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***M ..E.. C.. James McManigle, Grand High Priest
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of the State of Missouri***



Companions,

Well, summer is almost over, and it seems like only yesterday that I returned home from Grand Session. September is here and Summer break went by quickly. Although we have stayed busy, it is now time for all of us to get back in gear.

I was able to visit many of the chapters this summer, with more visits still to come. The warm receptions have been amazing. Now it is time for all of us to get to work as chapters begin meeting again after their summer break. I hope many of you will join me in visiting as many chapters as possible, whether in your own area or across the state. I am looking forward to seeing our wonderful degrees presented and watching many of our brothers continue their York Rite journey. Please remember to add your events to the York Rite Calendar so that they can be shared with the rest of our members. The calendar is a great resource for seeing what is going on in Missouri and throughout our surrounding area.

We have the South Central Conference on September 18th and 19th in Little Rock, Arkansas. It is always a fun time and a good opportunity to renew friendships with our neighboring jurisdictions. For those who may not know, the South Central York Rite Conference is made up of the York Rite Bodies of Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas. It meets on the third weekend in September and rotates among the member states. We will then have the Grand Lodge of Missouri Annual Communication on September 27th and 28th in Kansas City. It will be a busy but fun time for us all.

As you return to your chapters, I hope you find the RARA boxes that have been distributed to collect money for our charity. Please encourage your members to use them and help keep this important effort visible throughout the year.

Remember that Together Everyone Achieves More. That is what T.E.A.M. means, and each of you is an important part of our T.E.A.M.

Oh by the way, have you seen Jimmy the Fish's duck? I hear he has been showing up in some peculiar places.

Thank you and May God Bless you all,

Jim McManigle





***M.:I.:C.: Taz A. Meyer Grand Master
of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons
of the State of Missouri***



Greetings Companions,

As we come out of the summer months, families are back from vacations, and the kids are heading back to school. Those of you whose councils go dark for the summer are getting back to work. This is a great time to dust off your ritual, both physically and mentally, and prepare for a successful term with your councils. The best way to enjoy York Rite Masonry is to participate! If you don't know how to best contribute to the work of your council, just ask the Master and I am sure he will be able to offer a few suggestions. If ritual is not your thing, there are plenty of other opportunities to engage. I encourage you to be a player, not a spectator! This has to be one of the busiest times of the year for many of us as multiple Masonic bodies compete for our time. Please make sure to keep Cryptic Masonry near the top of your list!

Earlier this month several of our companions attended the 49th Triennial General Grand Council Session in Washington, D.C. This Triennial Session held great significance for Missouri. Most Puissant Companion William G. Snyder completed his outstanding term as General Grand Master and Most Illustrious Companion Kevin B. Sample was elected to the office of Right Puissant General Grand Recorder for the 2026-2029 triennium. Companions, Missouri continues to be well represented within the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

As you read this message, we will have just wrapped up the 2026 South Central Conference of York Rite Masons in Little Rock, Arkansas. Your Grand Council had multiple companions in attendance and was very well represented. With the term now in full swing and visitations starting to pick up, I am very much looking forward to greeting many of you in your councils. Take good care and stay safe.

Fraternally,

Taz Meyer
Grand Master





***S.K. Terry Coppotelli, Right Eminent
Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri***



In last month's Beacon, I discussed planning in connection with two important events: the Annual Drill Competition on April 10, 2027, and the Grand Master's Crusade on May 15, 2027. Upon reflection, these activities are among what I like to call the "pillars of the Commandery."

By pillars, I mean those experiences that extend beyond the worship, business, and fellowship of our regular conclaves. They are hallmarks of what makes our fraternity distinct and meaningful.

This month, I would like to reflect on two more pillars, both among the holiest events in the Christian calendar: Christmas and Easter. I realize it may seem unusual to reflect on Christmas while sitting here on a 100-degree day, but in truth, it is not unusual at all.

We know every year that Christmas will be observed on December 25, and the date of Easter is just as easy to identify well in advance. In 2027, Easter will fall on March 28. Since these dates are known so far ahead of time, why do we sometimes wait until only a month—or even a few weeks—before planning their observance?

