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A Message from our new Most Excellent Grand High Priest!



Greetings Companions,

A new Capitular year has begun, which means a new year of special events, brotherhood, and fellowship. It was wonderful seeing all of you at Grand Sessions, and I look forward to seeing more of you in my travels throughout the year.

As Grand Officers, it is important for us to remember that we are entrusted to lead and guide our organization for your benefit. The primary issue we currently face according to our survey is our communication. I hope that this year sees much needed improvements on that front between us and you. An open line of communication is required for us to help and assist you.

We already have many exciting events coming up throughout the year, including our 175th anniversary rededication, RAMCF shrimp boil, steak fry, wild game feed, as well as numerous York Rite Days that have been planned.

We are excited to see all of you in our travels and hope that you give us much needed feedback on how we are doing, what is working, and what is not working. This is absolutely crucial to our organization and its ability to survive and thrive.

There have been numerous changes to the officer cast, committees, and goals for each committee throughout this year in order to provide as much value to our members as we can.

It goes without saying, thank you to all of the Companions who have entrusted myself and the entire Grand Line to usher in a new era of Royal Arch Masonry.

Fraternally,
Lance J. Welter



PLEASE ATTEND THIS AMAZING EVENT ON SUN, SEPT 21ST AND SUPPORT THE YORK RITE!



You are cordially invited to the 175th Rededication of the
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois. Immediately
Following will be the York Rite Reception Celebrating our
new leadership



LANCE J. WELTER, MEGHP JEFFREY L. ESTES, MIGM SEAN P. MCBRIDE, REGC

Sun Sept 21st, 2025

1130pm-1230pm Grand Chapter Rededication Ceremony
1pm-3pm Tri York Rite Brunch Banquet & Reception

The Northfield Inn & Suites
3280 Northfield Dr, Springfield, IL 62702

Please RSVP at The Following Link (Rededication Ceremony is free to
attend. Banquet is \$45 Per Person)

<https://tinyurl.com/2025GYRreception>

If Interested in a room Sat Sept 20th, 2025 at a special block rate
please call (217) 523-7900 and mention "York Rite" When Booking

**Companions please join us for this
delicious fundraising event and bring
your family and friends!**

**WARREN CHAPTER NO. 30 OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS PROUDLY
PRESENTS...**



THE SUMMER SHRIMP BOIL

**PROCEEDS TO HELP FUND ASSISTANCE TO YOUTH &
FAMILIES AFFECTED BY AUTISM**

Sat Aug 9th, 2025 (Fun & Fellowship starts at 12pm)

\$15 Per person donation

Bags tournament starts at 2pm

Live music in the evening tbd



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805 Schuyler St,
Oquawka, IL 61469

Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 281 Goes to the races

Keystone is keeping fellowship alive and well. On Friday, July 25th, companions along with their families took to Sycamore Speedway for a night of dirt track racing. EHP Kevin “Fishstick” Booth, took a more unconventional route to bring the chapter together. For many in attendance it was their first time at such an event. Many discussions were made on who was the favorite driver to win each of the races. The track ended up canceling the last race due to rain coming in. Between the action on the track, speedway steaks and cold cans of refreshment. Nobody left that night without a smile on their face.



NAPERVILLE YORK RITE INSTALLATION PHOTOS



KEYSTONE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER INSTALLATION PHOTOS!



WEST SUBURBAN ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER INSTALLATION PHOTOS!



FUN PHOTOS FROM THE GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS!



STATE MASTER COUNCILOR ALEX VALADEZ YOUTH LEADER AND ACTIVE YORK RITE MASON ADDRESS THE CROWD AT THE AWARDS DINNER



MOMENTS AFTER ENDING A SUCCESSFUL TERM, MEGHP DANNY GADDIS STUNS WITH A NEW FASHION FOR THE AGES!

Upcoming Events

- 8/9 – RAMCF Shrimp Boil
 - 12pm
 - 805 Schuyler St, Oquawka, IL 61469
- 8/20 – Champaign Chapter 4th/5th Degree
 - 7pm
 - 14 Bel Air Ct, Champaign, IL 61820
- 8/25 – Springfield Chapter Education Presentation
 - 6pm
 - 1020 Rickard Rd, Springfield, IL 62704
- 9/11 – Joliet Chapter 4th/5th Degree
 - 730pm
 - 350 N Midland Ave, Joliet, IL 60435
- 9/20 – Nachusa Chapter Day
 - 8am
 - 1409 N Galena Ave, Dixon, IL 61021
- 9/21 – 175th Grand Chapter Re-dedication and Joint YR Reception
 - 11:30am–3pm
 - Northfield Inn Suites and Conference Center, Springfield, IL 62704

HAVE A NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION?

Write an email to LOrr@ram-il.org and MKwilosz@ram-il.org with your suggestion and we will work it into our future newsletters!