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## RAMCF Wild Game Feed a Massive Success!

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the RAMCF held their annual Wild Game Feed at Mama's Place in Oquawka! The turnout was tremendous from Masons and locals alike. The Grand Chapter cannot thank everyone enough for their hard work and support in pulling this massive event off. With everyone's assistance, we were able to raise over \$18,000 for the RAMCF!







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# RAMCF Wild Game Feed Photos Continued!



# EDUCATION CORNER

The Most Excellent Master degree serves three main purposes in the Capitular system. The Most Excellent Master degree is designed to provide special recognition of Master Masons who have attained a sufficient proficiency in their preceding degrees to have learned the lessons contained in the degree. Therefore, those brethren who complete their labor in the oriental chair (Past Master) are enjoined to dispense the true Masonic knowledge to all uninformed brethren, as he now possesses the wisdom to do so.

Secondly, it is a necessary degree in the Craft Lodge because it is the only one that deals with the completion and dedication of the temple. In Craft Masonry, the candidate is always symbolically engaged in building the Temple of Solomon. However, due to the untimely death of Hiram Abif, the Temple is left uncompleted. While the Mark Master Degree also deals with the unfinished temple, the Royal Arch Degree shows the temple had already been destroyed. The Most Excellent Master Degree fills the void left between these events.

Thirdly, the Most Excellent Master Degree is riddled with allegoric symbolism. The completion and dedication of the Temple of King Solomon represents the completion of our spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. This degree prepares us for the secret contained in the Royal Arch Degree. One cannot dispense Masonic light until his own spiritual building is completed by the Keystone, thus binding it all together so that "all parts give and draw strength from each other."

*Most Excellent Master Intender Book*





# Chapter Spotlight

## Joliet Chapter No. 27

Chartered in 1856, Joliet Chapter No. 27 has been a staple in Illinois Royal Arch Masonry for over 150 years! The Chapter enjoys the membership of our current Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Danny Gaddis Jr; Excellent Grand Chaplain, Wulf Cinq-Mars; Excellent Grand Principal Sojourner, Isaac Orr; Excellent Grand Steward, Bill Poole; and District Deputy Grand High Priest (4<sup>th</sup> District), Steve Devries.

Joliet Chapter is also the home of MEPGHP Dale Cyrier and MEHPGHP Gary Hermann.

Joliet Chapter prides itself in its ritual work, and it has been a common host of many Chapter Days over the recent years.

The Chapter is also the birthplace of the recently created Order of the Honeybee which has contributed donations to the Royal Arch Masons Charitable Foundation.

Meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (dark July/August) at 7:30pm. Fellowship and frequent ritual practice is enjoyed by all members both before and after the meetings.



# Grand Chapter seen at Job's Daughters Preview Luncheon



On April 12<sup>th</sup>, Illinois Job's Daughters held their annual Preview Luncheon. The luncheon is a fantastic reason to get together and "previews" the upcoming year. This event was extra special as it is recognizing Lauren Robertson, daughter of MEPGHP Charles Robertson, as the upcoming Grand Bethel Honored Queen!

The event truly made it a very special day. There were numerous attendees from current and past Grand Chapter Officers. The Grand Chapter expresses its sincerest well wishes to Lauren in her upcoming year!

# Remembering MEPGHP William E. Love



William E. Love was born April 6, 1945. He served in the US Army from 1967–1971. Bro. Love was initiated on 1/23/1978, passed on 2/20/1978, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 3/20/1978. MEPGHP Love served during the 2000–2001 Capitular year. He passed on April 2, 2025. The Grand Chapter celebrates his life, accomplishments, and years of service. Our condolences are with his family in this difficult time.



# Junior Grand Warden

## Angelo Deserio Reception

Sat Mar 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the Valley of Chicago hosted a very important banquet as our current R.W. Junior Grand Warden, Angelo Deserio, was welcomed into his leadership role with style! Angelo, besides being a mover & shaker within the Lodge system, is a proud Companion of The Holy Royal Arch and a member of Keystone Chapter No. 281! Several dignitaries from the Royal Arch were in attendance for this amazing event. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter wishes the best to Angelo, his wife Carol, and the whole Grand Lodge Officer Team!





# STEAK FRY & FELLOWSHIP EVENT

SUN MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 @ 2PM

**\$40 DONATION TO THE RAMCF TO ATTEND  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**ALL ATTENDEES WILL ENJOY A EXPERTLY  
PREPARED**

**100Z RIB EYE LUNCH  
COOKED TO PERFECTION BY GRILL MASTER  
STEVE DEVRIES & HIS TEAM**

**EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
VILLA PARK MASONIC LODGE NO.1113  
26 W CENTRAL BLVD  
VILLA PARK, IL 60181**



Please call 630-640-509 to RSVP. RSVP's are highly encouraged for this amazing event!

## Upcoming Events

- 5/18 – RAMCF Steak Dinner
  - 2-4pm
    - 26 W Central Blvd, Villa Park 60181
    - RSVP: [tinyurl.com/RAMCFSTEAKFRY](https://tinyurl.com/RAMCFSTEAKFRY)
- 7/16-7/19 – York Rite Grand Sessions
  - Abraham Lincoln Springfield Hotel

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