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Virtual Grand Chapter



Companions:

August 29, 2020 was a historic day for York Rite Masonry in Arkansas. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it was uncertain if we would be able to hold our Grand York Rite session this year. After a lot of thought, pray, planning, and hard work by your Grand York Rite officers we managed to hold the grand session electronically on August 29th.

Although we did have some technical glitches, I thought the session was a huge success. *Continued on page 2*

Editor's Note: This Fall edition of "The Arkansas Royal Arch" was submitted to our national publisher on Sept. 1, 2020. All dates in this publication were correct as of that date. Look for a listing of upcoming meetings as best we know them on page 4. And, remember, you can always check: www.aryorkrite.org for updated information. TJH

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It was well attended, at one time I saw 69 participants, and we were able to get a lot accomplished. Hopefully we will not have to hold an entire grand session virtually in the future, however I do see the virtual ability being a great tool to compliment future meetings. I want to express my appreciation to all the participants and those who worked to make the session possible, especially the Grand Secretary Dick Browning. Without him the session would not have happened.



MW Bro. David Bradley addressing the opening of the Virtual Joint Session.



It was an honor to serve out the remainder of our Past Grand High Priest Silas Wilson's term. My goal was to serve the Grand Chapter in a manner Silas would have. I hope I accomplished that goal. A big thank you to those companions who have prayed, encouraged, and supported me during this time. Now that you have elected me to continue to serve as your Grand High Priest I hope I can continue to serve you the Companions of Arkansas and grow Royal Arch Masonry in our state. Thank you all for showing confidence in me by electing me to serve as your Grand High Priest. It's one thing to serve as Grand High Priest out of need but entirely another to be elected by your peers. I am humbled and honored. Your continued support, encouragement, and prayers are truly welcome.



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One action taken during the grand session was the approval of a Joint York Rite Education Committee. As many of you know Masonic Education is dear to my heart, so I was excited to see this committee formed. I look forward to seeing the committee in action. There are so many Masons and Companions out there who are hungry for Masonic Education. This is not only exciting but provides an enormous opportunity for us to not only assist in expanding educate but to grow fellowship, interest, and growth in our Chapters and Blue Lodges. As Royal Arch Masons we have a duty to educate our Masonic Brothers and Companions.

It is my hope that this committee will work to provide leadership in the development and promotion of tools and materials that can be used to help us accomplish our duty.

As we continue to strive during these trying times, please pray for each other, our military, our country and our fraternity. Holiness to the Lord!

In His service
William R. "Ronnie" Frizzell
Grand High Priest



Masonic Schedule

These dates are as best we know them on Sept. 1. 2020

Order of High Priesthood:

Postponed until Grand YR Sessions in 2021

South Central Conference Virtual Meeting: Sept. 18, 2020.

Gen. Grand Chapter & Council

South Central Dept. Zoom meeting (Gr. Encampment):

Sept. 19, 2020, 10am - 5pm.

General Grand Council

Virtual Triennial Session

September 26, 2020, 11:00am, CDT

triennial.org/about

General Grand Chapter

Virtual Triennial Sessions

November 21, 2020, 2:00pm, CDT

yrtiennial2020.com

Installation of ME Companion Steven G. Tiner as

General Grand High Priest

AR College SRICF: If no live meeting 10/10/2020,

Virtual meeting 10/29/2020, 7pm (pending GM dispensation)

AR 80, Knight Masons - Postponed until December 2020.

Gilchrist #26, A.M.D. - Postponed indefinitely.

St. Giles, Red Cross of Constantine - Postponed to Oct. 10

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Zoom!



Greetings Companions of Royal & Select Master's of Arkansas:

As some of you know, we had our Grand York Rite meeting on August 29th, 2020. It was a very productive meeting and we had, if my numbers are correct, 84 Companions (**wish we would have had more**) come together

on the ZOOM conference. As was discussed and voted on, I was reelected as Grand Master of the Royal and Select Master's of Arkansas. With gratitude I accepted the Honor.

