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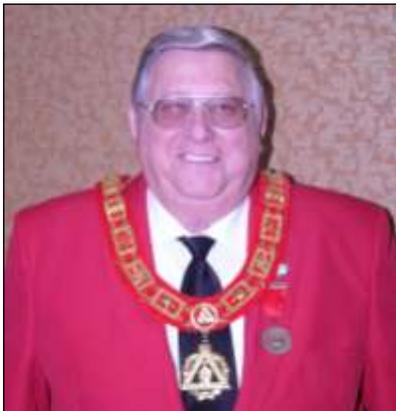
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Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Charles H. Ferguson
2018-2019

Happy New Year!



Greetings Companions:

Well, all of the Holidays of 2018 have come and gone and I hope you and your Family had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Joyous and Merry Christmas, but now it is time to roll up our sleeves and go to work on a New Year in York Rite Masonry. Let's

make 2019 a great year for our chapters. I want to thank all who gave me the opportunity to serve as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest. It has been a difficult time for me to visit all of the Chapters this year due to some health issues on the part of my wife, but all is looking up a little now.

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Grand High Priest - New Year

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As I started out my year the program that I wanted us to excel in was RARA and I will present a plaque to the Chapter that has donated the most monies to this program at Grand Session.

On that subject, Companions NOW is the time to Mark Your Calendars and plan to attend the Grand York Rite annual Session March 7, 8th & 9th 2019 to be held at the Crowne Plaza hotel located @ West Markham Street and Shackelford Road Little Rock, Arkansas. We will have a wonderful event planned for you and your Wife. This year I have asked my Home Chapter Fay Hempstead #144 to open the Grand Session. I know they will do a great job.

2018 was a good year and there are not enough words for me to say to the Companions of the Chapters across this great State of Arkansas how much I Appreciate giving me the Honor of holding the office of your Most Excellent Grand High Priest Thank you is not enough but all I can say is THANK YOU! God bless you and I hope to see you on March 7th.

Fraternally,

Charles H. Ferguson
M.E. Grand High Priest

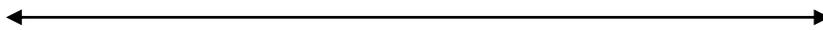


Union Exalts Two



Brothers David Tiner and Asa King became Companion Royal Arch Masons at Union Chapter No. 2 on Sept. 24, 2018.

During the conferral, it was ironic that ME Steven Tiner, General Grand King and RE Ronald Frizzell, Grand Scribe of Arkansas, filled the stations of King and Scribe, respectively.



Union Welcomes Digs for Official Visit



General Grand King Steven Tiner was at "home" at Union Chapter on September 10, 2018 to help welcome Arkansas' Grand High Priest, ME Charles Ferguson, on his official visit.

Grand York Rite Sessions - 2019

March 7, 8, & 9, 2019

Crowne Plaza Hotel 201 S. Shackelford Rd. Little Rock, AR
Tentative Schedules - Subject to Change

Thursday, March 7:

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Registration & Committee Meetings
2:00 pm Knight Masons - AR, Jack Sharp, & Harvey Mize Councils
3:00 pm AMD - Carson Scott & F.J. Scully Councils
1:00 - 4:00 pm Committee Meetings
4:00 pm Open Buffett
5:30 pm Joint Memorial Service - Rev. Steven G. Tiner (Open to all)
6:00 pm Conferral of the Order of High-Priesthood
(Candidates & High Priests Only)
8:00 pm AR Assn. of Past Commanders Business Meeting

Friday, March 8:

6:30 am Open Breakfast - AR Order of Sword & Trowel - Following
7:30 am - 10:00 am Registration Continues
(No Registration during Sessions)
8:00 am Joint Opening & Reception of Distinguished Guests (Open)
Joint Business Session #1 (Members only)
10:00 am Opening of Grand Chapter, RAM of Arkansas
11:30 am Ladies Luncheon
11:45 am Grand Chapter called from Labor to Refreshment
12 Noon Men's Luncheon - AR York Rite College Following
1:00 pm Grand Chapter resumes Labor to conclude business
2:00 pm Opening of Grand Council, R & SM of Arkansas
5:00 pm Grand Council called to Refreshment
6:30 pm Grand York Rite Banquet
Men-KT Uniform w/o sword or chapeau, Tuxedo or Dark Suit
Ladies-street length dress/suit-formal optional

Saturday, March 9:

6:30 am Open Breakfast - Albert Pike Priory KYCH Following
7:30 am-8:00 am Registration continues
8:00 am Opening, Grand Commandery
Knights Templars of Arkansas
10:45 am Grand Commandery called to Refreshment
(1 hour available for unfinished Grand Chapter/Council business)
11:45 am Joint Installation of Grand York Rite Officers (open)
(Installation will follow close of all business with a short time for preparation.)

