



Chapter Notes

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas



Spring 2024

Michael N. Terry, MEGHP 2023-2024



From the Grand High Priest

While my year as Grand High Priest of Kansas is coming to an end in May, and with spring just around the corner we still will have plenty to do.

Grand York Rite of Kansas is hosting another Festival for new candidates on March 7 and 8, 2024, in Newton, Kansas. The Easter Sunrise Service will be conducted on March 31, 2024, at Coronado Heights near Lindsborg, Kansas. Then we will have the 158th Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons and Grand

York Annual Conference on May 2, 3 and 4, 2024, in Manhattan, Kansas. I hope to see many of you at each of these events.

We must remember to support our Youth Organizations, the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly, the Kansas DeMolay, and Job's Daughters. They are the future of Masonry so guiding and supporting them today means we will have future leaders in our Masonic Organizations.

To our newest Chapter companions, may you have an enjoyable and informative journey in the York Rite Bodies. Remember while learning the degrees, study the symbolism of the degrees and meaning of each degree.

For our current Companions, you are why we have a strong Chapter in the State today. Your devotion, your integrity and your sense of helping others has made the Royal Arch Masons of Kansas what we are today.

I want to remind everyone to thank all our Companions for committing themselves to the Chapters and wanting to do better, our families for standing beside and assisting in us in our Masonic endeavors, and finally, to thank God for the guidance and help in our times of distress, as well as our times of prosperity.

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



Salina Chapter Degree Conferrals

Salina Chapter No. 18 had one candidate and Junction City had a second candidate who needed to receive the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees. This was needed because the Brothers, now Companions, wanted to complete the York Rite Degrees and Orders at the March 8 & 9, 2024, conferral at Newton. The leadership decided it would be best to confer both degrees on their stated meeting evening.



The degrees were conferred in full form and the cast did an excellent job of preparing to deliver the several lessons of the degrees. Congratulations to Salina Chapter No. 18 for embarking on this evening of degree conferrals.

2024 Grand Chapter Communication Update

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 8:00 AM at the Bluemont Hotel in Manhattan, Kansas. The format is the same as it has been for the past several years and there will be ample opportunity for fellowship and fun with the Companions in attendance.



This event is opened to all Royal Arch Masons and constituent Chapter officers are encouraged to attend and have their votes counted. This is a fantastic time to hear from others within the jurisdiction of Kansas concerning what they are doing for caputular masonry.

Grand Master's Class Advancement Conferral

Several of those who took the initial degrees with the Grand Master's Classes were unable to complete their degrees and orders because of scheduling conflict. With this understanding, the Grand York Rite of Kansas decided to continue to confer the needed degrees and orders to assist those Companions in their York Rite journey.

On Friday, March 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM at Newton Lodge, the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees were conferred on those who were awaiting advancement through the caputular degrees.

On Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 8:30 AM, the two degrees of the Council were conferred followed by the three orders of the Commandery of Knights Templar. All who attended completed their York Rite experience. Both days were held at Newton Lodge. Be sure to watch this space for pictures in the next quarter of these degrees and orders.



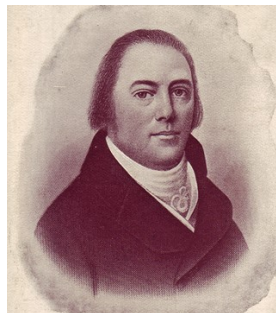
General Grand Chapter—A History

Before the year 1797, the Royal Arch Degree and the Degrees subsidiary to it were conferred in America, usually within Masonic groups calling themselves Chapters, but obedient to no superior authority, or in Lodges working under a Grand Lodge Warrant. On October 24, 1797, a Convention of Committees from three Chapters, Saint Andrew's Chapter of Boston, Temple Chapter of Albany, and Newburyport Chapter, was held at Boston, which recommended to the several Chapters within the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York to hold a Convention at Hartford on the fourth Wednesday of January to form a Grand Chapter for the previously mentioned States.



Subsequently, on January 24, 1798, delegates from Saint Andrew's Chapter of Boston, Massachusetts; King Cyrus Chapter of Newburyport, Massachusetts; Providence Chapter of Providence, Rhode Island; Solomon Chapter of Derby, Connecticut; Franklin

Chapter of Norwich, Connecticut, and Hudson Chapter of Hudson, New York; to which were the next day added Temple Chapter of Albany, New York, and Horeb Chapter of Whitestown, New York, assembled at Hartford in Convention and, having adopted a Constitution organized a governing Body which they styled The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America. This Body assumed in its Constitution jurisdiction over only the States of New England and New York, and provided that Deputy Grand Chapters, subject to its obedience, should be organized in those States. Ephraim Kirby, of Litchfield, Connecticut, was elected Grand High Priest; and it was ordered that the first meeting of the Grand Chapter should be held at Middletown, Connecticut, on the third Wednesday of September next ensuing.



