



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL Organized October 24, 1797

Words from the General Grand East April 2023

Companions,

There is incredible power in the spoken word. The spoken word has the power to influence in an unbelievable manner and degree. Years ago someone said "a picture is worth a thousand words." I'm here to tell you that individual had never really read the Declaration of Independence or the Bill of Rights. They had not read Lincoln's Gettysburg Address or the 23rd Psalm or prayed The Lord's Prayer. See those are words – just words - but they are words that have impacted millions and millions of people.

Think about these words. Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death" and a nation united and fought for their independence.

Lincoln said, "Fourscore and seven years ago" and a nation was reunited.

Churchill said, "There will always be an England" and the country was lifted by its bootstraps.

F.D.R. said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." and the Depression Era got a glimpse of hope.

Words can be so enormously important. 25 years ago, I said to Theresa, "I love you." and she said to me, "I love you." A year later, the preacher said, "I now pronounce you husband and wife." When you think about words like that, you see the importance of words.

The power of the word truly is awesome. Samuel Akwasi Sarpong is from Ghana, the Asante Tribe. It's by far the largest tribe in Ghana. They have the practice of naming their children based on the day of the week on which they are born. Now, they have a first name and a last name. The middle name is their Asanti name. His Asanti name is Akwasi. And Akwasi in his language means "godly, gentle, peace loving and kind". By coincidence, almost all Christian ministers, 80% of government leaders, corporate leaders, serious entrepreneurs in Ghana, are the Akwasis. The babies born on Wednesday are named "Akwaku". Now, "Akwaku" means "mean, violent, aggressive, and quick tempered."

In the nation of Ghana, over 75% of all of the crime committed, is committed by those who are born on Wednesday – the Akwakus.

Wendell Johnson wrote a book called "People in Quandaries". It's based on studies done on reservations in America. He started with two reservations and noticed something rather peculiar and then expanded it to many other reservations. They discovered there was not a single full blooded Native American raised on the reservation and taught the Indian languages and dialects – not a one of them stuttered. Now, they checked the languages and the dialects and they understood why none of them stuttered. It was because in none of the Native American languages or dialects was there a word for stutter. And if there's no word for stutter, "how are you going to stutter?" You see, there are no instructions.

You see, words paint pictures and then we go to work to complete those pictures.

Bill Glass said that 90% of the people who are incarcerated in our prisons today were repeatedly told by their parents, one of these days you're going to end up in jail.

Jim Sundberg, former gold gloves catcher in the Major Leagues, was doing a prison crusade with Bill Glass one day. During one of the breaks, they were just standing aside talking. And Jim said, "Bill, you know, when I was a youngster, over and over, my dad kept saying to me, 'You keep throwing that ball like that, son, you'll be a major leaguer someday.'" "You keep hustling like that and someday you'll be a major leaguer." "You keep swinging the ball like that, one day you're going to be a major leaguer." He said it was planted in my mind. He said I'm exactly where my dad told me I was going to be.



A prisoner was standing nearby and he heard that conversation and he said, "well, you know, same thing happened to me. I'm exactly where my dad told me I was going to be."

The power of the word is absolutely incredible.

We need the good, the clean, the powerful, and the positive every day. Because, you see, what we do in life, is we extract the last major deposit in our thinking, in our attitudes, and in our action. We simply recall the last deposit. Input determines our outlook. Your outlook determines your output and your output determines your life.

The power of the word can be measured in so many cases and in so many ways.

When I was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in 1996, I heard words that have forever impacted my life. You did too.

Every time an Entered Apprentice Mason is initiated we hear these words, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Presented with our very first apron we are told, "Let it's pure and spotless surface be to you an everlasting present reminder of purity of life and rectitude of conduct, a never ending argument for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements."

We're told, "And when at last your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, and from your nerveless grasp shall drop forever the working tools of life, may the record of your life and actions be as pure and spotless as this fair emblem which I place in your hands."

We're told to use the common gavel to divest our hearts and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life, thereby fitting us for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

We're told that we are an upright man and Mason and are strictly placed in charge ever to walk and act as such before God and man."

We're told, "The Holy Bible is dedicated to God, because it is the inestimable gift of God to man."

We hear these words, "The three great tenets of a Mason's profession inculcate the practice of those commendable virtues, Brotherly love, relief and truth."