The reason for the reelection was the three heads of the York Rite bodies along with the next in line Grand Officer's met and discussed what would be a fair agreement with everyone because of the Pandemic Corona Virus and were unable to meet at the Crown Plaza Hotel in March of 2020. The meetings were rescheduled a number of times until we decided to finally agree to the meeting on ZOOM. Thanks to our Grand Master, M W David Bradley for allowing this virtual meeting.

So as it stands right now we will meet the second week of March 2021 if our Lord and Savior allows. The Grand Officers along with the District Deputies all remain in their respective stations until that time in 2021. So if you were appointed to any position you are still there and **THANK YOU FOR SERVING.**

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I want to thank our Grand Secretary/Recorder M W Dick Browning for the hard work he did on the ZOOM meeting in August . To me, all went well with the exception of a few minor problems but you know how technology is.

Companions, with Fall coming and the Changing of the seasons it is my hope and prayer for this virus to come to an end. I can't wait to be able to go to a Masonic meeting and be able to extend my hand in friendship and shake my Masonic Brothers' and Companions' hand in good fellowship. What a joy that will be!

As I close this article, let me remind each of you to make your **TAX DEDUCTABLE** contribution to **CMMRF**. (See exciting news from Dr. Rouse on page 8) After all, the donation might some day help one of your own family members.

Now with that, continue to pray for our Country, our Doctor's and Nurses, our Police, Firemen and all front line workers, and most of all, Pray for our Fraternity that God will bless us all.

May God bless you,

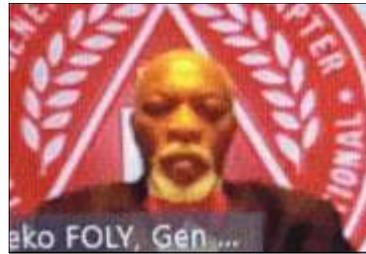
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From the Virtual Grand Sessions



Several General Grand Officers were in virtual attendance on August 29, including the General Grand High Priest Jim Hodge, our our GG King, Steven Tiner, and GG Scribe Teko Foly. Also, Three Deputy General Grand High Priests: Clyde Schoolfield (South-Central); Chad Burks (Southwest); and Mark Irwin (Northeast). Editor's apology to ME Comp. Hodge, who was only a black box.



We were Iso pleased to welcome, from the General Grand Council: John Logan, Regional Deputy General Grand Master (below-left) and Deputy General Grand Master Monty Glover (right).



CMMRF on the Leading Edge Against Covid-19

On 7/15/2020, Dr. Michael P. Murphy, M.D. gave an update on the work at Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine sponsored by CMMRF. There was ongoing research in five areas including the ARREST Trial regarding AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm), Diabetic foot ulcers, Critical limb ischemia, Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells, and COVID-19 INFECTIONS. The damage that has been the most problem for victims of COVID-19 has been the lungs. 6 patients were given compassionate care at the VA in Indianapolis with high dose I.V. Mesenchymal Stems Cells (from healthy allogeneic bone marrow [from another person] derived sources) paid for by funds from our Fraternity's charity; CMMRF.) The adult Stem Cells (3 million MSCs/ Kg) were given IV to very ill veterans (3 on ventilators and 3 on nasal Oxygen.) All the several tests on their blood samples for inflammation were improved and the three on nasal oxygen survived the infection. What occurred was that the Good (Tr1) regulatory cell ratio to the Bad (Th17) was favorably adjusted to reduce the inflammation in the lungs and Oxygen and Carbon dioxide could then be better exchanged. For those who want to know what parameters were measured they included Troponin- T (cardiac) C-reactive protein (inflammation) and NT- Pro- BNP (used in congestive heart failure.) This is another example of what our fraternity has done for all Humanity!

Joe P. Rouse, M.D.
Trustee CMMRF



Virtual Installation



At the conclusion of the zoom meeting, the three principal Grand Officers and all others, were “virtually” installed. As editor, I want to apologize for the poor picture quality in this issue. I was forced to take pictures of my computer screen, as a “print screen” command did not work. TJH