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Message from the Grand High Priest



Fraternal Greetings
Companions:

First, I humbly thank you for electing me as Grand High Priest for the coming year. We are starting off limping around because of the virus, making it difficult to open the Chapters. My best advice is, if you are sick, stay at home. We need to be able to open the chapters to conduct the business, and pay the bills, which we are allowed to do, as of this writing. At the present time we are able to do degree work, and we need to follow the edicts of the Grand Master. Personally, I miss the hardy handshake, and being able to talk face to face without a mask, but wiser men than myself have set the guidelines to follow for our safety. If a meeting costs us a member getting sick, then we have failed our duty to each other. The average age of our Fraternity is in the middle sixties, and that is the group most vulnerable to the virus. The Jews of old had a saying “each man's death diminishes me, and the Universe has lost a library of untold knowledge”.

We need to look around our fraternity, and try to glean the knowledge of our elderly members. “He is a beneficent and venerable old man of the sea, full of wisdom and skilled in prophecy, but, like Proteus, he will only reveal what he knows under compulsion.” We can preserve some of the

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knowledge by memorizing the rituals and passing them along to the newer members. We have an added benefit of reaching a better understanding of our craft. I am of the old school where we were taught to memorize mouth to ear, and word for word. I will admit I have failings of memory due to my advanced age. Nevertheless, I would like for us to do the work, as well as we can from memory.

We will have to miss the comradery of breaking bread together, for a while longer. Each of us should try to keep in touch with ALL our members so they do not lose interest in our Craft. We are the oldest Fraternity on the planet, and even though we cannot “recruit” new Entered Apprentices, we can, as Royal Arch Masons attend the regular lodge, and “recruit” new York Rite Masons. Above all else we can make a difference, in our lodges, in our Communities, and in our Nation. So, let’s get busy and Make a difference.

In all things we need to Ask for the blessings of God, on our families, on our fraternity, on our State, and for our Nation, and its leaders.

Fraternally Thine

George Ralph Arnold
Grand High Priest

GRAND YORK RITE OFFICERS JOINT RECEPTION

October 24, 2020
Williamsburg Tourism Center
Williamsburg, KY

From the Grand Secretary's Desk



Companions and Sir Knights,

Greetings, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the companions and Sir Knights who attended our grand sessions for making this year another memorable

experience. Although things were slightly different this year with the restrictions placed upon us, it was for me at least an enjoyable experience. It is my hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the experience and that you remain healthy.

Noel and I are working on getting checks out for mileage and per diem as well as printing dues cards for the coming year; secretaries and recorders should receive them before the end October. We had decided to mail them this year, since some of the dues cards last year did not get into the proper hands.

I want to thank the companions and Sir Knights of Kentucky for electing me to this office again, Noel and I will do the very best job we are able to do in meeting the needs of the craft.

Again, thank you and God bless each of you.

Fraternally,

James King Jr., PGHP, PGC
Grand Secretary/Recorder

You can reach the Grand York Rite office at 859-209-4120.



Continue the York Rite Journey

From the Editor

Greetings, Companions!

I hope this continues to find everyone healthy and safe. It was good to see those of you that I had opportunity to at the Grand Sessions. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, I was unable to attend most of the week, but I did hear that good things were said about the Keystone, and for that, I am appreciative. I also have to apologize for not being there to respond in person to those who expressed those thoughts. Hopefully, next year.

On that thought, welcome to the new subscribers this month. I hope you find the publication lives up to the praise it has been getting.

From what I hear, the sessions went well, and congratulations are due to all those elected to lead our organizations for the coming years. You'll find pictures farther along in this month's edition. These are trying times and we need to encourage these men as they deal with the issues facing us. Rev. Arthur Hebbeler, III, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment has this to say about the virus issue facing our leadership in this month's Templar Magazine: "There are a lot of folks trying to tell us what to do, what is going to happen, and how to do things. It's hard to tell who are the experts and who are the charlatans, and sometimes it seems like some of them move between the two roles." He's right, and our leaders need our prayers and support as they seek to guide us through these times.

I also want to mention our Grand Commander and ask you to remember him and his family. We in Williamsburg are certainly going to miss him while he is recuperating and rehabilitating.

I leave you with more words of wisdom from Rev. Hebbeler, good advice for all times and especially now. "Fear not, move forward, and place our trust where it rightly belongs – in God and the power of God. We are all together in this boat right now, whether we want to be or not. As Christians, we are called to live our faith and to place our trust in God, that all will work out as He intends. Let's do that together."