There are three great duties which as a Mason you are charged to inculcate: To God, to neighbor, and to yourself."

We're taught "the internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards."

We hear, "the trowel is an instrument used by Free and Accepted Masons for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love – that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist save that noble contention or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree. "

And every single time we are present at the closing of the lodge, we heard these words: Brethren, you are now about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and so forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Be diligent, prudent, temperate, and discreet. Remember that, at this altar, you promised to befriend and relieve every brother who shall need your assistance. You have promised, in the friendliest manner, to remind him of his errors, and to aid his reformation. These generous principles are to extend further: every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do well unto all. Recommend it more especially to the household of the faithful. Finally, brethren, be of one mind, live in peace; and May the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you. Amen!

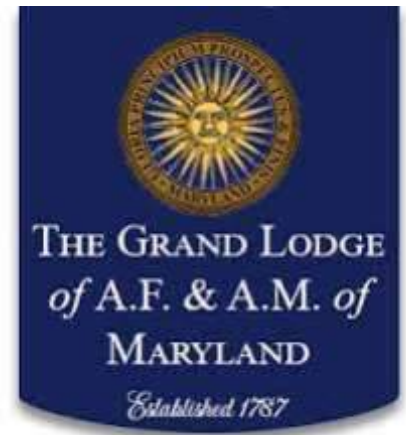
Those are words to live by. Those are words to die by. Those are words that can change your life.

Steven Tiner,
General Grand High Priest,
General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons International



DID JAH KNOW?

April 19th On this date in 1787, the Grand Lodge of Maryland was formed



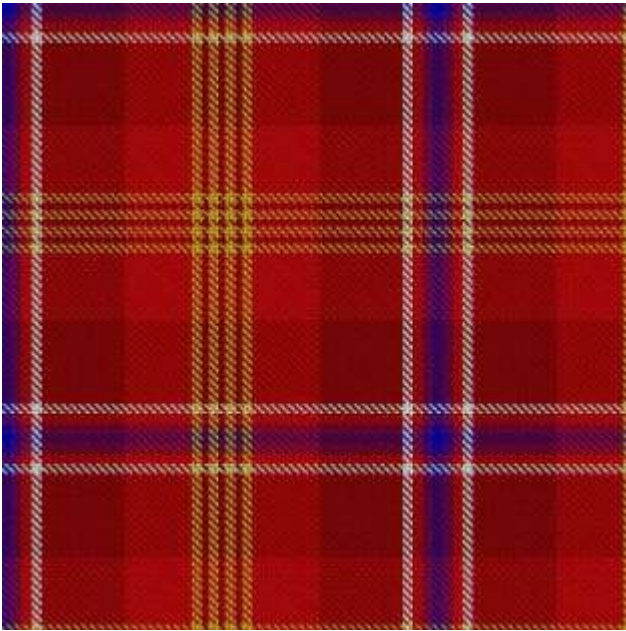
April 22nd On this date in 1785, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 3rd degree.

April **24th** On this date in 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt received his 3rd degree.



Did you know we have a Facebook page? Please come check it out.

<https://www.facebook.com/GGCRAMI/>



General Grand Chapter now has it's own, registered Tartan that is being made available in Kilt form to all Royal Arch Masons. There are accessories available and, after the initial Kilt order, there will be other items as well. Please go to <https://ggcrami-kilts.com> for more information and to order.

This effort is starting like a kickstart campaign. We need 26 kilt orders to get the process started, Once we get the initial orders, we'll be able to offer ties, vests and other tartan items.

Again, the link for the webpage is <https://ggcrami-kilts.com>

If you have any questions after reviewing the page, please message Rod Waggoner, PGHP, Arizona.

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Thank you, Companions!

10 months in operation and we have sold Kilts, Vests, Ties, Accessories and Gifts to Royal Arch Masons across the country and now, even overseas! There have been sightings of our wares at various Grand Sessions and it's been said, general satisfaction with what has been produced. We're grateful for your patronage and hope to continue bringing items that will bring pleasure to yourself and honor to our Capitular Clan!

For Questions or Suggestions contact:

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Customer Photos!



