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Most Excellent Grand High Priest
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On the Road

Companions:

September was a busy Month. I was able to visit several Chapters. IF I have not visited your Chapter yet, I plan to visit with you, before my year as Grand High Priest is over.

I have had the pleasure of visiting, a little more than half the Chapters so far.

To Grand Chapter officers :
please remember to send me your Official Visit information. I have only received a couple of reports so far. I know visits are being made and I thank you for all your support and dedication to our craft.

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Grand High Priest - Road

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To the High Priest of the Chapters :
please let me know how the Grand Chapter of Arkansas can assist your Chapter. We are here to support you and willing to assist you. Arkansas lost one of our Chapters several months ago. I pray we do not lose any more Chapters.

On March 14th, 2011

I received this email from my pastor:

For me, one of the most powerful moments in Chapter, is when I gather with my fellow companions around the sacred altar and repeat the Lord's Prayer.

There's nothing else quite like that moment in all of Freemasonry.

Have you thought about all of the missing pronouns in the Lord's Prayer?

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say " I " .

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer and even once say " My "

Nor can you pray the Lord's prayer and not pray for one another,

To ask God for " Our " daily bread, you must include your brother.

For others are included...in each and every plea,

From the beginning to the end of it, it does not once say me.

I look forward to gathering around the altar with you, soon, and praying the Lord's Prayer.

By the way, my pastor is Steven Tiner,
Who has served as,

Fraternally,

Harllen Joe Dixon
Grand High Priest 2024-25

On the Road in Jonesboro

Friday, September 13, 2024 was a good day for Jonesboro Chapter.



Four new Companions with MEGHP Joe Dixon, and MWGM Darrell Gifford. There were over 18 Companions in attendance to assist.



**The “Golden” Opportunity Continues
In 2024**

Any Companion/Sir Knight Suspended for Non-Payment

Will be Reinstated for only the 2024 Dues

Of His Local Bodies

Immediately upon being installed into their respective offices, the heads of the Grand York Rite in Arkansas issued Edict No. 1 for the Grand Chapter and Council, and General Order No.1 in the Grand Commandery:

Every Chapter, Council, and Commandery is directed to waive all the usual reinstatement fees, requiring only the current year’s dues (2024) to reinstate any Companion or Sir Knight who has been suspended for non-payment. Further, if you are behind in dues payment (but not officially suspended) you are considered paid in full, simply by paying 2024 dues.

If this applies to you, please consider this one-time opportunity to get back into the York Rite. This opportunity will expire at the end of the 2024 York Rite year..

Keep in mind, that under normal circumstances, the Digests require the bodies to collect the back dues owed, and the current year’s dues, if a man has been suspended less than one year. After the first year, the amount required for reinstatement is usually the same, but can be all of the back dues not paid. So, you can see what a great opportunity this is.

Companions, do you know of a brother who is in this situation? Reach out to him today, and make him aware of this chance to “get right” with the York Rite.

See your local Secretary/Recorder for the specifics of this directive.

Most Illustrious Grand Master

Sheldon A. Gately

2024-2025

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Looking Back - And Forward

Fellow Companions,:

I hope you all have had a safe and happy summer with your loved ones. Christmas is just a few short months away and our year is rapidly closing.

I want to congratulate everyone for a successful Council festival, that was held on August 24 in the Scottish Rite auditorium in Little

Rock; conferring the Super Excellent Master's degree in full form on stage where it belongs. I would like to say a big special thank you to Joshua Bryan, Jerry Garnett and George Coleman. Thank you, Josh, for everything you did in organizing and serving as Chairman and Director of Work for this event. You put forth a lot of hard work and dedication. George and Jerry, thank you both for everything you did and for the hard work and dedication backstage to make this event a success. In total we initiated 14 new Companions, receiving the Council degrees and had approximately 70 Companions in attendance. It was an excellent day for Grand Council in Arkansas. We have at this time initiated 30 new Companions to the Council, with the festival and degrees in Northwest Arkansas, Fort Smith, Little Rock, and Mountain Home. Excellent job everyone for your dedication and loyalty to the craft. If we continue building on the growth and the success of last year, we are on the right track to repeating it.

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I have thoroughly enjoyed going around and visiting all the Councils this year and attending as many events as I possibly can. I encourage each Grand Line Officer to make your visits and show your support for our York Rite bodies, working together to prosper York Rite in Arkansas.

I encourage all Council members to support the Commandery while they initiate the final stages of our Companions in their York Rite journey.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Fraternally,

Sheldon A. Gately
M.I. Grand Master 2024 - 2025

Super Excellent Master



The Apartments of Zedekiah

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Super Excellent Master



The Court of Nebuchadnezzar

The Captives at
Babylon



In Memoriam

James T. Bell, Sr.

February 7, 1930 - October 10, 2023



Most Illustrious Companion Bell served as MIGM in
2005.

He was also a Past Grand Commander of Arkansas.