God's richest blessings to you all; stay safe.

Fraternally,
Randall Partin, Editor

**Message from the Grand Chaplain,
Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky**



**MAKE A JOYFUL
NOISE UNTO THE
LORD**

Psalm 100:

*Verse 1: Make a Joyful
noise unto the LORD,
all ye lands.*

*Verse 2: Serve the
Lord with gladness:
come before his
presence with singing.*

*Verse 3: Know ye that the Lord he is God: It is he
that hath made us, and not we ourselves; We are
his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Verse 4: Enter into his gates with Thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto
him, and bless his name.*

*Verse 5: For the Lord is good; His mercy is
everlasting; and His truth endureth to all
generations.*

What a powerful message this Psalm 100 gives to us. Every verse is a message by itself.

Verse 1 tells us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. The first thought that comes to my mind is singing. When we sing the old hymns, and praise his name, we are making a joyful noise unto the Lord. God doesn't care if you sing off-key as long as your heart is right. Singing is one way we can praise and worship Him. In our world, singing is a universal form of making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

In our Masonic Ritual we find the words; "He decks the plumage of ten thousand warblers of His praise, that animate the wooded shade"....in other words, even the birds, sing his praises.

Did you ever rise early in the morning and step outside to hear the birds singing so beautifully? I like to imagine they are singing to God and thanking him for the beautiful morning.

Making a joyful noise unto the Lord doesn't have to involve singing: you can beat a drum or tambourine, blow a horn, play an instrument, beat on cymbals, chant, shout, yell his praises at the top

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of your lungs. The whole idea is to praise the Lord. Praise Him with your entire being.

Can you, or do you, make a joyful noise unto the Lord? We all lead such busy lives, we feel like there's just not enough time for "that kind of thing". But when we are alone, we can talk to God and he will hear, because, I believe, in God's eyes, when we pray or just talk to Him, we are making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

If our thoughts and actions are pure and we have a pure and contrite heart, we will make a joyful noise unto the Lord simply by living our lives to honor Him. So, the next time you are driving down the road, or you have that occasional quiet moment, just say, "Thank you Lord". He loves to hear you make a joyful noise unto Him.

We are beginning the Fall Season. Soon the leaves will start transforming the hills and the valleys into Grand works of art. It is a blessing that we can witness the magnificence of God's Coloring Book. Take the time to take a walk in the woods and enjoy the scenery.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one that attended or participated in the recent Grand York Rite Memorial Service. It was a blessed evening for us all.

As of this writing, our Right Imminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight William J. (Bill) Jackson, has suffered a stroke and is in rehab. Please remember Bill and his family in your prayers.

May the Lord Bless and keep you is our prayer.

HAVE A BLESSED DAY!

Don Powell, PGHP

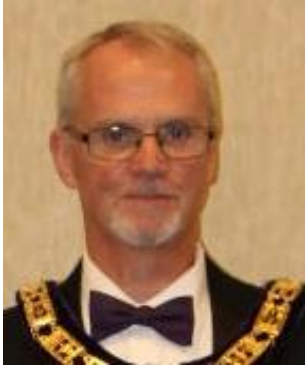
Grand Chaplain

Grand Chapter of Kentucky,

Royal Arch Masons



Message from the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky



Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Our annual communication being complete we want to offer our congratulations to George Ralph Arnold,

MEGHP, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Mike McQueary, MIGM, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters and Dr. Bill Jackson, REGC, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. Our prayers are with these Companions and Sir Knights as they endeavor to lead the Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky in the coming year. To all the Grand line officers elected and appointed we pray for your safety in your travels.

Most are probably aware by now Sir Knight Dr. Bill Jackson has suffered a stroke and is in rehab in Louisville; please keep Sir Knight Bill and his family in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Our most kind and gracious Heavenly Father, the Great Architect of the Universe, we humbly beseech you on behalf of our Brothers, our friends, Companions and Sir Knights for your riches of blessing on each of them. We ask you to lead and guide each with the decisions they will have to make from time to time and to always be willing to ask for your guidance. We ask you to bless each with good health and safety as they travel the Commonwealth and their various out of state travels. Lord be with their families they have to leave behind as they serve this Grand Body. Lord please by with Sir Knight Bill Jackson, bless him with your presence, touch his body for healing and grant him patience as he recuperates.