The significance of these holy days to the Christian faith, and to a Masonic organization dedicated to preserving that faith, warrants proper observance and recognition. The Templar events connected with Christmas and Easter should serve not only as rallying points for all Sir Knights, but also for all Christian Masons and for all who observe the faith, regardless of Masonic affiliation.

Yes, we have Grand Encampment, Hospitaller, and Grand Commander messages that need to be read. But why not make these occasions something more memorable and meaningful?

- Set the date now. Don't wait! Calendars only become more crowded as the Holiday approaches. Consider incorporating a Table Commandery, a gala, or at least a celebratory dinner.
- Invite Christian Masonic organizations that do not require Commandery membership. For example, in my Red Cross of Constantine Preceptory, I was surprised to find members who are not in the Commandery. What better opportunity to spark their interest?
- Invite every symbolic Lodge in your area. Do not rely on email alone. Attend one of their regular communications, ask for the floor, explain Templarism, and personally hand out invitations. Show them that you are sincere and that you truly want them present.
- Invite friends from church, work, or civic organizations. Just because they are not members of the fraternity does not mean you cannot celebrate Christ with them.

In closing, a word about marketing: you must market your events effectively. This is a weakness I see throughout Masonry. In marketing, there is a principle known as the "Rule of 7," which says that a person often needs to hear a message at least seven times before taking action.

In short, one mention in a trestle board, one announcement at a meeting, or one group text is rarely enough. Nor are all three together. To be effective, we must advertise early, promote often, and use multiple methods of communication. Why not start now? More on this in a future edition.

Yours in Templarism,

SK Terry Coppotelli, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri



Richard David Carroll *Grand High Priest 1987-1988*

Born
August 22, 1943
Springfield, Missouri

Died
August 15, 2026
Springfield, Missouri

As a tribute of respect, the Subordinate Chapters will
drape their Charters in mourning for a period of thirty days.





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Date: September 7, 2026

To: Grand Chapter Officers, Elected and Appointed
Chapter Secretaries
Past Grand High Priests
General Grand Chapter
James E. McManigle, Grand High Priest 2026-2027

Subject: Passing of M.:E.:C.: Richard David Carroll

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of M.:E.:C.: Richard David Carroll, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri, 1987-1988 on August 15, 2026.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, August 21, 2026 at the Klinger Cope Funeral Home – White Chapel, 5234 State Hwy EE, Springfield, MO 65802. Unfortunately we received of M.:E.:C.: Richard David Carroll passing after the Services were held.

M.:E.:C.: Carroll was a member of Temple Gate Lodge No. 422, Vincil Chapter No. 110, Zabud Council No. 25, St. John's Commandery No. 20, Scottish Rite Valley of Joplin, Missouri Lodge of Research, Iowa Lodge of Research, The Philaethes Society, St. Christopher Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Queen City Chapter No. 226 OES, Pleiades No. 1 Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem, Jewel Court No. 1 Order of Amaranth, and Abou Ben Adhem AAONMS.

The officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri express their deepest sympathies to the family of our friend and Companion.

As a tribute of respect and by order of M.:E.:C.: James E. McManigle, Grand High Priest, all Missouri Chapters of Royal Arch Masons will present this communication along with the attached memoriam at their next stated meeting, will drape their charters for a period of 30 days from that meeting for our departed companion, and which will be duly recorded in the minutes.

A full obituary can be found at: <https://sgfcitizen.org/obituaries/richard-david-carroll/>

Fraternally,

Donald MacCormick, Grand Secretary



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Quilt

M.E.C. Jim McManigle, on all of his official visits, has been promoting a quilt made by his wife Yvonne. As you can see in the image, it is a beautiful piece of work. Tickets are being sold on all his official visits for a chance to win the quilt. Tickets will also be sold at the 2027 Grand Session and the winner will be announced at the Grand Banquet during the auction portion of the evening.

