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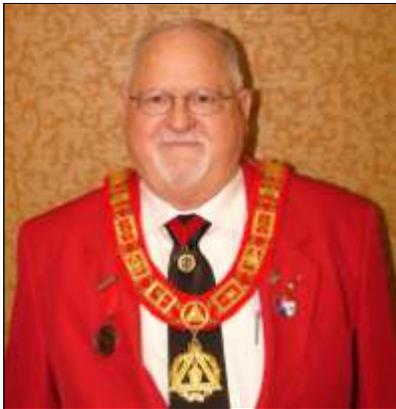
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Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Silas M. Wilson
2019-2020

Keep Moving Forwrd



Companions:

So far this year things have gone very smoothly. How good and pleasant it is when Brethren dwell together in unity.

I am sure all of you know by now, we lost a champion of York Rite Masonry earlier this year. MEPGHP Johnnie Savage served this Grand Chapter as Grand High

Priest in 1989 and laid down his working tools on April 21, 2019. Most Excellent Companion Savage will be missed by all who knew him. (Memorial - Page 3)

On a much happier note, congratulations are in order to Hot Springs Chapter #47. They observed their 150th anniversary in June.

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Grand High Priest - Forward

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The festivities were started off by the conferring of the four Chapter degrees. Congratulations to this Chapter for 150 years of service and many more to come.

I hope everyone has received information on the South Central York Rite Conference to be held in Little Rock on September 20-21. Arkansas is the host state this year and we need everyone that can to attend. If you have questions contact your Chapter secretary, they have the necessary information. There will be events for your Lady, so do not leave her at home.

As summer begins to wind down, I hope you have enjoyed your summer activities and vacations. I, for one, am looking forward to the cooler weather of fall.

Continue to attend your Blue Lodges and invite any Master Mason that is not a York Rite Mason to join you and share the enjoyment. Make a difference for Royal Arch Masonry.

Do you need a deduction on your annual income tax? Royal Arch Research Assistance is a 501 c3 tax exempt organization. You can help others and yourself by making a donation. You can contact Steven Gregory, RARA Chairman, for more information. Please consider making a donation to this worthwhile charity.

Fraternally,

Silas M. Wilson
M.E. Grand High Priest



In Memoriam

ME Companion Johnnie Deen Savage
Past Grand High Priest-1989
July 2, 1930 - April 21, 2019



In addition to his service as Grand High Priest of Arkansas, Companion Savage served as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1990, and Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1991. He was raised a Master Mason in 1957, and was a Past Master.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; son Michael; two daughters, Shirley and Deena; sisters Faye and Louise; and a host of beloved Grandchildren and family.

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



**Make It Special
For CMMRF**

Greetings, Companions:

I hope all are doing well in your Councils. I hope that you are planning the Special Meeting Nights for Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. This is a very worthwhile charity that benefits a number of

families and the monies that we raise goes to research for a lot of different sicknesses; that some of us suffer from. So, PLEASE, PLEASE put your programs together and let me know when and where: I might just come to visit your Council on that night. Let's beat Last years DONATIONS!

Companions let me remind you that coming next month September 19th, 20th, and 21st we will be hosting the South Central York Rite Convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel on Shackelford Road in Little Rock. I cannot tell you how important it is at this time for the State Of Arkansas to show the other South Central States how we can put on a very large attendance and participation. So If You have not registered for this Convention, please do so now. It is not to late. And If you would like to help or work at this event just let our Grand Recorder RI Companion Dick Browning know. I believe he can and will find something for you to do.

Companions if you are reading this article, that tells me that you are a YORK RITE MASON.

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I hope you are attending a York Rite Meeting at Chapter Council Or Commandery. These meeting are very important to me and should be to you. If you are not attending, have you asked yourself what are you missing if you do not attend? The answer is: Good-fellowship and being with your York Rite Brothers. YOUR YORK RITE BODIES NEED YOU.

Finally, I too express my sense of loss at the death of one of our long-time leaders of Arkansas York Rite, and Freemasonry; Brother, Companion, and SK Johnnie Savage. I wish for his family comfort and peace at this time. And, I wish for all a wonderful Summer.

Fraternally,
Charles H. Ferguson,
Most Illustrious Grand Master



Grand Sentinel Installed



During his visit to Saul of Tarsus Council No. 83 (and Ananias Chapter #156 for Degree work - page 4) Most Illustrious Grand Master Ferguson took the opportunity to install Companion Monty Fulmer as the Grand Sentinel.

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**York Rite Honors - May 4, 2019
AR Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters
Order of Sword & Trowel**

Nine Thrice Illustrious Masters, at right, received the Order of the Sword and Trowel in 2019. PTIM Ron Tucker assumed the role of Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council,



with Paul Craig TISW, Silas Wilson Treasurer/Registrar, Doug McConnell Chaplain, and

TJ Henwood, PTIM Director of Work.



**Albert Pike Priory No. 20
Knights York Cross of Honor**

Seven Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights who have served as presiding officers in all four York Rite bodies (including the Symbolic Lodge) were welcomed into the Garden of the Kings in 2019. In the Sword and Trowel and KYCH, the classes were named in honor of Johnnie Savage, who had served as presiding officer in both.

To find out more about the York Rite honorary and invitational bodies, go to: www.aryorkrite.org, and scroll to the bottom of the page.