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**Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
William R. "Ronnie" Frizzell**

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## **The General Grand High Priest is from Arkansas**

Companions:

Please join me in congratulating our own MEPGHP Steven G. Tiner on his election as the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.



Most Excellent Tiner was elected at the General Grand Chapter's 71<sup>st</sup> Triennial Convocation held on November 21, 2020. (Virtually via "Zoom" meeting)  
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## Grand High Priest - General Grand Chapter

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ME Companion Tiner, GGHP 2020-2023 with ME Companion James Hodge, GGHP 2017-2020.

It has been 99 years since an Arkansan has held this prestigious position. Congratulations are also extended to the other Arkansas Royal Arch Masons who were appointed to General Grand Chapter Offices at the convocation. These include: C. James Graham as General Grand Chaplin, Dick E. Browning, PGHP as Deputy General Grand High Priest South Central Region, and T.J. Henwood, PGHP as General Grand Custodian of the Work. It goes without saying that we are extremely proud of Most Excellent Tiner and the other General Grand Officers. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas

wishes Most Excellent Tiner and his officers all the best for a most successful term as they serve for the next triennial.

William R. Frizzell  
MEGHP



# In Memoriam

Most Excellent Companion David T. Arnold  
Past Grand High Priest - 2012



April 1, 1941 - October 28, 2020

In addition to his service as Grand High Priest, ME Companion Arnold had served in many leadership roles in the honorary bodies, including Puissant Sovereign and later Recorder of Trinity Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Very Eminent Preceptor of Holy Grail Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

# In Memoriam

Most Excellent Companion Carl Phillips  
Past Grand High Priest - 1997



June 29, 1937 - November 8, 2020

In addition to his service as Grand High Priest, ME Companion Phillips had served in many leadership roles in the honorary bodies, including Excellent President of the Arkansas Council, Order of High Priesthood and Very Eminent Preceptor of Holy Grail Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

## **Most Illustrious Grand Master**

Charles H. Ferguson

2019-2021

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### **We Will Persevere**



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

Wow, the year 2020 has worked havoc on just about everything possible in York Rite Masonry. As you know, I as your Grand Master of the Council, had to make some very hard decisions concerning having meetings of all the Councils

in Arkansas, due to the fact that the Covid 19 virus has run rampant throughout our United States and Arkansas and has taken the lives of some of our on Membership in all bodies of Masonry here at home. This was the reason for all my decisions. It was difficult, but I hope all agreed it was and is the right decision. It was my prayer for all of you that you had a great Thanksgiving, and a Joyous Christmas, and a prosperous New Year. Hopefully with 2021 now in progress and with the help of our Almighty God and with diligent Prayer to him that the Vaccine is and will be successful for all in our world, but let us not forget that our almighty GOD in Heaven is still in control.

This past year 2020 a lot of things did happen that was not doom and gloom. In November two of our own men in Arkansas Masonry were honored by the incoming General Grand High Priest, Steven G Tiner (congratulations Brother Steve) upon your Election and Installation as the new General Grand High Priest and

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## **MIGM - Persevere**

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with that he selected Dick Browning PGHP as a Deputy General Grand High Priest; Dr. James Graham PGM & SGIG, as the General Grand Chaplain and T J Henwood PGHP as the General Grand Custodian of the Work. So, a BIG Congratulations goes out to all these men in our Fraternity.

As we move forward in 2021, and when it is safe to do, so we will be looking forward to our possible Grand Session in March when we can elect and install a new slate of Grand Officers in all the Grand York Rite Bodies. Hoping and praying that things in all of Masonry can get back to normal. A Lot of decisions will again have to be made, but with all of us working together I'm sure that we will move forward.

As I close this article, again I want to thank all the Companions across our Great State of Arkansas for allowing me to have the honor of serving you as the Grand Master of Royal and Select Master for the past 2 years. We had a lot of ups and downs but together we have made it. I know that we have quite a bit of degree work out there to get completed but with the help of GOD we will get it all completed. And for all of us let's just keep on praying that this will soon be in the history books. May God Bless you all!

Fraternally,  
Charles H. Ferguson  
Most Illustrious Grand Master





## In Memoriam

Joseph T. Clements, Jr.

Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest - 2011

Most Illustrious Past Grand Master - 2011

Right Eminent Past Grand Commander (Honorary)

Grand Treasurer, Emeritus, All Bodies

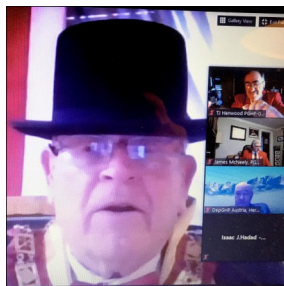
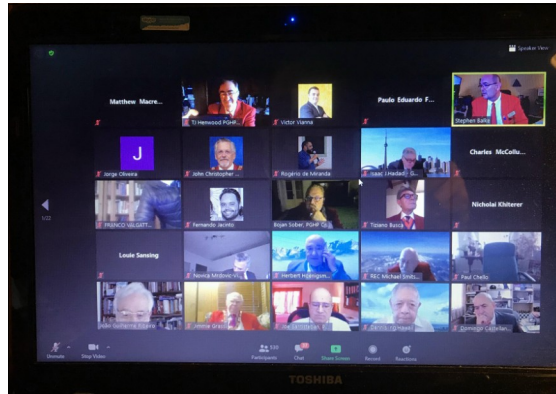


February 7, 1939 - November 1, 2020

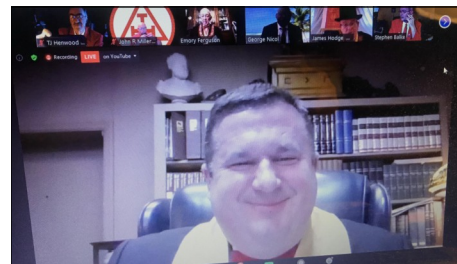
Our very distinguished Brother Companion and Sir Knight Clements served as Grad Treasurer of the Grand York Rite Bodies for over 15 years. He was the first recipient of the Grand York Rite "Fay Hempstead" award. He had served in many leadership roles in the honorary bodies, including Puissant Sovereign of St. Giles Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Very Eminent Preceptor of Holy Grail Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He was the recipient of the Grand Lodge Medal of Honor, and was coroneted a 33rd Degree SGIG honorary by the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite.

## Virtual General Grand Chapter

November 21, 2020, proved to be another unique day in the history of Royal Arch Masonry, especially for Arkansas. That day, the General Grand Chapter convened in virtual reality for the Triennial Grand Session. There were over 900 Royal Arch Masons from around the world in attendance, including many from Arkansas.



The Session was presided over by Most Excellent General Grand High Priest James Hodge. And, of course, among the Arkansans on-line was General Grand King (at the time) Steven Tiner.



The highlight of the day was the installation of M.E. Companion Tiner as the General Grand High Priest for the next Triennial.



In addition, ME Companion Chadwick Burke (below) from Arizona was elected and installed as General Grand Scribe. (Chad is actually an Arkansas boy, too.)

ME Companion Dick Browning was appointed as Deputy General Grand High Priest for the south-central region;

Excellent Companion C. James Graham was appointed General Grand Chaplain; and ME Companion T.J. Henwood appointed General Grand Custodian of the Work.