As the official visit to your Chapter nears, please consider purchasing a few tickets, the proceeds of which will go to R.A.R.A.



officers that attended. If you missed it, you missed a fantastic lasagna dinner prepared by Bruce!!!



The August 13th, 2026 Stated Assembly of Kirksville Council No. 44 R. & S.M.

The August 13th, A.D. 2026 | A.Dep. 3026 stated assembly of Kirksville Council Number 44 R. & S.M. was another night of Masonic fellowship, recognition, and education!

The evening began with a picnic-style dinner of pulled smoked chicken sandwiches and sides prepared by I.C. Matthew N. Moore, Master, followed by the opening of Kirksville Council by I.C. Moore and his officers.

After the regular order of business, V.I.C. David D. Goring, Regional Deputy Grand Master for Region One and Grand Steward of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, presented I.C. David D. Powell with the Lewis & Clark Award for Region One of the Grand Council for the 2025-2026 year! The award was made in recognition for I.C. Powell's years of dedicated service to Kirksville Council and the Cryptic Rite in Region One (Northeast Missouri).

Following the presentation, I.C. Jeffrey L. Knight gave an educational presentation on Freemasonry and the Declaration of Independence, in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America!

MEC Jim McManigle visits Orient Chapter No.102

M.E.C. Jim McManigle visited Orient Chapter Number 102 on Wednesday, August 19th. This was the first time he was able to visit the historic building and was in awe of its splendor and magnificence. The members provided a warm and heartfelt greeting and received him in due form.

It was a great evening with the members of Orient Chapter Number 102 and the Grand Chapter



Pictured, Photo 1: V.I.C. Goring presenting I.C. Powell with the Lewis & Clark Award for Region One of the Grand Council for the 2025-2026 year.



Pictured, Photo 2: V.I.C. Goring and I.C. Powell with his Lewis & Clark Award for Region One of the Grand Council for the 2025-2026 year.



Pictured, Photo 3: I.C. Knight giving his presentation on Freemasonry and the Declaration of Independence.



Look who has a new banner!!!!



PROCEEDINGS

*Seventy-Third
Triennial Convocation
of the
General Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons International*

held
August 31, 2026
Capitol Hilton Hotel
City of Washington
District of Columbia, USA



73rd Triennial Report

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.

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.

The elections for the General Grand Chapter's 74th Triennial period was held and the following Companions were elected:

Chadwick Burks – General Grand High Priest
Piers Vaughn – General Grand King
Patrick Carr - General Grand Scribe
John Logan - General Grand Treasurer
Dick Browning – General Grand Secretary
Martin Reinschmidt – General Grand Trustee (1 three-year term)
Clyde Schoolfield – General Grand Trustee (2 three-year terms)
Mark Bradley – General Grand Trustee (3 three-year terms)

MEGGHP Burks made the following appointments:

Steven Tiner – General Grand Chaplain
Georgios Biniaris - General Grand Captain of the Host
Chris Ellis - General Grand Principal Sojourner
William Garrard - General Grand Royal Arch Captain
Henry Adams - General Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
Paul Smith – General Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
Phil Crawford – General Grand Master of the 1st Veil
Steve Maxwell – General Grand Sentinel
Jason Sheridan – General Grand Custodian of the Work
Christian Jessen – General Grand Organist
C. Danny Wofford – General Grand Librarian
Jason Miller – Deputy General Grand High Priest for East Central
Fred Palmer – Deputy General Grand High Priest for Mid-Atlantic
Earl Cole, Jr. – Deputy General Grand High Priest for North East
Ronny Aasterud – Deputy General Grand High Priest for North West
David Dumonceaus – Deputy General Grand High Priest for North Central
Chris Hall – Deputy General Grand High Priest for South East
James Lamb – Deputy General Grand High Priest for South West

Frank Belluardo, Jr. – Deputy General Grand High Priest for South Central

Gerard Raiola – Deputy General Grand High Priest for Africa

Gabriel Gherasim – Deputy General Grand High Priest for Europe

Igor Kristic – Deputy General Grand High Priest for International Advancement

Sid Leluan – Deputy General Grand High Priest for Latin America

There being no other business to come before the delegates, GGHP Burks closed the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International in AMPLE FORM at 4:35 pm.