Companions in their Tartans! (LEFT) MEC Dennis Tomsen, 3rd Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Denmark in his Syd Kilt and Regalia (RIGHT) MEC Dick Browning, Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand York Rite of Arkansas and DGGHP for General Grand Chapter, South Central Region looking well turned out in his GGChapter Formal Dress set. Companions, send your picture to us for inclusion in the newsletter!

Gunning Bedford, Jr. was an American politician and founding father.

Bedford was born on April 13th, 1747 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He remained there until the age of 20 when he left for the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University. There he was classmates with future president James Madison. He graduated in September of 1771. The following year he married the daughter of James Parker an apprentice to Benjamin Franklin in the printing trade.

Bedford read law in New York City and in 1779 began practicing law there. In 1783 he left for Delaware, living first in Dover and then in Wilmington.

In 1775, the Continental Congress elected Bedford Deputy-Muster-General for the Continental Army in New York. The following year he was assigned first to the norther army in Canada. Later in 1776 he was promoted to Muster-master-general and assigned again to New York.



Shortly after arriving in Dover in 1783 Bedford was elected to the Legislative Council of the Delaware General Assembly, which later became the Delaware House of Representatives. He served four terms in the Legislative Council until 1787. During his time in the House of Representatives he also served from 1783 to 1786 in the Continental Congress. In 1788 he started a three year term in the Legislative Council, which became the Delaware State Senate. During his time in the State Senate he also served as the first Attorney General of the the State of Delaware.

In 1787 Bedford took his place as one of the founding fathers by being the Delaware delegate to the Federal Constitutional Convention. At the Convention, he was the most vocal advocate of small state rights. Unlike other small state representatives at the convention who sought to have a strong Federal Government to protect the smaller states against their larger neighbors, Bedford sought a smaller Federal Government. When the conflict over representation threatened to wreck the convention, Bedford laid aside his more local interests and sought compromise.

In the process of the compromise, Bedford stated the smaller states may be forced to seek foreign allies as protection from their more populous neighboring states. His exact statement was "the small ones would find some foreign ally of more honor and good faith, who will take them by the hand and do them justice." This was shouted down as treasonous by other delegates.

Initially Bedford supported the idea the original Articles of Confederation be adopted, with amendments, as the United States Constitution. When the idea was put forward to draft a new Constitution, Bedford supported the New Jersey Plan which was more favorable to small states. The plan was also called the Small State Plan. It gave each state a single vote in a unicameral, or single chambered, legislative body. The opposing plan, called the Virginia Plan, was a two chamber plan with representatives in both chambers being determined by the populous of a given state. Eventually the Virginia plan was adopted with some modifications to compromise with the New Jersey Plan.

Bedford saw this was going to be a great danger to the fledgling country if compromise was not reached. He agreed to sit on a committee drafting the Great Compromise. It adopted the New Jersey Plan as one chamber of Congress, the upper house, with the same number of Representatives per state. This is now the United States Senate. The United States House of Representatives is based on the original Virginia Plan.

Bedford and others in Delaware led the way for the new Constitution in their state and Delaware became the first state to accept the new Constitution. Bedford was asked by the new Representatives to the United States Congress to review a bill to form the new federal judiciary system. In 1789 he was appointed by George Washington as the first judge on the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

Bedford also believed in the importance of education. He stated education "is, on all hands, justly acknowledged to be an object of first importance." He worked to improve education in Wilmington. He was president of the board of Wilmington Academy and later, when it became Wilmington College became the president of the college.

Bedford passed away on March 30th, 1812.

Bedford was the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. He served from 1806 until 1808.

Special Triennial Program

The Tabernacle Man – one day only

There are many reasons to attend the upcoming General Grand Chapter's Triennial. A special program on the Tabernacle of Moses is a first for this meeting. On Sunday, August 13, ONLY, Dr. Terry Harman will bring his scale model of the Tabernacle of Moses to our meeting. He will also have several full-size models of various furnishings



Dr. Harman will share the significance of the tabernacle from both the Jewish and the Christian perspective. The exhibit will be open to delegates and guests on Sunday morning and late Sunday afternoon. You can, at your leisure, study the Tabernacle and the furnishings. Visit it more than once and learn about this most important part of Royal Arch Masonry. Also displayed will be some full-sized furniture of the Tabernacle.

At 10:00 am and again at 4:00 pm on Sunday, Dr. Harman will give a lecture on the Tabernacle and the High Priest that carried out the ceremonies at the Tabernacle. Of special interest will be the High Priest's robe and antique breast-plates.