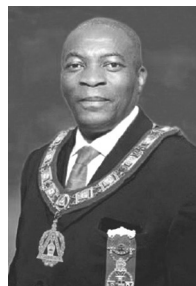
On that day the Grand Chapter met, but the Grand Secretary and Grand chaplain were the only Grand Officers present. The Grand King was represented by a proxy. The Grand Chapter, however, proceeded to an election of Grand Officers, and the old officers were elected. The Body then adjourned to meet in January, 1799, at Providence, Rhode Island.

On January 9, 1799, the Grand Chapter met at Providence, the Deputy Grand Chapters of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York being represented. At this meeting, the Constitution was very considerably modified, and the Grand Chapter assumed the title of The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the six Northern States enumerated in the preamble. The meetings were directed to be held



septennial; and the Deputy Grand Chapters were in future to be called State Grand Chapters. No attempt was, however, made in words to extend the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter beyond the States already named. On January 9, 1806, a meeting of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held at Middletown, representatives being present from the States of Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York. The Constitution was again revised. The title was for the first time assumed of The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, and jurisdiction was extended over the whole country. This year may, therefore, be considered as the true date of the establishment of the General Grand Chapter.

In 1826 the sentential meetings were abolished, and the General Grand Chapter has ever since met triennially. The General Grand Chapter consists of the present and past Grand High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings and Scribes of the State Grand Chapters, and the Past General Grand Officers. The officers are a General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Host, and General Grand Royal Arch Captain. It originally possessed large prerogatives, extending even to the suspension of Grand Chapters; but by its present organization it has "no power of discipline, admonition, censure, or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever not specially granted" by its Constitution.



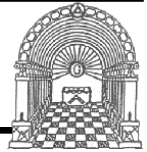
Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.)

Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) is a hearing deficiency that does not allow those afflicted to distinguish sounds that can be heard by those with regular hearing. When a sound occurs, the sound is taken into the inner ear and delivered to the brain and the brain translates what is being heard. When a person is deaf, the part of the ear that delivers the sound to the brain does not function. When a person has central auditory processing Disorder (CAPD), the part of the brain that translates what the ear delivers does not function properly. The person with CAPD can hear sounds, but how the brain translates the sound is incorrect, and the end result is a garbled message. People who have CAPD have normal hearing, so they are not considered hearing impaired. The neurological processing of the sounds they hear is impaired, which is why it's called a processing disorder. Research is developing paths of opportunity to correct this problem, and your Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) contributions support these efforts.



Council Cliff Notes

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas



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Gary A. Mason., MIGM 2023-2024



From the Illustrious Grand Master

This is my last communication as your Most Illustrious Grand Master, but I wanted to keep you updated concerning several events happening before our Grand Communication.

On March 8th and 9th we will be conferring the York Rite degrees and orders. This will be a make up class for those who did not complete their degrees last year for the Grand Master's class of 2023. If you have not seen or watched the degrees for some time, please come and help or just be there to provide support for the new members and those performing a part.

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service held at Coronado Heights near Lindsborg for any York Rite member and their family on March 31st.

I would like to thank M.:I.: H. Wayne Rector for appointing me to his Grand line which led to my election as Most Illustrious Grand Master at the Grand York Rite Session in May 2023. Since I was elected as Grand Master, I was promoted at my place of work to Maintenance Director of Belle Plaine Schools, so it has been a busy year.

The Grand Council has been to Hays, Kansas where we hosted the Great Plains Rendezvous where Cryptic Masons from Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming gather to confer the Royal, Select and Super Excellent degrees. There were around 100 Cryptic Masons and 44 new members were greeted.

The next adventure for the Grand Council was the trip to Manitou Springs, Colorado for the annual Pike's Peak Time Capsule Inspection. A good time was had by all who attended. A week later we traveled to Branson, Missouri for the South Central Department Conference.

Being short handed at the school since August, and being the only maintenance worker since December, I have not been able to make any official visits, but would like to see everyone go out and visit other Councils if they the opportunity.

May 1st thru May 4th at Manhattan, Kansas, will be the Annual Kansas Grand York Rite Session and the Grand Council Session will be on May 3rd. I would like to congratulate R.:I.: L. Kent Needham who will be installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master.

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

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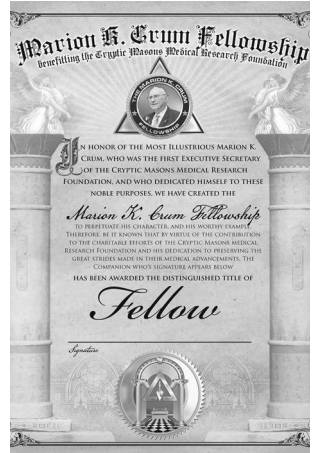
Marion Crum Fellowship

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (C.M.M.R.F.) is an exceptional 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.



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! This exciting new program rewards the small donation of \$100.00 with a stunning breast jewel, and a beautiful certificate and card.

