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Most Excellent Grand High Priest
David B. Boyer
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More Than Just Business

Greetings Companions:

I hope all of you have had a great summer. At this writing, I've just returned from the 73rd Triennial in Washington, D.C.

It was a great experience to meet Companions from around the world. Bar none, the camaraderie that was shared is priceless. It brought to mind what friendship, morality, and brotherly love can look like when we take the time to fellowship with each other, meeting "upon the level". More than just come to dinner, conduct business and "see you in thirty days".

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Grand High Priest—More

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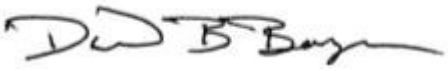
At the Triennial, I had a conversation with the Grand High Priest of New York, along with the Companions who came with him. They explained to me that not only do they have fun at their meetings, they also "hang out" with each other outside of meeting days.

GHJP Boyer with several of his counterparts at the Triennial.

Companions, there is more to the York Rite than just having a meeting, and then nothing more until the next meeting. I would encourage each Companion to ponder what "Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love means to you. Maybe plan some activity with your Companions, even if its just going to dinner. Or maybe a Chapter night at a ball game. Bring a brother Mason, or new Companion. Invite families. Show them that there is more to York Rite, and Masonry, than just our meetings.

I know that everyone is busy. But, I believe that if we are to grow and move forward, we need to get out of the "norm". Hopefully, we'll attract new Companions because they find out that we are having so much fun!

Sincerely,



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MEGHP 2026-2027

Arkansas Companions in D.C.

Delegates from Arkansas attending the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International 73rd Triennial in Washington, DC on August 31 and September 1, 2026 included:
Thomas Flowers (Grand Secretary/Recorder), Dr. Joe Rouse (PIGM in Arkansas and CMMRF Trustee of the General Grand Council), Randy Gilless (PGHP in Arkansas and GGCRAMI General Grand Master of the 2nd Veil), Dick Browning (PGHP in Arkansas and General Grand Secretary) David Boyer (GHP), Mark Kalkbrenner (PGHP in Arkansas and Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R & S Masters in Arkansas), C. James Graham (PGM and General Grand Chaplain of the GGCRAMI), and Rev. Steven Tiner (PGHP in Arkansas, Past GGHP, and newly appointed General Grand Chaplain for the 74th Triennium).

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Have you heard of it? From the nu,mber of phone calls and emails that the Grand Secretary/Recorder,(and I) receive asking for information posted there, it seems that very few of you have. What am I talking about?

“ Hey, T.J., when does Union Chapter meet? Companion Grand Secretary, is there a Chapter near Ft. Smith?”

Try this: https://aryorkrite.org/grac/chapters/

There are similar listings for all the Councils and Commanderies.

“What is York Rite College? Red Cross of Constantine? Order of High Priesthood? All can be found here: https://aryorkrite.org/ao/

Are there any special projects going on? Where are there degrees and orders being conferred? What’s been happening lately?
The home page is packed with info about our AR York Rite.

How did all of this get on-line? Trough the extraordinary talent and effort of Companion and SK Jon Walter, that’s how!
Now, it’s your turn: Use this resource to plan your York Rite activity. Let Jon know about what’s happening at your bodies.
jwalter@jwtechno.com

Most Illustrious Grand Master

H. Mark Kalkbrenner

2026-2027

Exciting News From Triennial

Greetings Companions:

As you know, the 49th Triennial of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International was held in Washington, DC from August 31 through September 2, 2026. During the session, a report from the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (C.M.M.R.F.) was given to the delegates. C.M.M.R.F. is a Masonic Charity which raises money to fund trials by the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology. These programs have shown real results, and have seen many of their discoveries become realities, as viable treatments for patients suffering from vascular diseases.

During the session, Dr. Michael Murphy, MD, thanked the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International for their financial support and introduced Dr. Ethan Chernivec, MD, the recipient of a Marion Crum Fellowship to support his surgical residency and research at Indiana University.

The really exciting part is that Dr. Chernivec is an Arkansan! He is originally from Russellville, and a graduate of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

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CMMRF—The AR Connection

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Pictured from left to right: Meranda Hillock, CMMRF Office Manager; Right Puissant Mark Irwin, newly elected General Grand Deputy Grand Master of the GGCCMI; Dr. Joe Rouse, MD, PIGM in Arkansas and 15-year member of the CMMRF Board of Trustees – newly elected as Trustee Emeritus; **Dr. Ethan Chernivec, MD, a recipient of the Marion Crum Fellowship ofCMMRF and doctor in surgical residence at Indiana University**; Most Illustrious Mark Kalkbrenner, MIGM of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Arkansas; Dr. Michael Murphy, MD, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Chair and Professor of Vascular Biology and Research at Indiana University in Indianapolis, Indiana; Most Puissant William Keith Powell, Most Puissant General Grand Master of the GGCCMI; and Gary Wyne, Executive Secretary of the CMMRF foundation.

The Marion Crum Fellowship is an incentive to increase support for the C.M.M.R.F., and to honor one of the great pioneers in its creation. Marion Crum served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana, and was the first Executive Secretary of the C.M.M.R.F., and is still active in Cryptic Masonry today!

Cryptic Masons in Arkansas and international can be proud of their financial support of this charity.

Always your Humble and Obedient Servant,

Mark Kalkbrenner

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MIGM 2026-2027

AR Council Triennial Representatives

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73rd Triennial Report - General Grand Chapter (Officer Lists excluded)

The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International held its 73rd Triennial on August 31, 2026, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, USA. The meeting was held in the Capital Hilton Hotel. The meeting was well attended with 33 Grand High Priests; 22 Grand Kings; 16 Grand Scribes; 3 General Grand Chapter Officers (not PGHPs); 116 Past Grand High Priest; and 65 proxies.

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73rd Triennial Report - General Grand Chapter
(Officer Lists excluded)

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Most Excellent General Grand High Priest Teko Foly opened the convocation at 8:00 am for the purpose of the business at hand in AMPLE FORM. Many distinguished guests were introduced and given the grand honors. Most Worshipful Durak Chetin, Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia was introduced and welcomed the delegates to the District of Columbia.
Matters on the General Grand Secretary's Desk –
There were four constitutional amendments submitted for consideration. After careful consideration, the delegates made the following decisions:

1. Per Capita increase – APPROVED The per capita tax will increase to $5.00 for all Grand Chapters in the United States effective January 1, 2028 (for members on the rolls at 12/31/27). All foreign jurisdictions, including Canada will be $10.00.

2. To allow "Remote Electronic Meetings" should the Grand High Priest determine the health and safety are in danger. – APPROVED

3. To allow the General Grand High Priest to establish more than one Grand Chapter in any foreign jurisdiction. – FAILED

4. To allow the General Grand High Priest to abrogate the Charter of any Subordinate or Grand Chapter in any foreign jurisdiction. – FAILED

The General Grand Secretary announced that with the position of General Grand Treasurer and two positions open for General Grand Trustees that these newly elected officers would be authorized agents and would be added to the signature documents of our two checking accounts at Simmons Bank and authorized agents added to our investment accounts held with Morgan Stanley.
With the approval of the General Grand Secretary's report, the three management policies, Conflict of Interest Policy, Document Management, Retention, and Destruction Policy, and Whistleblower Policy, would become effective July 1, 2026.

A complete report of all business and reports will be published in the Proceedings of the 73rd Triennial and sent to all Grand Secretaries.
Attest: Dick E. Browning

Dick E. Browning, General Grand Secretary, September 5, 2026