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
General Grand Secretary
September 5, 2026

A Selection of E. Brad Fowler's Works

What Are We Really Seeking?

Royal Arch Masonry is filled with the language of discovery. We search, we labor, and ultimately we recover something that had been lost.

But perhaps the greater lesson is that not everything we lose is an object.

Over the course of life, a man can lose his sense of direction. He can lose confidence in himself. He can become so occupied with work, family, responsibilities, and obligations that he gradually loses sight of the principles that once guided him.

The journey of the Royal Arch reminds us that recovery requires effort.

What is valuable is rarely found while standing still. We must be willing to search beneath the surface, clear away what has accumulated, and examine foundations that may have been covered for years.

That makes the Royal Arch more than the completion of a Masonic story. It becomes a reminder that every Mason occasionally needs to rediscover something within himself.

Perhaps the question we should carry from our Chapter meetings is not simply, "What was recovered?"

Perhaps it is:

What have I allowed to become buried in my own life, and what would it take to recover it?

Sometimes the greatest discoveries are not new truths. They are old truths we finally remember.

The Importance of the Work No One Sees

Much of the symbolism of Cryptic Masonry takes us beneath the visible structure.

That is appropriate, because some of the most important work a Mason performs will never be seen by anyone else.

A building may be admired for its walls, columns, and ornamentation, but its strength depends upon things hidden from view. Foundations receive little attention until they fail.

Character works much the same way.

Integrity is built in decisions nobody applauds. Reliability is established by keeping promises when no recognition follows. Brotherly love is demonstrated in quiet phone calls, private assistance, hospital visits, rides to meetings, and countless small acts that may never appear in minutes or reports.

The Council reminds us that hidden work is not insignificant work.

In fact, it may be the work upon which everything else depends.

Every Council needs officers and Companions willing to perform visible duties. But every Masonic body also depends upon men who quietly preserve what has been entrusted to them.

The lesson is worth carrying beyond the Council chamber:

Do the work correctly even when nobody is watching.

A Mason should not require an audience before practicing Masonry.

Some of our finest labor will never be noticed.

But the strength of the structure may depend upon it.





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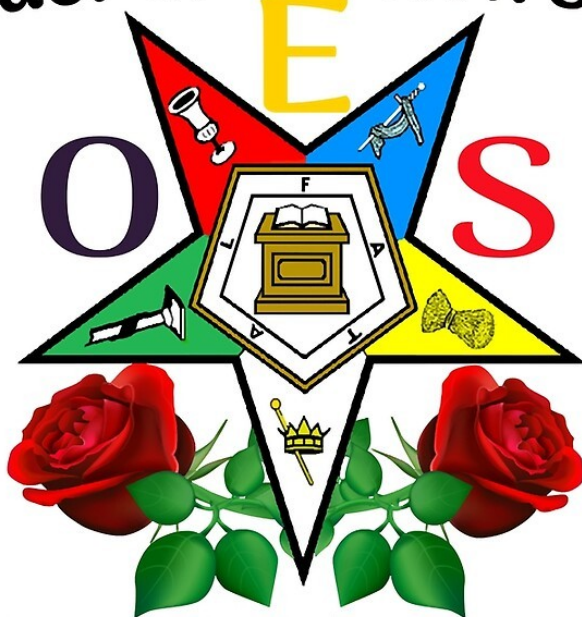
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Masonic Education

Assembled by: Larry Wilson

Once upon a time, Labor Day was the end of the swimming season and the start of school. Now that we are into the month of September, this has given me an idea for an article. Freemasons educating the masses. Freemasons have always been educators by nature. In the stonemason guilds, we were responsible for the education and training of our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts. In Lodge, we are entrusted with the educating of our fellow Brothers and Freemasons. So, it is not too much of a stretch that we would want to also help educate our children and the orphans of our community. To shorten this process, let's keep our search within the borders of our country, the good ole United States of America.

