

Grand High Priest - Together

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Why not plan a special meeting on an off night? Take your Chapter Membership roster, start a call list and plan an evening to just fellowship with the Companions. There is a saying "We sleep on an advertised Mattress we eat advertised Food, We Drive an advertised Car. Why not advertise? That means that we are our own best kept secret. Why not let the community know that it's the Mason's meeting tonight at the York Rite? That's a part of advertising to show the community that you are doing something. Plan some sort of event if it is nothing but Cake and Ice cream Hot Dogs & Hamburgers' Watermelons in the summer. Just something to build interest in your home town Chapter. Try it! You may find that it will work; "Together We Can Make A Difference".

Now that Grand Session is over, it is time to roll up our sleeves and go to work. We need to visit our Blue Lodges and ask those brothers to come join our Chapters; and on to the Council & Commandery. It doesn't hurt us to ask a brother to join York Rite Masonry. Let's Make 2018 year a great success. Together we can.

In this article I want to say a BIG Thank You to all of the companions for taking on the responsibility of accepting the position of what ever Officer in your Chapter you assumed. Whether it be High Priest to Sentential, you are the person that someone will see when he comes to your Chapter. After all, he is there to see what York Rite Chapter is all about and what the degrees will impress on him and what it has to offer: "Don't Disappoint Him". Remember, "Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ."

Fraternally,

Charles H. Ferguson
M.E. Grand High Priest



RARA Awards

Two Chapters and one Council of Knight Masons contributed over \$500 to Royal Arch Research Assistance in 2017.



RE General Grand King Steven Tiner made the presentations to Jack Sharp Council of Knight Masons (above) along with Union Chapter #2, and Mtn. Home Chapter #43. (below)



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General Grand Chapter



The Companions of Arkansas were excited to welcome home our own PGHP Steven G. Tiner as he came to represent the General Grand Chapter as the General Grand King. Arkansas was also glad to welcome RE Clyde Schoolfield, our Regional Dep. GGHP.

Our Companion Silas Wilson was honored by the General Grand Chapter as the recipient of the Bronze Medal for 2017.

The Grand York Rite was also honored by the presence of MW Brother Bradley R. Phillips, Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas.



Note the banner in the photo above. It is Arkansas NEW York Rite web address. Go there for any and all information you need.

**Most Illustrious Grand Master
Paul H. Craig
2018-2019**



We're in This Together

Companions all:

Thank you for placing your trust in me by allowing me to serve the Grand York Rite of Arkansas as your Most Illustrious Grand Master for the upcoming year. I want to congratulate the elected and appointed officers and remind you that the term of your position is only for my year and may end with the

election of a new Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Because we have so few Councils in the state, I will not appoint D.D.G.M.s and request that each of the elected officers visit at least one Council other than your home Council during the year. Please complete a Grand Council Visitation Report and send to me as I will need the information for my end of year report and send a copy to the Grand Recorder of Grand York Rite for his records.

I would like to maintain continuity within the committees so I have no plans to reassign members unless they request it. Please feel free to consult the Grand Recorder when needed. It's always good when our number increase and should be the foundation of our goals. My main goal this year is to increase the attendance at our stated Council and all York Rite meetings.

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How we can go about achieving it is where the problem lies. I have no magic solutions Yet, through suggestions and creative thought and actions we may be able to make some headway. If we can increase our attendance by 1-2 companions (the numbers are small), but it would mean the difference in being able to open a meeting.

No matter how good or bad last year was, I hope this year is even better. Be good to one another, after all, we're all in this together.

Fraternally,

Paul H. Craig,

Most Illustrious Grand Master



Honoring our Ladies



Mrs. Mary Ann Savage (left) was named the “York Rite Lady of Arkansas” for 2017 in recognition of her tireless contributions to AR York Rite over the years.

Mrs. Patricia Wilson was recognized by our new Grand Secretary/Recorder Dick Browning for her work preparing the 2018 pre-print for the Sessions. As a retired newspaper man, Dick presented her with an editor’s “Green Visor”



CMMRF

Dr. and Companion Joe Rouse, PMIGM, and CMMRF Board Member made the presentations recognizing outstanding contributions to Cryptic Masons Medical Research for 2017.



English #14 (above) Gideon #65 (below)



Each of these Councils contributed over \$1000 to CMMRF in 2017.

At right, Paul C. Bush #80 and below, North Central #82.



Notice, that each of these is receiving a "bar" to add to a previously received



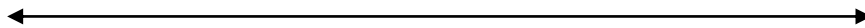
triangular plaque. That signifies that these were additional contributions of \$1000 or more!

Order of High Priesthood

Every year, one of the highlights of the Grand York Rite Sessions is the meeting and conferral of the Order of High Priesthood on the Thursday evening preceding the official openings.



This year nine High Priests were Anointed into the Order. (above)
The officers for 2018 include our Grand High Priest, Charles Ferguson as Excellent President. (below)



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The Web address above is the new home of all things related to the York Rite of Arkansas. If you need to know where or when one of the bodies meets, its there. If you need to know how to contact your Secretary or Recorder, its there. If you need to know who is the Chairman of the KT Scholarship Committee, its there. You get the idea. That web address should be your first stop when looking for AR York Rite information. Next, our new Grand Secretary/Recorder: ME Dick Browning. gsl@aryorkrite.org.