders
 Starting at 8:00 AM

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