We first look back to 1844, where the trustees of Funk Seminary, at La Grange, offered the Grand Lodge of Kentucky the grounds, buildings, property, and funds of that institution. To establish and maintain a school for paying students. This was accepted by the grand lodge in 1845. Following the endorsement of the state legislature, Funk Seminary became the Masonic College of their Grand Lodge.

No matter how wonderful an idea it was for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to create a Masonic College, they would struggle with its finances throughout its existence. However, under the eventual leadership of Rev. John Trimble, Jr., the college would enjoy full enrollment and a growing reputation for good scholarships and academic instruction. This would all change by the start of our Civil War. This faculty would then close from 1861 until 1866.

As the Civil War ended and the college reopened for business, it would seem that their days would be numbered. With the mounting financial shortages, the Masonic College would eventually close in 1873. Moreover, the establishment of the Kentucky Masonic Widows and Orphans Home that same year undoubtedly attracted more Masonic

philanthropy than did the college.

We next go to Tennessee, where it appears to be the most active state in the establishment of Masonic schools and colleges. Starting in the 1840s, Freemasons would open the Masonic Female Institute at Hartsville, the Masonic Male College at Gallatin, the Clifton Masonic Academy at Clifton, the Petersburg Masonic Academy at Petersburg, Jackson College at Columbia, Macon Masonic Male College, the Male and Female Institute at Sale Creek, Hiwassee Masonic Institute at Charleston, a Masonic College at Dayton, the Masonic and Odd Fellows College at Nolensville, and the Masonic College of Tennessee at Clarksville.

Jackson College was an incorporated institution of learning managed and controlled by the various Masonic bodies of Maury County, Tennessee. During our Civil War, both sides would use this building as a hospital. However, when the Federal forces evacuated the town, the building was burned to the ground pursuant to a general order that all property of use to the Confederate forces were to be destroyed.

Jackson College had been offered to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and at the grand lodge session of 1848, it was voted to accept the offer of the County Academy building at Clarksville, including a sum of \$15,000 for additional buildings, \$1,000 for library and laboratory equipment. The building of the college would begin immediately. Progress on the construction was slow, because lodges failed to heed the request of the grand lodge to make annual contributions to the enterprise. Another setback came in the form of an epidemic of cholera, which caused the death of many of the prospective donors and interested patrons.

By 1851 the "Masonic University of Tennessee" was reported to be "in a most flourishing condition." The decade preceding the Civil War saw a genuine

growth of this Masonic institution. However, this would cause a decline in patronage and support, which ultimately forced its sale to other people. None of these education institutions are owned by the Freemasons of Tennessee today.

Arkansas would established St. John's College of Arkansas, at Little Rock in 1851. It was created to be a military school. The students would wear uniforms like those of West Point cadets. The first building was begun in 1857, and in late 1858 the first sessions of the college began. About fifty students were in the opening class. Although financial support for the institution was slow in coming; the Civil War would force its doors to close.

During the war, the properties were used as a camp for the army. Barracks were built on the grounds. It was not until 1867 that the college would be restored to its Masonic owners. By then Arkansas Freemasons would find difficulty in awakening interest in the college. After a few futile attempts to raise money for repairs and operations, the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was forced to relinquish control of St. John's College.

In 1850 it was voted to locate a college at Oxford, in view of Tuscarora Lodge's offer of \$8,500 and ten acres of land in that town. This would become St. John's Masonic College at Oxford, North Carolina. The contract for the college hall was signed in 1855. Two years later it was completed at a cost of \$23,000. The college was opened July 13, 1858. In 1862, with a serious decline in enrollment, it was proposed to make St. John's College a military school; but the grand master was authorized to sell the college and to place the proceeds in the grand lodge Orphans Fund. For a number of years the grand lodge debated its liability for the college debts. In 1870 the institution dissolved. The war and an insufficient financial support had claimed another victim.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri opened its Masonic College in Philadelphia, Missouri, in the



spring of 1844. This institution was initially operated using property and facilities previously used by Marion College. However, the facilities in Philadelphia were insufficient, so the school administration sought a new location.

