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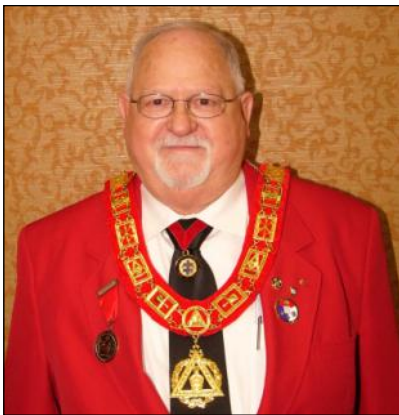


Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Silas M. Wilson

2019-2020

Pinch Me, I Must be Dreaming



Companions:

Welcome to a new York Rite year. I want to thank all the Arkansas Companions for your support and the confidence you have placed in me by allowing me to serve you as your Grand High Priest. It is a distinct honor to follow in the footsteps of those who have come before me. I

pledge to work hard to fulfill your expectations. I can only hope you will find me worthy of this GREAT HONOR.

I would like to extend my congratulations and a big thank you to the other Officers, elected and appointed. Having full confidence in their ability, I have appointed the following District Deputy Grand High Priests: Companions Douglas McConnell, Scott Nelson, Chad Hogue, *Continued on page 2*

Grand High Priest - Dreaming

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Arthur Smith and David Ponder. These Companions will be making visits to your Chapter, let them know if the Grand Chapter can be of any assistance.

Companions, our charity continues to be RARA. This year I will be selling a writing pen in support of this charity. See me with your donation. Each Chapter should have a fund raiser in support of RARA. I challenge each of you to support this charity this year.

Companions I look forward to visiting with you in the coming year. Together let's make a positive difference in York Rite Masonry this year.

Finally, Companions, let's start preparing for the South Central York Rite Conference this year in September. Arkansas will be hosting the conference this year, and I hope you will come and enjoy this event..

Fraternally,

Silas M. Wilson

M.E. Grand High Priest



Awards Banquet



Arkansas was again privileged to have our own ME Comp. Steven Tiner, RE General Grand King present to present the General Grand Chapter awards.

Above, ME Bobby Bennett, PGHP receives the Ephaim Kirby award and at right, Ron Tucker the GGC Bronze Medal



On behalf of the Grand Encampment, RE SK Jack Harper II, Dept



Commander presented SK Dick Browning with the Knight Commander of the Temple

(above) And SK Carl Phillips with the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. (right)



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RARA: Over \$4000 in 2018



At left, Union Chapter No. 2 receiving the GHP's plaque for most funds raised for RARA during his term. In 2018, Union

#2 donated \$1118.00 to RARA. EHP Hogue (right) receiving the double-diamond RARA pin. The Companions of Hot Springs Chapter donated \$750.00. (Below)



Fay Hempstead Chapter gave \$550.00. And AR Council No. 80 of Knight Masons donated another 500.00 All of these bodies received the RARA Diamond lapel pin.



Total donations to RARA from AR in 2018 were \$4059.50.

**Most Illustrious Grand Master
Charles H. Ferguson
2019-2020**



**Working Together-
We Can!**

Companions :

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as York Rite Masons as your Most Illustrious Grand Master. It is my wish through this year with the help of all York Rite Masons to increase membership and attendance to

our Council meetings.

“Working Together We Can - All of Us“

Congratulations to the elected and appointed Grand Officers. You, with the help of all companion's can make a positive influence to all Master Masons with whom you come in contact with and can promote York Rite Masonry.

At present we have 14 Councils across this Great State of Arkansas and I have appointed 5 men to represent This Grand Council as District Deputies for the years 2019 – 2020. With my visits and theirs, I am asking all Thrice Illustrious Master's along with the Recorders to create a Council Meeting Telephone or Text Call list promoting a HOME COMING meeting with a POTLUCK MEAL asking your Council membership to come to the meetings. You would be surprised what a simple phone call will do to help your Council have a monthly meeting, you could also invite a Master Mason who is not a Rite Mason to come and enjoy the potluck.

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South Central Conference

Arkansas will Host the South Central Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Crowne Plaza Hotel September 20 & 21, 2019. We will need a Great Attendance at this conference and I am asking the D D G M 's to promote this event as they make their official visits. Companions mark your calendar NOW for this event! We will open for Pre registration on the afternoon of the 19th, so all should plan to come to attend this Important State York Rite event.

Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation ---CMMRF

Companions this program is a very important program to all Council members and Masons This program was a great success for the year 2018 - 2019 and we as Arkansas York Rite Masons must continue to support this Program. As I did for the Chapter that raised the most Money for RARA when I was M E Grand High Priest I am again going to present a plaque to the Council that raises the most money for CMMRF. So let's all go to work now on raising the money. Why not have a special event or fund raiser and invite your membership to this event? Who knows, you might get a new member from this endeavor.

Visits

A visitation Form is in the packet for the D D G M's. Please fill out this form and get it to the Grand Recorder for our Records. Let me know by e-mail when you plan to make your Visits, please.

Magazine

I will write all articles for the Magazine but I ask all Council's to provide me information to be included in the articles as to what you as a Council are doing throughout the year.

“Working Together We Can - All of Us“

Fraternally,

Charles H. Ferguson,
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Council Awards



RI Charles Hollinger, General Grand Treasurer of Cryptic Masons made the presentations for the

Grand Council. Above, Randy Gillless; Gryptic Mason of the Year, and to the right, Mark Kalkbrentr received the Adult Leadership Award for work with youth.



CMMRF



Perhaps ironically, two new CMMRF Triangle Plaques for donations of \$1000.00 or more did not go to Cryptic Councils this year. Above, chairman Charles Stuttle awards Jack Sharp Knight Masons and Carson Scott AMD their triangles. English Council, Gideon, and N. Central received bars in recognition of additional \$1000.00 contributions.

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 eight High Priests were Anointed into the Order. (below)



The officers for 2019 are: Wm. Paul Wilson-President; James Morehead-Vice Pres.,; Michael Lockhart-Chaplain; T.J. Henwood (PP)-Treasurer/Recorder; Ronald Frizzell-Master of Ceremonies; Ronald Tucker-Conductor; Randall Gilless-Herald; Arthur Smith-Steward; Troy Cole-Guard. Joshua Bryan was appointed Director of Work.



Knights of the Royal Arch



Four Companions were named Knights of the Royal Arch for 2018: Billy Britt, Arnold Hodge, Phillip McConnell, and Joe Rouse. Dr Rouse was not in attendance because he was celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary.