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**Most Excellent Grand High Priest
William Ronald Frizzell
2019-2020**

Missing Friends, Moving Forward



Happy New Year Companions!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and have had ample opportunity to recover. If you are like me, you now have the challenge of losing a few pounds and trying to get back to a more normal routine. This time of year, the beginning of a new year has always been a special for me. It is a time when I like to stop and take a few moments for reflection and

anticipation. Reflecting on the happenings of the past year while looking forward with curiosity of what is to come in the year ahead.

In reflecting on the past year, I can't help but remember my good friend MEGHP Silas Wilson who went on to his reward this last October. He was a Mason's Mason and I truly miss him. Companion Tom Liles said it best when he said "If you had a problem with Silas Wilson, then you needed to look in the mirror because you were the problem".

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Grand High Priest - Moving Forward

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With Silas' passing, it became my responsibility to assume his role as MEGHP for the remainder of his year. Out of respect for Silas I have not and do not plan on making any changes to any of the programs, appointments, or decisions he made as MEGHP.

Now, looking forward to what the New Year may bring, our Grand York Rite Session will be coming up in March. (See Page 4) These are important meetings and **YOUR** York Rite needs you. Your participation, wisdom, and input are vital to the success and prosperity of Arkansas York Rite. I hope that each one of you will give serious consideration to attending. I guarantee you there will be good fellowship and time well spent with Companions from all over the state. If you can't attend, don't forget your input and participation throughout the year at your Chapter is always needed and welcome.

In closing, I ask for your continued prayers and support as I have the honor to serve as your Grand High Priest. If I can be of service, don't hesitate to let me know.

In Brotherly Love,

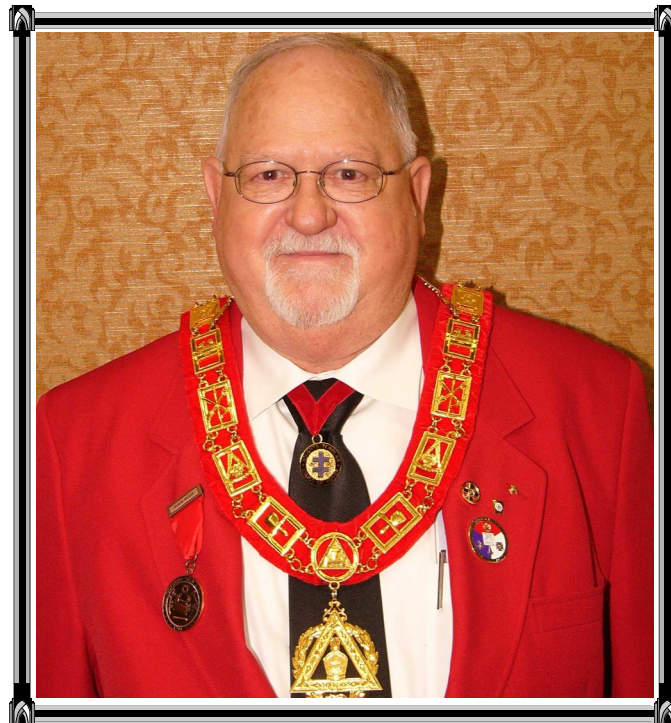
William R. "Ronnie" Frizzell MEGHP



In Memorium

Silas Melton Wilson

Grand High Priest - 2019



July 6, 1948 - October 10, 2019

ME Companion Silas Wilson passed away October 10, 2019. In addition to his office of Grand High Priest, he was the Registrar for Albert Pike Priory, KYCH; AR Council, Order of Sword and Trowel; Recorder for the AR Assn. of Past Commanders, K.T.; and Scribe/Treasurer for Harvey Mize Council, Knight Masons. He had also served as MI Grand Master of the Grand Council, R & SM of Arkansas. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, son Aaron (Anita), daughter Lisa (Daniel), two step-sons, and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a niece and nephew. Farewell, Brother Silas, Farewell.

Grand York Rite Sessions - 2020

March 19, 20, & 21, 2020

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

Thursday, March 19:

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Registration & Committee Meetings
2:00 pm Knight Masons - AR, Jack Sharp, & Harvey Mize Councils
3:00 pm AMD - Gilchrist, 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 20:

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 21:

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 Templar 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
Charles H. Ferguson
2019-2020**



**Plan Now For
March**

Greetings Companions of the
Councils of the
State of Arkansas:

I hope all of you had a very
Happy Thanksgiving and were
thankful for all that God provided
you. It is also my hope that you
had a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Now it is time for all of us to be thinking about our Grand
Session to be held in March. This is always a good time to
come to Little Rock and join in the festivities that we enjoy and
to see old friends and also make new acquaintances.

As you all know this is a special time for all. I hope you will
begin to start making plans to attend. After all, this is your York
Rite annual session, it is up to all Companions to come and
make it a successful one.

I hope all of the Councils across the state have had a program
for CMMRF. If you have not, you still have plenty of time to
have that special meeting for that purpose. And if you need a
tax credit you can make a donation. We need to make a good
showing for contributions at our Grand Session

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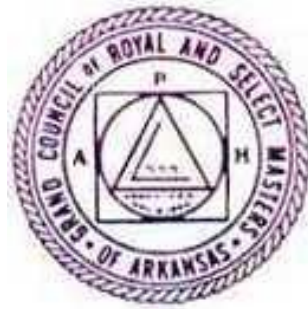
MIGM - Planning for March

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Companions I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be your Most Illustrious Grand Master for the year of 2019 it has been a pleasure to serve you in this office. All I can say is THANK YOU for this honor and I hope I have served you well.

Fraternally,

Charles H. Ferguson,
Most Illustrious Grand Master



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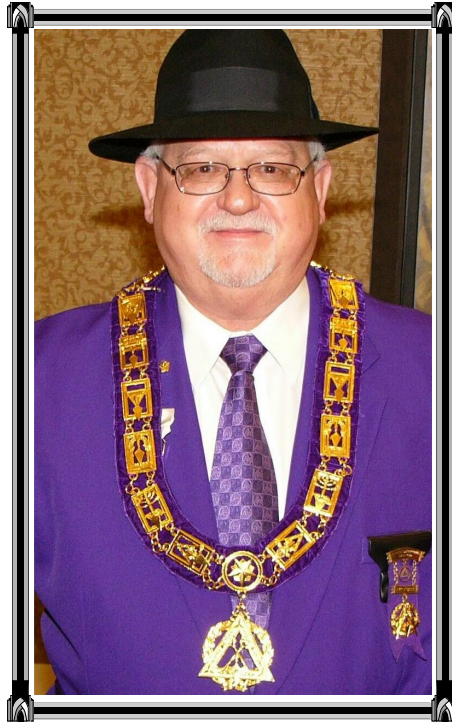


On October 9, 2019, Brother Justin Porter was Advanced to the Degree of Master, and as you can see, Inducted into the Chair as a Past Master at iris Chapter #151 in Jacksonville.

In Memorium

Silas Melton Wilson

MI Grand Master - 2013



July 6, 1948 - October 10, 2019

MI Companion Silas Wilson passed away October 10, 2019, while serving as MEGHP of Arkansas. In addition to the Masonic offices listed on page 3, he was a Past Master of Sheridan Lodge No. 260, Past President of the AR Order of High Priesthood, and a member of the Honor societies of; the Red Cross of Constantine, and Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He had just in the month of October been coroneted with the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite. Over fifty Masons attended his memorial services, many in their red Royal Arch Chapter jackets. The family is requesting memorials be made to the York Rite of Arkansas.

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Diversity

Diversity is a word we hear a lot lately. Usually this is in reference to diversity of culture or background. And, sometimes it's a word used to demean those who do not embrace alternative cultures or lifestyles.

But that's not the diversity I want to talk about. I'm talking about diversity of thought and experience; especially, Masonic experience, specifically the York Rite.

Whenever I have the opportunity to discuss what I find attractive about Freemasonry, I usually get around to the concept that being a Mason is a unique experience for each individual member. So, any publication about any aspect of Freemasonry should be diverse. But, sadly that has not been the case for the "Arkansas Royal Arch" lately.

I guess a took a long way around to ask, again, for each one reading this to help me make "The Arkansas Royal Arch" reflect *all* of our experiences in the York Rite, not just mine.

When your Chapter or Council has any event, degree work nor not, let me know about it! You can send a short description of what happened, and hopefully some pictures. I prefer that you send via e-mail, but you can text if that's the only way you can send your information.

My greatest goal for this publication is that it represents the diversity of Arkansas' Chapters and Councils. With your help, that can become reality.

Sincerely and fraternally,



T.J. Henwood, Your Editor

PS Does this look familiar? It should, it was in the last issue, too. Why am I repeating? I'll bet you can guess. That's right, I received only one item from any Chapter or Council in the 4th quarter of 2019. Please Companions, help me make this [publication representative of ALL of Arkansas' York Rite!