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Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Charles H. Ferguson
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August 4th - WOW!



Greetings Companions:

What a day it was in Hot Springs, Arkansas! As some of you know we had a Festival of all of the degrees in York Rite Masonry. If I am correct there were 17, yes 17 candidates for the Chapter Degrees and before the day was finished I believe there were 23 York Rite Masons

Knighted; WOW what a day. I just want to say a big THANK YOU to all who worked in the degrees and the ones of you that worked so hard in the ritual work. Outstanding job Companions. A big Thanks to Hot Springs Chapter for having the Festival at your building, and the hard work you did to make this happen.

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The Lunch was wonderful with the exception of the Green Beans. They were good but I don't like green beans. I had to leave early after the Chapter degrees because my wife had called and stated that our Air Conditioner had quit and I had to go home. Before I left I checked and we had 70 companions to sign the book Wow what a great day. I believe that we had companions from just about all over the Great State of Arkansas. Some of you drove a lot of miles for York Rite Masonry. Again, Thank You.



Fraternally,

Charles H. Ferguson

M.E. Grand High Priest

Above: ME Companion Charles Ferguson, GHP presented before the Altar for introduction at Hot Springs festival by PGHP, and Grand Secretary Dick Browning. All of the Grand Line officers were in attendance, except the Grand Principal Sojourner.

The Degree Teams

The Work of the day was Under the Direction of Companions
David Ponder and Jerry Brooks
With Jacob Davis coordinating the Props and paraphernalia.



The Companions of Hot Springs Started the Day with the Mark
& Past Master Degrees.



.The Degree Teams-Continued



Comp. Monty Fulmer conferred the first section of the MEM. And ME Comp Henwood gave his "full-form" version of the Principal Sojourner in the RA, with the



soundtrack provided by PHP James Rochelle.



General Grand Chapter Excellence in Ritual Award

At the Hot Springs festival. I had the honor to present the general Grand Chapter Ritual Medal to Companion Monty Fulmer of Ananias Chapter at Damascus. ME Companion T J Henwood, who was awarded he 1st one in

our State, and the 3rd one ever, helped with the presentation and pinned the Medal on Companion Fulmer. If you as a companion would want to obtain this medal contact me or our Grand Secretary Dick Browning and we can give you the guidelines on how to it.

MEGHP Charles Ferguson

Most Illustrious Grand Master
Paul H. Craig
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Get Involved



Companions all:

The August 4th York Rite Festival at Hot Springs was a wonderful event and very well attended. I want to thank the Hot Springs bodies for hosting and the Hot Springs Scottish Rite club for assisting by providing the meal. I believe there were about seventy registered and eighteen Council candidates.

I encourage the candidates to not just attend their local meetings, but to get involved by sitting a chair or learning a part of a degree. Or both. You have no idea how much it will be appreciated.

I believe the attendance was due to the advertisement by the Grand York Rite. I talked it up at each of my official visits as did the Grand High Priest and Grand Commander. I want to thank everyone that attended, it was a great day.

And I would like to congratulate Monty Fulmer on receiving the ritual award. Well deserved.

Fall is here, get out and enjoy it. I know I will. Remember, be good to one another. We are all in this together.

Fraternally,

Paul H. Craig,

Most Illustrious Grand Master

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Truly State-Wide Council Work In Hot Springs



The Companions of English Council #14 out of Pine Bluff (above) conferred the Royal Master Degree. The Select Master was conferred and the Super Excellent Master was communicated by a group efforts by the Companions of Occidental #1 from Little Rock, and Hot Springs #23 (below).



Fay Hempstead Day

Annually, Fay Hempstead Chapter #144 celebrates the life of its namesake, Companion Fay Hempstead. On Saturday, August 12, they met at his grave site in Mount Holly Cemetery in downtown Little Rock. The program was given by James Morehead, PHP, which gave a brief account of his life outside of Masonry. Companion Morehead gave a reading one of Hempstead's poems *Let there be Light*. Dr. Angelo Coppola, PHP, High Priest of the Chapter placed a memorial wreath at Hempstead's marker. Companion Joe Clements, PMEGHP, gave a brief tour of the cemetery around the grave site.



L-R, above: EHP Angelo Coppola, Comp James Morehead, PGHP Joe Clements in front of the Fay Hempstead memorial.

York Rite Charities

Both GHP Ferguson and GM Craig always encourage all of us to support the Charities of our bodies; specifically Royal Arch Research Assistance and Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

In the last issue, the Councils of Arkansas who made significant contributions to CMMRF were featured. This issue, we highlight the efforts of Union Chapter #2 for RARA.



For at least 5 years, Union has held an annual fund-raising dinner, and the last three have featured Comp. Michael Elcan's real pit-smoked Bar-B-Que. The Bar-B-Que dinners have become an annual event at Sylvan Hills Lodge. And, again this year, it looks like Union Chapter will donate over \$1000.00 to RARA as a result of their "famous" Bar-B-Que.