This is a unique opportunity for Royal Arch Masons to examine the precursor of Solomon's and Herod's Temple in Jerusalem.

Remember, one day only, Sunday, August 13. One place only – the 72nd Triennial of the General Grand Chapter, Branson, MO.



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It's Triennial Time!

August 12-15

Branson, MO



Branson's only AAA Four Diamond Resort

Just 10 miles from downtown Branson, Missouri, discover an Ozark Mountain oasis. Our modern-day "Castle in the Ozarks" welcomes guests with upscale resort amenities, friendly Mid-western hospitality and **spectacular lakefront views**. We're the perfect base to enjoy Branson's live shows, Silver Dollar City, Table Rock Lake and our surrounding nature trails. After a fun-filled day, unwind at Spa Chateau, our scenic outdoor pool or award-winning restaurants.

Companions, I want to invite you to the General Grand Chapter's 72nd and the General Grand Council's 48th Triennial meeting, what a great time we are going to have! Our host city, Branson, Missouri, is a wonderful destination for you and your family. There are so many delightful things to do while attending your Triennial. Branson is the entertainment center of the South. There are many plays, museums, and recreation activities you and your family can do. **Nestled in the Ozark Mountains, the majesty of God's nature will inspire you.**

Your Triennial Committee has planned many activities at the beautiful, luxury Chateau on the Lake Resort. A special treat for all of us will be an exhibit and lecture on the Tabernacle of Moses given by Dr. Terry Hartman. **His scale model of Moses' Tabernacle is fascinating and of deep significance to all Masons.**

The General Grand officers look forward to seeing you in Branson as we continue to do the important work of the York Rite of Freemasonry.

Steven Tiner
General Grand High Priest

Monty Glover
General Grand Master



2023 Triennial Tentative Schedule

Saturday, August 12

1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
8:00 pm
cruise

Registration
*Show Boat dinner

Sunday, August 13

7:00 am – noon
8:00 am -11:30 am
8:00 am – noon
10:00 am -11:00
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Registration
*Silver Dollar City Tour
Tabernacle Man exhibit
Tabernacle Man lecture
Opening ceremonies
Memorial Service
Registration
Tabernacle Man Exhibit
Tabernacle Man lecture
*Dixie Stampede Tour

Monday, August 14

7:00 am – 11:00 am
8:00 am

10:00 am

Noon
1:00 pm

4:00 pm
2026

6:00 pm
6:30 pm

Registration
General Grand Council
session opens
Ladies Tour; Top of the
Rock
Men's Luncheon
General Grand Council
session resumes
Installation of 2023-

General Grand Council
Happy Hour (cash bar)
Banquet

*Denotes offsite ticketed events.

Tuesday, August 15

7:00 am – 9:00 am
9:00 am - noon

noon – 1:00 pm
noon – 1:30 pm
1:00 pm

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
2026

6:00 pm
6:30 pm

Registration
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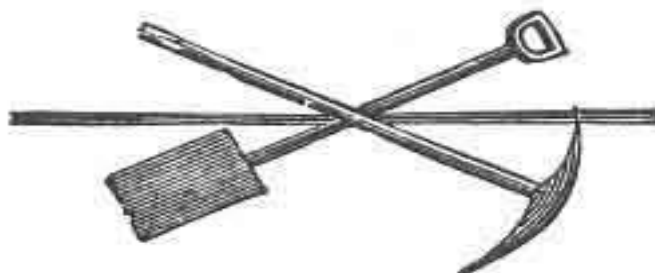
Conference registration information, link to hotel reservations, link to online registration, and other Triennial information will be available, after March 1, 2023, at the conference website:

www.triennial.org

Branson and Chateau on the Lake Resort offers many activities for everyone. The committee has arranged for discounted hotel rooms for a time before and after the Triennial for those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity to visit this unique place and outstanding hotel. Again, details and videos will be posted on our website.



WE NEED YOU!!!!



Fielding questions about the Rite?

WHAT ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IS

Founded in 1797, in Boston, Massachusetts, as a national organization, the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International now has jurisdiction over half the 7,000 Chapters in the world, including several provinces in Canada, the Grand Chapters of USA, Philippines, Germany, Italy, Portugal, and many chapters in Central and South America. Upon your exaltation as a Royal Arch Mason you will become a member of the oldest and largest rite of Royal Arch Masonry.

