



Chapter Notes

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas



Summer 2023

Michael N. Terry, MEGHP 2023-2024



It is a New Capitular Year

On May 5th of this year, I was installed as the M.:. E.: Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. So, I have only been in office 4 weeks.

In those short weeks, we have conducted 2 more classes for Mark Master and Past Master degrees for new Royal Arch Masons. We had 27 in the first class and 11 in the second class. This made 63 total in all 4 classes the Kansas Royal Arch Masons have completed thus far, and with one more class to go. The future of the Kansas York Rite is looking strong, thanks to the Grand Master of Kansas and the Leadership of Kansas York Rite planning and executing these events.

The summer looks eventful with finishing the Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees for the new Companions, and attending the 27th Annual Great Plains Rendezvous, the Grand Session of the Kansas Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly, and DeMolay State Conclave.

I hope everyone has a great summer and stays safe with all the traveling we all do.

Michael N. Terry
M.:E.: Grand High Priest 2023-2024

Grand Chapter Triennial

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International will be hosting their triennial convocation August 12-15, 2023, in Branson, Missouri. The venue for this triennial will be the Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa and Convention Center. Registration starts on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

Preregistration is available by visiting the General Grand Chapter's website at www.ggcrami.org.

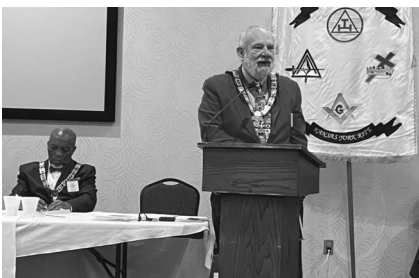


The business session for the General Grand Chapter will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, starting at 8:00 AM. This session will include the election of our officers for the following three years, so it is important you be in attendance and participate in the business of the body.



157th Grand Chapter Convocation

The 157th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas was held on May 5, 2023, at the Bluemont Hotel in Manhattan, Kansas. The Grand Chapter opened their public session and were greeted by several visiting Companions from across the United States. Most Excellent Companion Kyle Palacios brought greetings from the Grand Chapter of Missouri and it was one those of us in attendance will not soon forget. Most Excellent Companion Robert Loflin was in attendance from the Grand Chapter of Texas and gave and invited the Companions assembled to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas' Annual Communication in December in Waco, Texas. The Right Excellent General Grand Recorder and General Grand Regional Deputy,



Companion Dick Browning, was in attendance and brought greetings as the newly appointed Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. The Right Excellent General Grand King, Companion Teko Foly, brought greetings and reminded everyone of what is most important as we work in the Holy Royal Arch of Freemasonry. Companion Foley invited everyone to the Triennial

Session for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International as well.

The elections were carried out and our newly elected Grand High Priest, Michael Terry, was installed along with his elected and appointed officers. It was a great convocation and we all look forward to an excellent year as we travel and work for the Grand Chapter.





New Mark and Virtual Past Masters in Kansas



So far there have been three Grand Master's Classes for the Mark Master and Virtual Past Master Degrees. During these classes, a total of 57 Master Masons from Kansas chose to receive the degrees. The ritual work was done beautifully at all three sessions and those receiving the degrees stated they were impressed with

the beauty and the lessons of the degrees. Many have already petitioned a local Chapter for membership. Congratulations to our newly made Companions and we look forward to witnessing them receive the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees later this summer.



2023 Grand Chapter Awards



The 157th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas witnessed several special awards given to worthy Companions. Jamie Carswell received the General Grand Chapter Bronze Medal for his service to the Grand Chapter. Companion Jamie is someone who is always willing to stand up and participate in the degrees whenever called upon. He is a blessing to our jurisdiction.

Lady Adriane Carr and Lady Ruth Ann Staton both received the General Grand Chapter Sweetheart Award for their hard work supporting Royal Arch Masonry for many, many years.



Most Excellent Companion Wayne Rolf received the C. David Williams Award for service to the York Rite. This was the first time this award had been given and there could be no better recipient for the first award than Companion Wayne. He is one of the most accommodating and hard working masons in our jurisdiction and is willing to organize sessions, work degrees, or help others learn the work.

Congratulations to those who received awards and thank you for all you do for our York Rite in Kansas.



2023 Grand Chapter Officers

After the closing of the 157th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas, the newly elected and appointed officers were installed. The 2023 Grand Chapter Officers are:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:	Michael N. Terry
Right Excellent Grand King:	John T. Staton
Right Excellent Grand Scribe:	Roger L. Walls
Most Excellent Grand Secretary:	Allan D. Jackson
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer:	T. Michael Fegan
Excellent Grand Chaplain:	Kelly J. Long
Excellent Grand Captain of the Host:	Gary B. Strout
Excellent Grand Principle Sojourner:	Patrick C. Carr
Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain:	Thomas M. Krauss
Excellent Grand Master of 3rd Veil:	Justin D. Crippen
Excellent Grand Master of 2nd Veil:	Robert B. Haynes
Excellent Grand Master of 1st Veil:	Daron J. Woelk
Excellent Grand Sentinel:	Frederick R. Kemp
Excellent Assistant Grand Sentinel:	Dale R. Morrow

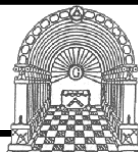
Right Excellent DDGHP District #1:	Andrew G. Mosley
Right Excellent DDGHP District #2:	Warren L. Hughes
Right Excellent DDGHP District #3:	Wayne D. Drake
Right Excellent DDGHP District #4:	Ronald J. Mozingo
Right Excellent DDGHP District #5:	Patrick C. Carr





Council Cliff Notes

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Gary A. Mason., MIGM 2023-2024



From the Illustrious Grand Master

By the time that this article is printed, we would have already had our Annual Grand York Rite Sessions which was held on May 3rd through May 6th at Manhattan, Kansas. The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas annual session was held on May 6th and I was installed as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.