In 1847, the citizens of Lexington, Missouri pledged \$30,000 to relocate the college. On May 18, 1847, the Grand Lodge of Missouri laid the cornerstone of the Masonic College in Lexington. The ceremony was conducted by Grand Master Joseph Foster. The building was erected and dedicated on July 11, 1848.

The college was primarily for the benefit of the orphan children of deceased Masons, and each Missouri Freemason was to pay a small per capita tax to support it. Facing severe financial shortfalls, the college would close in 1857.

During the War at the Battle of Lexington, this location would serve as the Federal headquarters for the forces under Colonel James A. Mulligan, who surrendered after a three-day siege, September 18–20, 1861. It was later abandoned by the Missouri State Guard, and the college was used by Federal troops for the remainder of the war. After the end of the war, the building and grounds were transferred to the state, and a military institute was opened, but that school failed as well. In 1871, the Masons transferred ownership to Central Female College, which later changed its name to Central College for Women. It operated from 1871 until 1925. The building burned down in a fire on August 20, 1932.



In 1934, the Grand Lodge of Missouri erected a quarter-scale replica of the original Masonic College building. The replica is surrounded by four columns, which stand at the four corners of the original structure. The columns individually commemorate the Battle of Lexington, the Central College for Women, the presidents of the college, and the students who attended the institution.

From the Editor...

Greetings Companions & Sir Knights,

Welcome to September's issue of your Beacon Magazine. Many glorious events and functions have been going on throughout York Rite Masonry. Not only here in Missouri, but worldwide as well. If you missed the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International and General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International's Triennial in beautiful Washington D.C., you may not know that your very own MIC Kevin B. Sample was elected to the office of Right Puissant General Grand Recorder for the 2026-2029 Triennium. Additionally, Most Puissant Companion William G. Snyder completed his outstanding term as General Grand Master. With this wonderful news, I know I represent every York Rite Mason, when I say, "Congratulations to you both". You both are absolutely amazing and a wonderful reflection of York Rite Freemasonry here in Missouri.

As this magazine is going to press, so to speak, your South Central Conference of York Rite Masons is going on in Little Rock, Arkansas. I have no doubt that your Grand High Priest and Most Illustrious Grand Master will have some wonderful stories when they return from this conference. But do not think that they will have a break when they return, as your Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri will be going on from Sunday, September 27th to the 28th, in Kansas City, Missouri, and your York Rite Leaders will be in attendance representing us all. Thank you Grand Gentlemen for everything that you do. Those NoDoz pills must be a staple in your travel bags.

So, what's next for our Grand Officers of the Missouri York Rite? Well, all you have to do is go to the Grand York Rite Events Calendar to see where they will be headed next.

Now onto this month's issue of the Beacon Magazine. If you flip through this month's issue, you will see many interesting bits of information and

article. F. Brad Fowler, one of our Missouri authors, has graciously sent your editor three articles. Two of which are published in this issue. The third we will be included into the October issue. The first two are on Chapter and Council. The third is on the Commandery and you all know how October and the Knights Templar go along together. If you do not, a quick Google search will remedy that.

Since school is back in session for many of the kiddos, we have included an article on Freemasonry and the education system in America. Next we have the Proceedings from the Seventy-Third Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of M.E.C. Richard David Carroll, Grand High Priest 1987-1988. As with all passing grand officers, these issues are dedicated to their memory of friendship, fraternal love, and their hard work to our beloved fraternity. M.E.C. Carroll, thank you for your dedication to our fraternity, and you will be missed.

Well, I believe that covers everything this month. Thank you all for everything that you do for our Fraternity. It would not work without everything that you do. Until next month, we hope that the Blessings of Heaven shine down on you and your families, and we will see you all on down that dusty trail.

Peace to you all,

Editor



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GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSOURI FOUNDATION

The Grand Chapter Education Endowment Foundation was created to serve as an investment vehicle to generate income from its investments to be used for religious, educational, and charitable gifts. The proceeds of this endowment have been used to make charitable donations to just about every conceivable charity around the world. Today, the primary recipients of these proceeds of this endowment tend to be Missouri DeMolay, Missouri Rainbow for Girls, and Missouri Job's Daughters, all Masonic Youth Organizations, as well as any special charity of the Grand High Priest's choosing including state and local charities.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

The primary charity of the Grand Chapter is Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) a philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.