Amen (SMIB)

*Carl A. Jones (PMIGM)
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Council of Kentucky
Royal and Select Masters*

NOTICES AND UPDATES

Upcoming Degree Work and Events

(as we have it)

- 10/19/2020 – Grand Lodge of Kentucky Virtual Session
- 10/24/2020 – Grand Officers Joint Reception, Williamsburg
- 11/21/2020 - General Grand Chapter Triennial virtual meeting
- 12/11/2020 – Grand Commandery Virtual Christmas Observance 8:00 pm ET

Grand Commander Bill Jackson, has been moved from the hospital to the Frazier Rehabilitation Institute in Louisville. Recovery is projected to take some time, but prognosis appears to be good. You can send Bill cards at:

***William J. Jackson
7850 LaGrange Rd
Smithfield, KY 40068***



Past Illustrious Grand Master Bob Peelman has recently been hospitalized with blood clots in his lungs. He is home and you can send cards at:

***Robert Peelman
910 7th Avenue
Dayton, KY 41074***

Please remember both of them in your prayers.

Message from the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky



Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky, let us bow our heads and give praise to the Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ. With His banner we fight as Christian Knights, to follow a banner to

which we give all our hearts. We acknowledge our faith with the Cross we bear upon our uniform. We show our dedication by our actions to others that they may see we are soldiers of the cross. Yes, we are Knights Templar and proud of it!

Yes, we are a Christian organization with a belief in Christ Jesus, one whom we try to emulate; to be like Him who gave His life on this earth that we may have the opportunity for life eternal through His grace and mercy.

We have just learned this last week that our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight William (Bill) Jackson is in the hospital following a stroke and I as the Grand Prelate do pray for this full recovery and I hope and pray that I speak for all Sir Knights in Kentucky as well. We should also be praying for another Sir Knight you all should know well; it is Sir Knight Charles Madison Jewel who suffered from an accident on a 4-wheeler and it is so serious he was taken to the hospital by ambulance. This is a serious accident which has left this Sir Knight physically injured and his family in turmoil and they are praying also for his recovery. You may better remember him as our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A.M. Both of these fine Sir Knights have and still are working for the good of not only the Knights Templar, but for the good of Masonry as a whole. Let us Pray that God will look down on these Brothers and give them strength to go on to serve our Fraternity but to give Praise to God through His beloved Son Jesus Christ, the Captain of our Salvation.

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In times of trouble and sorrow I am reminded of the following passages that we as Masons know so well, and one I know you have heard and said to you as you attended your lodges. Please recall this from the King James Version of the Holy Bible within Scriptures: PSALM 133 (A Song of degrees of David)

- (1) *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
- (2) *It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
- (3) *As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

These words have been true for generations to each of us as Masons, but in times of trouble we recall just a portion that says "for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. We have life here on this earth but we also have a life in Heaven, to which we all strive to reach, by remembering that part of the passage which says "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Then let us dwell together in unity and pray for each other in times of trouble and sorrow that we may hold to our teachings, not only as Knights Templar but as Masons as well. When we say to someone that we will remember them or pray for them, let us mean just what we say, for we are a family of utmost Fraternity in this world that is Masonry; with our belief as Christian Knights our words should be our bond. May God Bless each one of you on life's journey and keep you safe until we all meet again in peace, harmony, and brotherly love as Masons and Knights Templar.

Archie R Smallwood, PGC,
Grand Prelate,
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of
Kentucky



The GRAND LODGE

Geary F. Laird
Grand Master



October 1, 2020

To the Masters, Wardens and Brothers of the Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.& A.M. and Guests:

I am sure that most of you are aware of the situation in Louisville concerning the protesting and rioting in the past few months. For this reason, along with the concerns of COVID-19, and after much discussion with the Grand Lodge Officers and those with knowledge of the situation at hand, it has been decided to hold the 221st Annual Grand Lodge Communication at the different satellite locations virtually, that we currently have in place. The attendees will be: DDGMs, one delegate from each lodge, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Masonic Home Ambassadors and those necessary to conduct the Grand Lodge Session.

This decision was made for the safety of our membership. All events at the Galt House have been cancelled. If you have made reservations at the Galt House, be sure to cancel them.

I want to personally thank each of you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time and regret any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Fraternally thine,

Geary F. Laird, Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.& A.M.