All of the proceeds of this program go directly to the C.M.M.R.F., and you can proudly display the certificate, and wear the breast jewel to encourage others to donate as well. You can make your donation online using www.mcfellow.com and the packet will be shipped directly to you, or you can mail a check for \$100.00 payable to: The Marion Crum Foundation, 304 East 1225 North, Chesterton, Indiana 46304. Several members of Kansas made donations to this fund while at Masonic Week in Alexandria, Virginia in February and received their jewels and patents. Look for them at Cryptic Mason functions across the state and be sure to ask them for more information.





2024 Grand Council Convocation Update



The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas will hold their annual meeting on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 8:00 AM at the Bluemont Hotel in Manhattan, Kansas.

This event is open to all Cryptic Masons and constituent Council officers are encouraged to attend and have their votes counted. This is a fantastic time to hear from others within the jurisdiction of Kansas concerning what they are doing for cryptic masonry. The meeting gives those in attendance the opportunity to vote on pending legislation, bring new ideas to the Grand Council, and to hear about the various charities and other events the Grand Council is planning for the next cryptic year. Be sure to be in attendance!

A History of CMMRF

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, (CMMRF), was incorporated in the state of Oklahoma, March 6, 1986. The driving force behind this new corporation was Most Puissant General Grand Master Ben Mandelbaum, of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International. Companion Joe Lewis, Attorney at Law, was instrumental in quickly getting the Foundation a tax-exempt status. CMMRF also had



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a tax attorney, James A. Hogue, PMIGM in Oklahoma. These men generously donated their time to the initial start-up of the Foundation. Earlier, at

the meeting of the "General Grand Council Benevolent Foundation, Inc. held on November 11, 1985, Marion Keith Crum, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Indiana, was elected Executive Secretary of the Foundation. Most Illustrious Companion Crum continued to faithfully serve in this position until his retirement in October 2012, a period of almost twenty-seven years.

CMMRF funds research at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana. Initial research focused on the cause(s) and eventually a cure for atherosclerosis and its complications. In later years, the research has implemented adult stem cell therapies to address a variety of mature health issues but not necessarily restricted to the adult population. This research was previously funded by an Indiana corporation, which ceased to do business upon the death of Dr. Owen L. Shanteau, October 17, 1985. While CMMRF is not a part of that preceding organization and the General Grand Council was not its governing body, CMMRF is continuing the good work that it started. Dr. Shanteau met with Dr. Nils Bang at the Indiana University Medical Center in 1978 and discussed this new venture. Dr. Shanteau was able to give a grant of \$12,000.00 a year to this project, which was being



done on a part time basis. The former Foundation gave the Medical Center grants totaling \$96,000.00.

Dr. Nils Bang, one of the founding researchers connected with the program, suggested that the most efficient way of investing the money donated by The Cryptic Masons International was to invest it in the salaries of young, talented investigators. Many of these investigators had papers summarizing their work accepted for presentation at the prestigious national conference of the American Federation for Clinical Research. (In order to have papers accepted, the subject matter must have been about new findings, not previously published.) All of these Doctors have moved on to more substantial positions and are no longer at Indiana University. CMMRF assumes they are still using their experience in the various fields of research.

At the February 1996 Board of Trustees meeting in Washington D.C. The Board agreed to fund a Chair at the Indiana University Medical Center at the cost of one million dollars. CMMRF contributed two hundred thousand dollars a year for five years to endow the chair. The final payment was made in December of 2000. The University offered as an incentive to guarantee a five per cent income on the endowment plus matching it with a five percent payout from the endowment.

Sometime in 2001-2002 the CMMRF-sponsored laboratory became the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine, (ICVBM). After a 3-year search for the best person to fill this newly created Chair, Dr. Keith March was selected. The creation of an endowed chair and this new Center attracted more than \$2,000,000 from non-Masonic sources. Dr. March served in this position until his resignation September 30, 2017. After an in-depth search, Dr. Jay Hess, Dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, announced on July 17, 2018, that Dr. Michael P. Murphy had been selected as the next holder of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Chair.

In 2007, a non-Masonic benefactor challenged CMMRF to match his \$50,000.00 donation to the Indiana Center of Vascular Biology and Medicine. By meeting his challenge, CMMRF contributed \$300,000.00 to ICVBM in 2007. In 2008 a Cryptic Mason donated \$20,000.00 which CMMRF matched and it enabled CMMRF to give \$240,000.00 to the Center for research. Today, upon requests, CMMRF will match \$5,000 donations, up to \$25,000.

Contributions are urgently needed. Most CMMRF donations are voluntary. Only three known jurisdictions have included CMMRF in their per capita dues. This is a decision that must be made by each Grand Council and not the General Grand Council. (CMMRF recommends that each jurisdiction consider this a worthy cause to be added to its per capita dues.) Contributions to CMMRF are tax deductible and that does have some appeal. CMMRF encourages all individuals as well as Cryptic Masons and their families to consider remembering CMMRF in their estate as well as in their annual giving plans.