



## **RAMCF WELL- REPRESENTED AT GRAND LODGE SESSIONS**

The Grand Chapter had the pleasure of setting up our usual table at the Grand Lodge sessions. We are grateful for the hospitality provided by the Grand Lodge and its Officers.



*Pictured above is Steve Devries (DDGHP), co-chairman of the RAMCF Board, and a representative of our beneficiary, the Illinois Center for Autism. Many informational brochures and trinkets were available for passersby.*

## **Important Links**

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### **CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT**

#### **Pekin Chapter 25**

Pekin Chapter # 25 was chartered on September 27, 1855. In its 169 years of existence, the chapter has been a fundamental part of the central Illinois masonic community and of York Rite

Masonry across the state. Pekin Chapter is the home of 5 MEPGHPs and 2 MEHPGHPs. This year has seen a resurgence of interest in the York Rite of Freemasonry at Pekin. As of October 21, the chapter has brought in 5 new members with all 4 of their degrees being done at Pekin Chapter. Of course, the chapter thanks all of the visiting Companions for helping to put on quality degrees for the candidates. 2 of the 5 new Companions

have so far received their Council Degrees and all 5 are planning to receive the Order of the Temple later this year. The officers and members of Pekin Chapter are eager to see what 2025 and our 170th year brings. We look forward to seeing our Companions from across the state out and about in the

Vineyards of Masonry.

Travel light, live light, spread the light, be the light.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **11/16 LINCOLN PARK CHAPTER DAY**

Lincoln Park Chapter No. 177  
Chicago, IL

#### **11/24 RAMCF HOLIDAY PLAY**

Lincoln Center  
Downers Grove, IL

#### **12/27 SAINTS JOHN FEAST**

Keystone Chapter No. 281  
Addison, IL

#### **4/19 RAMCF SHRIMP BOIL**

Eagles Nest Sports Grill  
Keithsburg, IL

#### **5/18 GRAND CHAPTER RE- DEDICATION**

Springfield Masonic Center  
Springfield, IL

# EDUCATION CORNER

## DISTRICT DEPUTY TRAVERSES ROUGH AND RUGGED ROAD TO LONG JOHN SILVERS!!



Late last month, Gabriel Carr, our District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 9th District, was spotted at a Long John Silvers in Effingham, Illinois! Gabriel was quoted that "When you see one, you must stop." However, reviews of this statement appear to be mixed.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter does not have an official opinion on the matter, but encourages Gabriel on his journeyings throughout the state to enjoy his cuisine choices.



*The Circle, itself a symbol of extraordinary significance, acquires even more importance when it includes a central point that is, when the symbol becomes the well-known point within a circle. This symbol was known to pagan rites thousands of years ago, and, while in its very early history it had a phallic interpretation and represented the male and the female principle, it took upon itself in the course of time other meanings. It was at one time the wheel symbol and the subject of religious rites universally observed. A Greek writer many centuries before Christ represented God as a circle whose center was everywhere and the circumference nowhere, a conception that needs much thought to begin to grasp and one with which Plato, only two or three centuries later, associated himself... Long ago the point within a circle was adopted as a device in Christian churches, and still later it became a Masonic emblem...*

*In one old version of the Craft Installation ceremony the Master Elect is made to represent the point within a circle of Installed Masters, and is taught to regard himself as the center of the lodge and an emblem of justice and morality.*

Freemasons' Book of the Royal Arch  
Bernard E. Jones





**Please Join all your York Rite Friends at this special  
Holiday theater production for the whole family!  
Sun Nov 24th, 2024 2pm start  
Lincoln Center 935 Maple Ave  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
Tickets Cost \$30 with proceeds going to benefit the  
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Theater Production is directed by  
Excellent Companion Nat Garofalo  
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below link or Scan the QR  
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***[https://tinyurl.com/ramcf-  
play](https://tinyurl.com/ramcf-play)***



# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BARRY!



On October 16th, Bloomington Chapter had the honor of providing Barry Weer, our current Right Excellent Grand Secretary, and Most Excellent Honorary Past Grand High Priest, with his 50-year certificate! Congratulations, Barry, and cheers to many more!

**HOLIDAY  
FOOD  
DRIVE**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING  
THOSE IN NEED!

SEPTEMBER 16 -  
DECEMBER 11, 2024

The Illinois Center for Autism is hosting a food drive this year for some of our families. We welcome all who would like to donate any non-perishable items to drop them off at any of our campuses. We are also accepting monetary donations by scanning the QR code below.

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## HAVE A NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION?

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