WHO ROYAL ARCH MASONS ARE

One of the most fascinating aspects of Royal Arch Masonry has always been how so many men, from so many different walks of life, can meet together in peace, never have any political or religious debates, always conduct their affairs in harmony and friendship, and call each other brother. No Rite of Freemasonry covers the world so much as does Royal Arch Masonry. In every country of the earth, on every continent and on many isles of the sea, Will be found Royal Arch Chapters, eager and willing to receive their companions from other parts of the world into that full fellowship that characterizes Royal Arch Masonry.

WHAT ROYAL ARCH MASONS BELIEVE IN

All Royal Arch Masons believe in one God and in respect for each other.

WHAT ROYAL ARCH MASONS DO

Royal Arch Masonry contains some simple, plain statements of Truth, easily understandable and helpful in our relation to life. Lodge symbolism deals with lessons of the material side of life. The Chapter degrees, and particularly the Royal Arch, deal with the spiritual side of life. Upon your exaltation as a Royal Arch Mason you will become a member of the oldest and largest rite of Freemasonry. **QUALIFICATIONS** Royal Arch Masonry is the logical step for every Master Mason to take. If after becoming a Royal Arch Mason, you desire to continue your studies, you may take the Council Degrees and the Commandery Orders, both of which are illustrative of and carry forward the principles of the Royal Arch. Any Royal Arch Macon will eagerly propose your name as a candidate for the advancement in the mysteries of Freemasonry.

THOSE WHO SEEK MEMBERSHIP

Anyone seeking Membership in the Royal Arch must sign a Petition, stating his age, occupation and place of residence. Members of the Chapter vote by ballot. To be accepted, the ballot must be unanimous.

THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

What has attracted so many Brethren to seek further light in Royal Arch Masonry?? The Royal Arch Degrees was considered most important in the early years of Freemasonry and so dogmatic was the Mother Grand Lodge - from which all Speculative Masonry derives - that in 1813, when the two grand lodges in England united, a firm and solemn landmark was adopted and placed in the **Articles of Union to guide Masons throughout the world forever on this matter: "Pure Ancient Freemasonry consists of but three degrees, that of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."** **The Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry consists of four degrees, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason.**



Burl Icle Ivanhoe Ives Passes Away

Burl Icle Ivanhoe Ives was an American musician and folk artist.

Ives was born near Hunt City in Jasper County, Illinois June 14th, 1909. As a young man Ives was active with both the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of DeMolay. In 1924, Ives was a Lone Scout which shortly after joined with the Boy Scouts of America. On September 5th, 1927, Ives joined the Order of DeMolay. Ives attended Eastern Illinois State Teachers College from 1927 to 1929. He never graduated. During his junior year he was in an English class and realized he was wasting his time. After an exchange with the teacher as he was walking out the door, Ives slammed the door and never looked back.

In the 1930's, Ives traveled around the country working odd jobs and playing his banjo. In Utah he was arrested for vagrancy and for singing "Foggy Dew" an English-Irish folk song that local authorities considered a "bawdy song". He also attended Julliard in New York during this time.

In the 1940's, Ives started his own radio show called the *The Wayfaring Stranger*, named after one of his songs. He also became a member of the Almanac Singers which at various points in time had other well-known members including Woody Guthrie. The Almanacs were active with the American Peace Mobilization (APM). The APM was a peace movement trying to convince the United States to not get involved with World War II with various folk songs. When the Germans invaded the Soviet Union the Almanacs changed their tune, literally. They began writing folk songs encouraging American participation in the war.

In 1942, Ives was drafted and ended up being part of Irving Berlin's *this is the Army*. A traveling show to military bases to help to rally and support the troops. He was honorably discharged in 1943.

In the 1950's, like many performers, Ives was blacklisted for allegedly having communist ties during the Red Scare. Ives appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This got him off the blacklist and started a long time feud with fellow folk singer Pete Seeger. Seeger accused Ives of naming names.

In the late 1950's and into the 1960's Ives appeared in several films. He was in the film *Big Country* for which he won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

In 1964, Ives lent his voice to the CBS presentation of *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*. The stop animation featured Ives as the banjo playing host of the show Sam the Snowman. Two of the songs Ives performed in the show, "Silver and Gold" and "A Holly Jolly Christmas", were instant classics. The following year Ives recorded them for an album. He released them the next Christmas taking advantage of their previous success.

