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Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Charles H. Ferguson
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Moving Forward



Greetings Companions:

Our convention is well over and I hope that those of you that attended enjoyed yourself and I hope you enjoyed the hotel and the meals. We have worked very hard to make the event very successful and enjoyable for all, if you didn't make it this year we hope you will now put forth the

effort to do so next March.

Companions, it is with pleasure that we, Chapter, Council and Commandery, will be having a festival on August 4th at Hot Springs, Arkansas. This is centrally located, so talk to the Master Masons in your area of the State and bring them down or over or up to the Festival in August.

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I believe this is going to be a great event and a positive year for York Rite Masonry. This will take a lot of effort and a lot of work to make this happen. But, together we can make it a success. If you would like to work in any degree, just let me or Companion M.W. Dick Browning our Grand Recorder/ Secretary or Paul Craig Grand Master of the Council or Paul Wilson Grand Commander know, and we will put you to work in the degrees.

Companions, lets not forget about our Chapter Charity; RARA. With your help, I hope we can make this a record year.

Remember,
TOGETHER WE CAN WITH THE GRACE OF GOD.

Fraternally,

Charles H. Ferguson
M.E. Grand High Priest



Arkansas York Rite College No. 142

The Arkansas York Rite College is an honorary body of York Rite Masons dedicated to the advancement of the York Rite.

This year, three outstanding Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights were received into the College on May 12th. The class, consisting of: Harold "Hal" Sutherland, Frank Kish, and Garry Jones, was dedicated to the memory of Past Grand Master, and former member, M. W. R. L. Sheffield.



The officers who will serve the College include Tom Liles, Governor; George Coleman, Deputy Governor; David Arnold, Chancellor; Angelo Coppola, Preceptor; Paul Wilson, Seneschal; and T.J. Henwood, Past Governor and OPC, Director of Work.



York Rite Honors Day

Every year, the first Saturday of May is dedicated to recognizing those York Rite Masons who have achieved positions of leadership, and shown outstanding abilities in those positions. Three honorary bodies confer their degrees at that time: The Order of the Sword and Trowel, the Knights York Cross of Honor, and the AR Past Commanders Assn. In 2018, all three bodies dedicated their classes of candidates in honor and to the memory of Ronald P. Schmidt.

Arkansas Council Order of Sword and Trowel Consisting of current or past Thrice Illustrious Masters



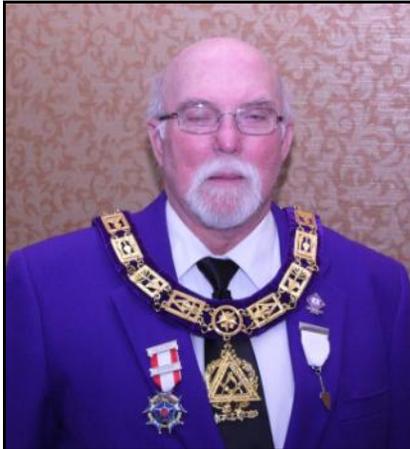
Albert Pike Priory No. 20, Knights York Cross of Honor Past Master, Past High Priest, Past TIM, and Past Commander



AR Association of Past Commanders



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



Keep It Going

Companions all:

I hope the Arkansas heat and humidity finds you well. Just don't get too much of it. I can remember when Arkansas had four seasons. But now it seems we have hot, cold and a little bit of in between twice a year.

For those of you that knew Ron Schmidt, I was told that about thirty Masons attended his funeral in Wisconsin. He is greatly missed. (*See Page 7- Editor*)

During the last year we have had a few nights that we could not have a York Rite meeting due to lack of numbers here at Mountain Home. I'm sure other groups have had the same situation. Generally there are five or six diehards that come early and keep count as members come in.

Every month, a couple of us start calling a few days ahead to get a count of who is and who is not planning to attend. Nearly half of our members live twenty to fifty miles away, and we try to be considerate of the distance they travel. But still, there are times when we are one short, so we try to have a practice night.

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It seems that even in the side bodies of the York Rite attendance at meetings is dropping. I don't have the answer and don't know who does. Is this the new norm? I hope not.

Please remember the York Rite Festival at Hot Springs on the 4th of August. I'm hoping for a large number of candidates.

And, put our next Grand Sessions on your calendar for March of next year at the Crown Plaza hotel. It was just a very good experience this year and we are trying to make it better and encourage your attendance.

Remember, be good to each other. We are all in this together.

Fraternally,

Paul H. Craig,

Most Illustrious Grand Master



Festival of York Rite Degrees & Orders

August 4, 2018

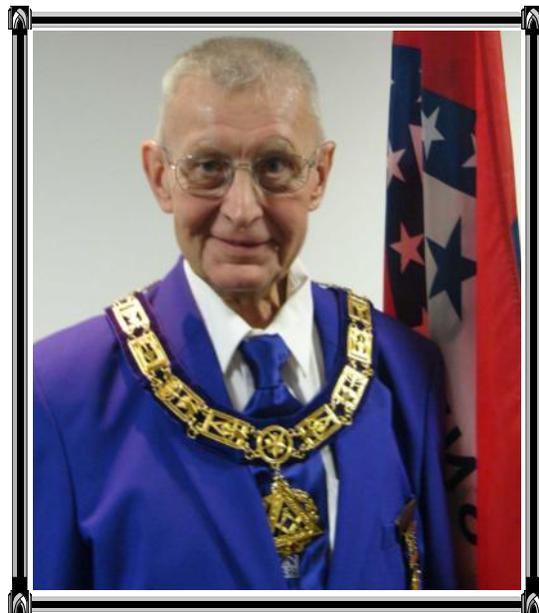
Hot Springs Masonic Temple
Grand Avenue at Central Avenue

Registration: 7:00 - 8:00 AM
Chapter Degrees 8:00 AM - Noon
Lunch

Council Degrees & Commandery Orders
In The Afternoon

In Memorium

M.I. Companion Ronald P. Schmidt
M.I. Past Grand Master of
Royal & Select Masters of Arkansas
2017 - 2018



April 9, 1943 - May 1, 2018

M.I. Companion Schmidt laid down the working tools of life on May 1st of this year. He and his wife Karen had moved back to Wisconsin, to be close to family, after Ron completed his term as Grand Master of our Grand Council. Even though he was struggling with ALS, he attended every session of the Grand Council, and was actively following the proceedings. He was quite proud of the fact that the Super Excellent Master Degree was presented on the stage of the Albert Pike Memorial Temple during his term as Grand Master. Ron was an example of industry and dedication. He will be missed.

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Cryptic Masons Medical Research

At the Grand Sessions in March, four Councils of Royal and Select Masters were recognized for contributions to the CMMRF of \$1000, or more. Shown below with Dr. Joe Rouse, CMMRF Board Member and 2017-18 Chairman for Arkansas.



English #14



Paul C. Bush #80



Gideon #65



North-Central #82