



CHAPTER DAY IN CHICAGO A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!

On November 16th, Lincoln Park Chapter No. 144 hosted a Chapter Day. The day was filled with fantastic Capitular ritual, Masonic fellowship, and delicious refreshments.



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The Grand Royal Arch Chapter would like to offer our most gracious thanks to the Companions at Lincoln Park and to all that assisted. We were able to exalt 13 new Royal Arch Masons and are eager to watch them continue on their York Rite journey.

CHAPTER SPOTLIGHT

Murphysboro Chapter No. 164

Chartered on October 28, 1875, Murphysboro # 164 has contributed nearly 150 years of service to Freemasonry. It is currently the home chapter of three Grand Officers: Tracy W. Harris, Right Excellent Grand King; Scott K. Walker, Excellent Grand Master of the Second Veil; and Dustin S. Rees, Excellent Grand Master of the First Veil. It is also the home chapter of Companion Guy R. McDowell, who serves as DDGM for the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He was one of the first awarded the Grand Chapter Veteran's Service Medal (2024). York Rite duties occur every third Wednesday inside the Masonic Lodge with Companions often enjoying dinner and fellowship beforehand.



UPCOMING EVENTS

12/27 SAINTS JOHN FEAST

Keystone Chapter No. 281
Addison, IL

1/31- CHAPTER/COUNCIL DAY

2/1
Murphysboro Chapter No. 164
Murphysboro, IL

3/1 JOINT IL/IN CHAPTER DAY

Terra Haute Lodge
Terra Haute, IN

4/19 RAMCF SHRIMP BOIL

Eagles Nest Sports Grill
Keithsburg, IL

5/18 GRAND CHAPTER RE- DEDICATION

Springfield Masonic Center
Springfield, IL

RAMCF + Local Theater = Big Hit!!!

On Sun Nov 24th, 2024 a partnership between the Royal Arch Masons Charitable Foundation & The Grove Players Theater Group grew into a great day! Excellent Comp. Nat Garofalo is a long time part of this amazing theater company. He directed a unique Holiday Production called "Every Christmas Story Ever Told". The performance was a fun romp and 4th wall breaking nod to every story we love rehashing in this extra jolly season. The tickets for the event were a fundraising effort due to the kindness of The Grove Players. They allowed a 50/50 split with half going to support the benevolent cause of The Royal Arch Masons Charitable Foundation. Many Companions attended with their loved ones and remarked "that this was the right event to get them in that Holiday Mood".

After words several people also went out for Fellowship at a great local establishment.



EDUCATION CORNER



The Chisel and Mallet are the working tools of a Mark Master, and are thus symbolically explained:

The chisel morally demonstrates the advantages of discipline and education. The mind, like the diamond in its original state, is rude and unpolished; but as the effect of the chisel on the external coat soon presents to view the latent beauties of the diamond, so education discovers the latent virtues of the mind, and draws them forth to range the large field of matter and space, to display the summit of human knowledge, our duty to God and to man. The mallet morally teaches us to correct irregularities, and to reduce man to a proper level; so that, by quiet deportment he may, in the school of discipline, learn to be content. What the mallet is to the workman, enlightened reason is to the passions: it curbs ambition, it depresses envy, it moderates anger, and it encourages good dispositions; whence arises among good masons that comely order.

*"Which nothing earthly gives, or can destroy,
The soul's calm sunshine, and the heartfelt joy."*

The Book of the Chapter
Albert G. Mackey

ILLINOIS CENTER FOR AUTISM HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL WOMEN, WINE & WONDERLAND EVENT

OUR AMAZING RAMCF BENEFICIARY ILLINOIS CENTER FOR AUTISM ALWAYS FINDS WAYS TO TOP THEMSELVES. BEYOND BEING THE BEST AT HELPING CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM THEY THROW AMAZING EVENTS. ON SUN DEC 8TH, 2024 THEY ARE HOSTING A TOP NOTCH GALA DIRECTED TO THE LOVELY LADIES OF OUR STATE. THEY HAVE AN AMAZING KEYNOTE SPEAKER LINED UP IN OUR ILLINOIS LT GOVENOR JULIANA STRATTON. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FROM WITHOUT LIMITS CHEER FROM SPECIAL OLYMPICS. THE PERFORMERS ARE BONA FIDE ROCKSTARS AND WILL BE DOING A UNIQUE HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE. PLEASE SEE ALL INFO ON THE FLYER BELOW.

All proceeds directly benefit ICA

WOMEN, WINE & WONDERLAND



HOLIDAY VENDOR SHOPPING
Unique vendors to meet your holiday shopping needs.

HONORABLE GUEST SPEAKER
Lt. Governor of Illinois
Juliana Stratton

DANCE PERFORMANCE
Special Olympics
SO CHEER

Dress Attire: Black, Red & White
Doors Open 12PM
Program begins promptly at 1PM. No late admittance
All guests must register online
Registration deadline - December 2, 2024
For additional information, please contact Gina Costello
at Gina.c@illinoiscenterforautism.org
Scan QR code below to register today!



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