Through the 70's and into the 80's, Ives performed in various ways. He lent his recognizable voice and face to a Luzianne tea as their commercial spokesperson. He also worked with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management on their campaign "This is your land - Let's keep it clean".

In 1994, Ives, a smoker of pipes and cigars, was diagnosed with oral cancer. After undergoing several surgeries that were unsuccessful in removing the disease, Ives decided to stop any future surgeries. On April 14th, 1995, Ives fell into a coma and passed away.

Ives was a member of Magnolia (now Magnolia-La Cumbre) Lodge No. 242 in Santa Barbara, California being raised in 1977. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction in the Valley of Santa Barbara in 1985. Ives was coronated a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in 1987. He was elected a Grand Cross, an honorarium added to the 33° in 1993.



WANTED!

Companions, I am heading up a committee that is doing amazing things for Capitular Education.

I NEED YOU!

The committee is looking for educational presentations regarding Capitular Masonry. Your info may be included in an international program to benefit all Royal Arch Masons

If you have presentations, power points, written papers, videos, OR you are willing to make some, please reach out to me We have a tight deadline to get this done so we can present something amazing at Triennial and I we want the best of the best

Please contact Chadwick Burks, General Grand Scribe, at ChadwickBurks@gmail.com If you can help.

I know we have TONS of amazing scholars in the Craft. Please step up and help. Contact me for details and/or any questions.



Here we Grow again!

The Grand Chapter RAM of Missouri exalted 23 new companions in March at the Grand Masters Invitational. We have 20 more scheduled for this weekend and even more scheduled in the next 60 days! Front and Center are MEC Kyle Palacios and Missouri Grand Master Richard Kaeser, flanked by Missouri Grand Commander Michael Rohman and MIC Michael Smith.



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General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International
2020 - 2024 MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement of General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International, with a heritage of over 200 years, is to offer services and support to its Subordinate and Grand Chapters throughout the world in fulfilling the goals of Capitular Masonry by:

- providing a source of, and administration for, the rituals of the four degrees of the American Royal Arch system.
- Assisting in the creation and chartering of new Subordinate and Grand Chapters throughout the world while maintaining our traditional standards.
- Being the primary source for developmental information concerning the formation of a Royal Arch Masons Chapter or Grand Chapter.
- Providing a means of communication, liaison and interaction for our member Chapters and Grand Chapters worldwide.
- Supporting and encouraging York Rite unity around the world in harmony with regular Grand Lodges, the General Grand Council and Grand Encampment.
- Recognizing achievement and service.
- Helping member Chapters and Grand Chapters to fulfill the obligation of all Royal Arch Masons to spread further light in Masonry.
- Promoting the progress of the Royal Craft, disseminating true Masonic knowledge, inspiring interest, and encouraging Blue Lodge Masons to pursue their search for Light and Truth to its logical conclusion through the degrees of Capitular Masonry
- Organizing a Triennial Convocation for all member Chapters and Grand Chapters to express their concerns, offer programs, legislate and elect officers for the next three years.
- Representing Royal Arch Masonry to the world in its highest tradition and heritage.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL
2020 - 2024 VISION STATEMENT

- To uphold and support the Mission Statement of the General Grand Chapter.
- To take all reasonable steps to secure membership of those Grand Chapters in North America which are not currently members of General Grand Chapter.
- To retain all existing members, helping them become true and zealous disciples of Royal Arch Masonry and not mere wearers of emblems.
- To respond to requests and to encourage development of the American Royal Arch system in foreign lands especially Eastern Europe, Latin America and Africa.
- To maximize our communication efforts through enhanced development of the Royal Arch magazine into the internet world and to maintain an electronic newsletter which serves as a method of instruction to supplement the ceremonies and lectures of the degrees.
- To live and work together in a devoted team spirit with the aim of promoting better education among Royal Arch Masons.
- To be the most useful and effective unit in the entire Fraternity in promoting the progress of Royal Arch Masonry among our member Grand Chapters through Regional Deputies and Ambassadors with duties and responsibilities to and from the General Grand Chapter to be visible as a support and a link.

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