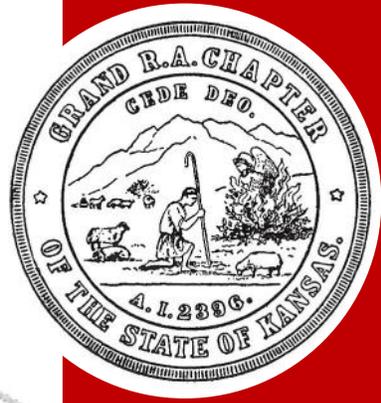


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From the Grand High Priest

Most Excellent Companion Patrick C. Carr, Grand High Priest

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



Education is a large part of Freemasonry. There are very few meetings held in Kansas where I am in attendance and I do not witness someone making a presentation or a discussion on something educational at a meeting. This does not mean I give the education each time! It means the Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights of Kansas are actively involved in striving to give each member a quality masonic experience.

Our members are not only attempting to provide a quality masonic experience, but also to change the experience they have inherited from those who have come (and gone) before us. These members were active in their masonic bodies and spent time working to make sure their Orders would survive until the next generation could arrive and pick up the load and move it down the road even further.

Companions, the time has arrived! It is now OUR TIME to move that load down the road. As I travel, I see the energy our membership is putting into their masonic bodies. They want to see those bodies outlast their own memberships. If we are committed to making that happen, we need to start to identify and develop that next group of masonic leadership here in Kansas. We need to be sure we are not only identifying them, but actively working with them to develop their leadership skills. These members are our future and our hope in seeing Masonry in Kansas continue to grow and thrive.

Let us each take just a brief moment and attempt to remember what it was like when one of our own leaders in a masonic body approached us about serving in a position. That position meant the world to you at that moment because it confirmed to you the hard work you were putting into your masonic body to make it better and more enjoyable. Try to remember how it made you feel special among your Brothers. When you do, I know your heart will be filled with the love and respect you felt at that moment.

We need to start to give those moments to the next group of masonic leaders here in Kansas. They are out there and just waiting for you to notice them. You can make their masonic experience even better by noticing their efforts, engaging them in the leadership of our various masonic orders, and giving them a chance to be in the same place you were so many, many years ago.

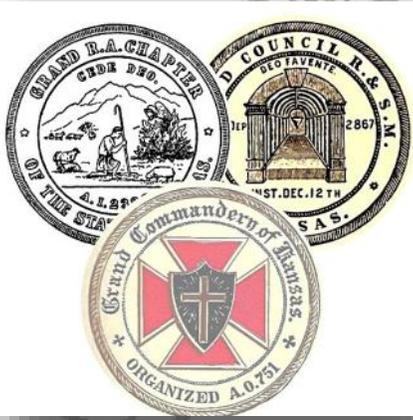
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March, 2026

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Grand High Priest

2025-2026

2026 Grand York Rite Sessions



The session will start on Thursday, August 31, 2026, at 8:00 AM with the conferral of the Order of the High Priesthood which will be followed by at 10:00 AM by the conferral of the Order of the Silver Trowel. Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM and after lunch, at 1:00 PM, the Kansas Association of Past Commanders will induct new members into the Association. The meeting of Kansas College No. 125 of the York Rite College will be held at 3:00 PM and Ashmole Court No. 17 of the Masonic Order of Athelstan will meet at 4:00 PM. The Past Grand Presiding Officers Association will have their annual meeting at 5:00 PM and will be followed by dinner at 6:00 PM. At 7:00 PM, all will gather to commemorate the lives of those who have passed to the celestial lodge above at the necrology service.

On Friday, May 1, registration starts at 7:30 AM and the 160th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will have a public session at 8:00 AM which will be followed by the tiled session at 9:00 AM. Installation for the 2026-2027 Grand Chapter Officers will be held at 11:00 AM with lunch to follow at 12:30 PM.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Kansas will host their 159th Grand Assembly with a public session at 1:30 PM which will be followed by the tiled session at 2:30 PM. Installation for the 2026-2027 Grand Council Officers will be held at 4:30 PM. The Perpetual Life Committee will have their annual meeting at 6:00 PM, and the annual awards banquet will follow at 7:00 PM.

Saturday, May 2, will be the final day of activities for the 2026 Grand York Rite sessions and will start with a breakfast for the Past Grand Commander's wives at 6:30 AM and the Knights of the York Cross of Honor will have its annual meeting to elect worthy candidates at their 6:30 AM breakfast meeting. Registration will open at 7:30 AM and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas will reconvene its 158th Grand Conclave at 8:00 AM with a public opening session and the tiled meeting will start at 9:00 AM. Installation of the 2026-2027 Grand Commandery Officers will be held at 11:00 AM.

All members are invited to attend. Dais officers of the constituent Chapter, Council, and Commandery are highly encouraged to attend and vote on the business held at the sessions.

To register, or for more information, visit www.kansasyorkrite.org.

March Grand High Priest's Schedule

In March, the Grand High Priest is planning to meet with two of the Chapters in Kansas. He will be using the Zoom platform to host these meetings. While the MEGHP likes to meet face-to-face with the Companions of the Chapters in Kansas, it is more efficient for this month to use the online interactions.

Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 43 Official Visit	TBA @ 6:00 PM	Hiawatha, Kansas
Liberal Chapter No. 65 Official Visit	TBA @ 6:00 PM	Liberal, Kansas