No Registration during Business Sessions

For information about attending the Grand Sessions, contact your local
Secretary/Recorder, or the Grand Sec/Rec.

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



**Looking Back -
Looking Forward**

Companions all:

I hope this year has been good for you, it has certainly gone by fast. We had a wonderful Festival in Hot Springs that was very well attended and had an impressive number of

candidates. Not just quantity, but quality.

Dick Browning, our Grand Secretary & Recorder of the York Rite, has been in meetings with the folks at Crowne Plaza making preparations for the upcoming YR Grand Sessions, March 7-9, 2019. If you attended in 2018 you probably noticed a much nicer facility, better service and all around better atmosphere than we've had in the previous years. We are still trying to improve your experience. We will not have a separate breakfasts for Sword and Trowel and KYCH. Both breakfasts will be open, with the Honorary bodies meeting after the meal. We will have the same format for an open men's luncheon. And, there will again be a Ladies Luncheon.

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Grand Master - Grand Session

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We have also made some changes in opening the Grand Sessions. I have tasked North Central Council #82 to open the 155th Grand Assembly of Royal and Select Masters. The Grand High Priest and REGC have selected a Chapter and Commandery to open their Grand Bodies as well. This is an effort to involve more local bodies and generate interest in attending the governing event of our York Rite. Every Companion and Sir Knight is a member of the Grand York Rite, not just the line officers.

More information will be coming from the Grand Secretary/Recorder. Talk it up in your meetings, we want to see you there and hope you want to attend.

Fraternally,
Paul H. Craig,
Most Illustrious Grand Master



Editor's Lament

Companions:

In this issue there are several articles about the Chapter and Council where I personally belong. But nothing from any other Chapter or Council in Arkansas. As is said in the Past Master's Degree charge: "This is not as it should be."

I need YOUR help. Obviously, I cannot be at every meeting of every York Rite Body in Arkansas. But, I can say with assurance that there is someone at every single one of them with a camera in a cell phone.

Please, when your Chapter, Council, or Commandery confers degrees, has an official visit, or some other significant event or activity, take some pictures and send them to me with some information about what happened. I prefer e-mail, but you can text as well. Let's make this the ARKANSAS INSERT!

Thanks for your help,
T.J. Henwood

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Arkansas Section

Three for Occidental

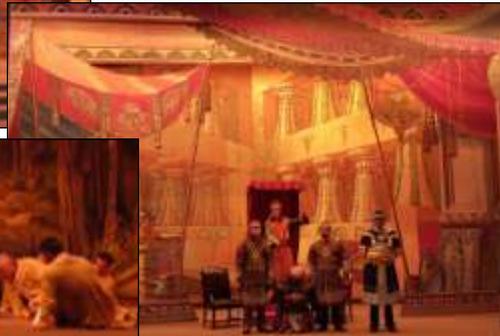


RA Companions Asa King and David Tiner from Union Chapter #2, and Christopher Kellogg from Iris #151 were greeted as Royal and Select Masters at Occidental Council #1 on October 18, 2018. The Deputy Grand Master, Charles Ferguson was present to assist, as well as the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Ronald Frizzell, who performed that part in the Royal Master Degree. The Degrees were conferred by PMIGM and Grand Treasurer, T.J. Henwood.



Super Ex January 26, 2019

Again, the Full-Form Super Excellent Master Degree will be portrayed on the stage of the Albert Pike Temple in 2019. If you have not experienced the pageantry of this Degree performed with its original sets, mark the date Now!



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Green Masonry

It has been said that the Council of Knight Masons traces its origins to Ireland. From this tradition, Knight Masons are sometimes referred to as “Green Masons”.



AR 80 Council Class from Sept. of 2018.

There are three Councils in Arkansas.

Arkansas Council #80, meeting in Jonesboro, was the first Council of Knight Masons Chartered in Arkansas. Many of its Charter members were members of Tralee Council in Memphis. The next Council to be Chartered in Arkansas was named in memory of Comp. Jack L. Sharp, No. 91, and is domiciled at Fayetteville.

Finally, Harvey Mize Council #101 was formed at Pine Bluff, and now meets at Bendemeer Grotto. The three Councils meet jointly at the annual Grand Sessions.

For ore about the Honorary bodies associated with the York Rite, visit:
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And scroll to the bottom of the page.



Ron Tucker, Excellent Chief of Mize Council 2018-19.