Since its conception in 1974, RARA has become the leading, non-educational institution dedicated to helping children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders. RARA does not directly fund treatment centers or hospitals, instead it focuses on funding researchers in CAPD, setting them on a lifelong career path to conquering the disease. RARA has special relationships with the Hearing Health Foundation and Autism Speaks whose board members suggest and vet researchers for RARA funding.

Chapter Secretaries are to ask each member on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65, (only a penny-a-day), towards RARA.



GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY ENDOWMENT FUND

Since 1993 the Grand Council Charity Endowment Fund (CEF) has been disbursing funds designated for charitable purposes. Contributions have been made annually to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF), the Missouri DeMolay, Missouri Job's Daughters, Missouri Rainbow for Girls, and other worthy charities as designated by the sitting Grand Master. Council Recorders are to ask each member on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65 (a penny-a-day) towards CMMR. "Penny-a-Day" stickers are available for each contributor's dues card.

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) is the primary philanthropy of the Grand Council and of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International. The Foundation funds research at Indiana University School and the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine.

The life-changing work and research of CMMRF, the research, therapies and cures into Heart Disease, Diabetes, Blindness, Regenerative Medicine, Leg Circulation, Wound Healing, Arthritis, Stroke, and more benefits everyone from current patients and generations to come.

Council Recorders are to ask each member on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65 towards CMMRF, and Councils are encouraged to have fund raisers to generate money for this fund.



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

*Somewhere in the world,
someone goes blind every 5 seconds*

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is committed to support research that can help launch the careers of clinical and basic researchers focused on the prevention and cure of potentially blinding diseases in infants and children. Grants supported by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. are awarded to impact the care of infants, children, and adults. Clinical and basic research on conditions that may be potentially preventable or correctable such as amblyopia, cataract, glaucoma, optic nerve hypoplasia, nystagmus, retinopathy of prematurity, and hereditary diseases that occur at birth or within early childhood, such as retinoblastoma, is encouraged. Proposals for support of basic research on eye and visual system development also are welcome.

We have learned over past decades that our efforts in funding pediatric ophthalmology research have been the primary reason that we have had fewer and fewer children with strabismus (crossed eyes) to treat. Our research dollars have helped develop new, non-surgical treatments for this problem, and additional research and endowment programs are all being funded as well by your faithful support.

Every donation will assist in making a tremendous difference in the lives of children by helping the Foundation to fulfill its mission. Sir Knights, aside from his salvation, there is no greater gift for man on this earth than the gift of sight.

Through your generous contributions, lives are being changed; research is being funded, which is allowing mankind to lead more fruitful and blessed lives.

KNIGHT OF SILOAM

The Knight of Siloam special award program in Missouri was created by Sir Knights J. Edward

Blinn, REPGC, and Danny L. Ferguson, REPGC, during the 93-94 Templar year as a means of recognizing those Missouri Sir Knights who make substantial contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and to encourage others to do so. A special medal and patent is presented to those who donate \$500.00 or more to KTEF either in a lump sum or in installments. The jewel is designated as a meritorious service jewel and may be worn on the Knight Templar uniform. Friends and relatives may honor any Sir Knight with the Knight of Siloam by making a like donation in his honor.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

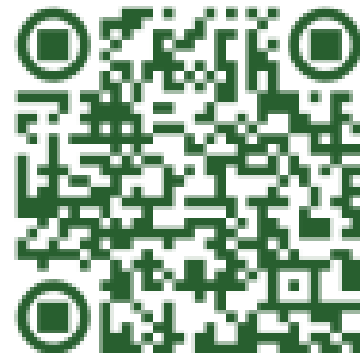
The Knights Templar Educational Foundation provides scholarship funds to High School students through accredited technical school/college/university post graduate program students. These scholarships may be renewable but reapplication for such is required annually.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE OPERATING FUND

The Missouri Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund is used to pay the expenses of sending a Minister to the Holy Land under the provisions of the Grand Encampment. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee of the Grand Commandery can provide more information about qualifying Ministers.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Missouri Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund is an endowment, the interest of which is used to generate income for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Operating Fund (above). Commandery Recorders are to ask each Sir Knight on their annual dues statement to remit at least \$3.65 towards the Holy Land Endowment Fund, and Commanderies are encouraged to have fund raisers to generate money for this fund.