I would like to thank Most Illustrious Past Grand Master H. Wayne Rector for asking me to be his appointment to the Grand Line as Grand Conductor of the Council. Also I would like to thank Illustrious Wayne Drake for accepting the position of Grand Conductor of the Council as my appointment to start the Grand Council Line for this year. I would also like to congratulate Illustrious Robert Beardsley for being awarded the Cryptic Mason of the year award

Our first Grand Council event coming up is the Great Plains Rendezvous of Cryptic Masons where the Cryptic Masons of Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming get together to confer the Cryptic Degrees. This year the event will be in Hays, Kansas where the Kansas Grand Council will be conferring the Super Excellent Master Degree. Between the three states we are hoping to have between 40 and 50 Companions take the degrees.

Our second event will be the Annual Pike's Peak Cryptic Deposit Inspection. On Saturday, September 9, 2023, we will be going to the Flying W. Ranch Chuckwagon Dinner and Western Show. On Sunday, September 10th we will be going up the mountain to inspect the time capsule. Registration is available online through the Grand York Rite website.

On a final note, since summer is here and everyone is probably thinking about vacations, Masonic events, meetings, etc. Be safe on your travels and lets get back to what we all love doing.

Gary Mason
M.:I.: Grand Master 2023-2024



156th Grand Council Assembly



The 156th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas was held on May 6, 2023, at the Bluemont Hotel in Manhattan, Kansas. It was an excellent time by all. There were not many items of business available, however the ritual and the fellowship of the Companions provided a cherished time

for those who could be in attendance. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, John Staton, opened the session and greeted the visitors and the ladies who were in attendance.



The Right Puissant Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council of



Cryptic Masons International, Companion William Snyder, was in attendance and brought greetings from the General Grand Council, and a reminder of the Triennial Sessions coming up in August. The Right Puissant Regional Deputy, John Logan, was in attendance and conferred the Order of the Secret Vault on two members of the Grand Council of Kansas.

We would be amiss if we did not take a moment and thank all of the ladies who so graciously assist our members in the great and glorious work of freemasonry and especially in the York Rite.



The session went smoothly and the new officers were elected and installed. Congratulations to the new officers who were elected and appointed to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas.





Grand Council Triennial

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Grand Council Awards

During the banquet for the 2023 Grand Sessions, Companion Robert Beardsley was presented with the Cryptic Mason of the Year for the grand jurisdiction of Kansas. Companion Beardsley was not in attendance to receive the award however he was at the Grand Communication the next morning and was presented the award.



During the session, Most Illustrious Companion John Staton and Illustrious Companion Patrick C. Carr were inducted into the College of Preservation of the General Grand Council and received the honor of being made Knights of the Order of the Secret Vault. Congratulations to all who received honors during the last year of cryptic masonry in Kansas.

Great Plains Rendezvous

The 2023 Great Plains Rendezvous will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the lodge hall in Hays, Kansas. This is an excellent time for everyone to come together and meet the Companions from our surrounding states and Grand Councils. The conferral of the Royal Master Degree and the Select Master Degree will start the day. We will have lunch an complete our journey by witnessing the conferral of the Most Excellent Master Degree. This is an opportunity for those who have not received the degree to be in attendance. There will be quite a few of the newly made Royal Arch Masons in attendance from the 2023 Grand Master's Classes. You will not want to miss this one! Registration can be found under the events section at www.kansasyorrite.org.



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Most Illustrious Grand Master:	Gary A. Mason
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master:	L. Kent Needham
Right Illustrious Grand PCW:	Gary B. Strout
Most Illustrious Grand Secretary:	Allan D. Jackson
Most Illustrious Grand Treasurer:	T. Michael Fegan
Illustrious Grand Chaplain:	Roger L. Walls
Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard:	Robert B. Haynes
Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council:	Wayne D. Drake
Illustrious Grand Marshal:	Patrick C. Carr
Illustrious Grand Custodian of the Work:	Thomas M. Krauss
Illustrious Grand Steward:	Justin D. Crippen
Illustrious Grand Sentinel:	Mark W. Stephenson
Illustrious Assistant Grand Sentinel:	Frederick R. Kemp
Illustrious Grand Organist:	Dennis L. Reed
Most Illustrious Arch Master:	Wayne H. Rollf
Most Illustrious Arch Master:	H. Wayne Rector
Right Illustrious Arch Master:	Jamie L. Carwell

