

News of the Ark

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From the Grand Captain of the Host

Companion Robert Beardsley, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest has asked the current Grand Chapter Officers to write articles each month for this supplement.



My personal experience as a Companion in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has allowed me to assist the craft in any area that is needed, and I am available to do. It's not about the title in the craft to me, it's more about what I can do to make life better for my Brothers, Companions and friends. This includes being able to assist in the meetings, the degree work and enjoying the fellowship between the members of our craft.

There are several Companions that I have watched grow in the masonic family across the state of Kansas. I enjoy being the man in the background and letting the new Companion learn what it is to be a mason and to be able to learn the parts and everything else that is available to be taught and learned. I have seen many Brothers going through the degree work that don't know the basics of the first three degrees of masonry. When asked to perform the steps, due guards, signs, and passwords, I have observed that we need to go back to the basics and relearn this. I feel that without the meaning and understanding of the importance of these basics, our new Companions quit coming to the meetings because they think they already know all there is to know.

I have also discovered from talking about the appendant bodies to other Masons, that most Masons have not heard of them and are completely unaware of their existence. The most hidden secret in masonry seems to be discussing the appendant bodies in our Lodges and what they have to offer. I have discovered current members who have taken the four Chapter degrees still need to work on the ritual, and the words, signs, passwords of the degrees, and the meaning of the scriptures associated with those found in the degrees.

There is a lot to learn but if you just take one thing at a time and have masonic education at each meeting, the Companions will keep coming back to the Chapter meetings. One of my biggest enjoyments is seeing my Brother Masons at any function in the state of Kansas that I attended. It is a special and inspiring group of Brothers, and I enjoy seeing them at our meetings,

Robert Beardsley

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Patrick C. Carr,

Most Excellent
Grand High Priest

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RARA Drawing for Bison Meat

The Grand High Priest, and the Royal Arch Research Association representative for Kansas, Right Excellent Companion Justin D. Crippen, have procured 50 pounds of bison meat to raise money for RARA. For each \$50 donated to RARA during the current caputular year, one chance will be entered into the drawing for the bison meat giveaway. The more you donate, the better your opportunity to win this rare and unusual delicacy. If you purchase a Kansas RARA Jewel, which costs \$120, two chances will be entered for you. The drawing will be held at the public session of the 2026 Grand Chapter Convocation in Manhattan, Kansas.

Special Degree Communication



There was a special communication of the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees, along with instruction on each of the degrees, held at Newton Lodge No. 142 on Friday, July 11, 2025. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Derick Hockett, was one of those who were in attendance and received the two degrees. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas gained five new Royal Arch Masons. Thank you to the seventeen Companions who attended and assisted in the degree communication.

August Grand High Priest's Schedule

August will be another busy month for our Grand High Priest as it relates to his travel schedule. He will be making several official visits, speaking with Companion Royal Arch Masons from across the jurisdiction, and meeting with other York Rite Masons from across the world. Most Excellent Companion Carr's August schedule can be found below:

Pike's Peak Inspection	August 1-3, 2025	Manitou Springs, Colorado
York Rite Sovereign College of NA	August 8-10, 2025	Raleigh, North Carolina
Pittsburg Chapter No. 58 Official Visit	August 12, 2025	Pittsburg, Kansas
Masonic Unity Conference	August 23, 2025	McPherson, Kansas