Upcoming Events

*Current as of August 17, 2026, off of Grand York Rite Calendar
If current events is needed, please visit Grand York Rite Event page.*

September 2026

Friday, September 18 to Saturday, September 19, 2026: 69th Annual South Central York Rite Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm: Red Cross of Constantine-St. Louis Conclave, Abigail-Freedom Masonic Temple

Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.: Grand Council Officers Meeting, by Invitation Only.

Monday, September 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.: Grand High Priest's Official Visit to Liberty Chapter No. 3

Sunday, September 27-28, 2026: Grand Lodge-204th Annual Communication, Kansas City, Missouri

Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 7:00 a.m.: Grand Commandery Officer and RGC Zoom Meeting, by Invitation Only.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.: Red Cross of Constantine—St. Christopher Conclave
Springfield Masonic York Rite Temple

Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.: Allied Masonic Degrees-Santa Fe AAM Council No. 417

October 2026

Saturday, October 3, 2026: Allied Masonic Degrees InGathering, Holts Summit, Missouri

Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.: Past Master Degree Conferral-Springfield Chapter No. 15

Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.: Annual Triune Chapter No. 93 Fish Fry and Official Visit of the Grand High Priest.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.: Grand High Priest Official Visit to Mitchell Chapter No. 14, St. Joseph Masonic Center.

Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm: Grand High Priest Official Visit to Independence Chapter No. 12.

Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.: Knight Masons—Tipperary Council No. 62, Cooper Masonic Lodge, Boonville, Missouri

Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 2:00 pm: Grand Council—Region 5 School of Instruction, Moolah Shrine Temple, St. Louis, Missouri

Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm: Grand Chapter Line Officers Meeting, by Invitation Only

Monday, October 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.: Grand High Priest's Official Visit to Keystone Chapter No. 146, Abigail-Freedom Masonic Temple, Mehlville, Missouri.

Friday, October 16, 2026 to Saturday, October 17, 2026: Scottish Rite Reunion-Valley of St. Louis

Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 7:00 pm: Grand Council Officers Meeting, by Invitation Only.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm: Grand High Priest's Official Visit to Wilson Chapter No. 75.
Excelsior Lodge, Jackson, Missouri.

Friday, October 23, 2026– Saturday, October, 24, 2026: Scottish Rite Reunion-Valley of Joplin,

Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 9:00 am: Grand Council of Instruction, Acacia Twilight Lodge Columbia, Missouri.

Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.: Grand Commandery Officer & RGC Zoom Meeting. By Invitation Only.

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 7:00 pm: Grand Masters Official Visit to Hiram Council No. 1, Masonic Center of St. Louis, Missouri.

Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 6:00 pm: Allied Masonic Degrees—Mid-Missouri Council No. 291/

Saturday, October 31, 2026, at 9:00 am: Appendant Body Day-Springfield Masonic York Rite Temple.

Missouri Grand York Rite Bulletin Board

Past Grand Officers

History is a wonderful thing. It reminds us of our great accomplishments and mistakes. Either way, we learn something from both. However, below are links to our Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Masters, and Grand Commanders here in Missouri. Take a look, one of them might be a relative you did not know had been honored by these great positions.

Past Grand High Priests:

<https://moyorkrite.org/past-grand-high-priests/>

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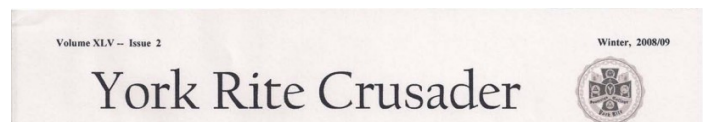
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