Jerome Herman Dean

October 9, 1938 - September 17, 2020

Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters
2003 – 2004

Jerome Herman Dean, 81, of Dayton, KY passed away at home on September 17, 2020. He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen Dean; Sister, Margaret Price; Brothers, John, Paul, Franklin and Jesse Dean Jr. He is survived by his son Scott Dean (Carolynne) and daughter Tracey (Thomas) Blackburn, along with 6 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren. Visitation was held at Cooper Funeral Home on Monday, September 21, 2020 and the funeral service on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Burial followed in St. Stephens Cemetery in Ft. Thomas, KY.

Companion Dean’s Masonic journey began in January of 1973 when he was initiated an Entered Apprentice at Henry Barnes Lodge No. 607, F&AM. He was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft the following month and raised a Master Mason in April of that year. A faithful member of his lodge, he advanced through the chairs and was elected three times as Master, serving in 1980, 1988 and 1989.

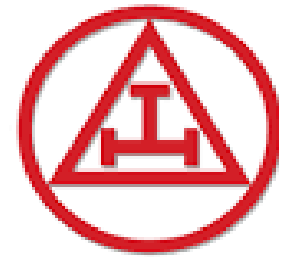
An active member of the York Rite, he was elected High Priest of Temple Chapter No. 33 in 1980, the same year he was first Master of his lodge; in 1982 he served as Illustrious Master of Jeffries Council No. 33, and in 1989 Commander of Newport Commandery No. 13.

He was elected to the Grand line of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters in September of 2000, and progressing through the chairs, was elected Illustrious Grand Master in September of 2003 at the one hundred seventy-sixth Annual Assembly. Companion Dean was also a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

	DATE(S)	LODGE
EA Degree:	01/23/73	Henry Barnes (#607)
FC Degree:	02/27/73	Henry Barnes (#607)
MM Degree:	04/14/73	Henry Barnes (#607)
Master:	1980	Henry Barnes (#607)
Master:	1988	Henry Barnes (#607)
Master:	1989	Henry Barnes (#607)
High Priest:	1980	Temple Chapter #172
Illustrious Master:	1982	Jeffries Council #33
Commander:	1989	Newport Commandery #13
Illustrious Grand Master:	2003	Grand Council of KY, R&SM



YORK RITE OF KENTUCKY
GRAND OFFICERS
RECEPTION



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020
3:00 PM

WILLIAMSBURG TOURISM AND CONVENTION CENTER
650 S TENTH ST, WILLIAMSBURG, KY

\$20 PER PERSON



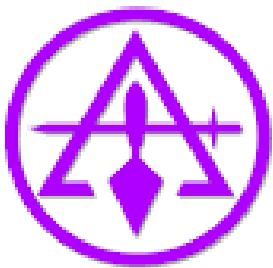
George R. Arnold
Most Excellent
Grand High Priest



Mike McQueary
Most Illustrious
Grand Master



William J. Jackson
Right Eminent
Grand Commander



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WELCOME OUR NEW GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

GRAND HIGH PRIEST



George R. Arnold

GRAND KING



Wilson K. Wilder

GRAND SCRIBE



Greg Raque

GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST



John A. Johnson

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WELCOME OUR NEW GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER



Mike McQueary

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER



Larry A. Carte

GRAND PCW



R. Eric Creech

GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD



Bernhard 'Bernie' Kaita

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WELCOME OUR NEW GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

GRAND COMMANDER



William J. Jackson

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER



Joseph P. Giles

GRAND GENERALISSIMO



Miles Ward

GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL



Michael Yount

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY

My understanding is that the Resolutions to amend **Sections 13.A. and 6.B.** of the Constitution, dealing with the number of votes permitted by certain members of the Grand Chapter at Grand Session were **defeated**.

The following Resolution, as presented in the advance proceedings, to Amend **Section 208** by adding subsection 9 was **approved**.

Be it resolved:

Whereas: The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has officially recognized the PHGL as a sovereign body. The Grand Chapter shall here forth recognize the PHA Grand Chapter of Kentucky as a sovereign body. Membership shall be regulated as per the GL Constitution Resolution adopted according to the Most worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Most Worshipful PHA Grand Lodge resolution adopted at the 215th Session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky (2011) and allow inter-visitation without dual or plural memberships as it was adopted at the 219th Grand Communication (2018) "FOR VISITATION ONLY".



Grand High Priest George Arnold and Grand Captain of the Guard Bernie Kaita, Bullitt Chapter/Council, 10/3/2020. (photo George Arnold)

IT IS NOT
DEATH
THAT A MAN SHOULD
FEAR,
BUT HE SHOULD FEAR
NEVER
BEGINNING TO
LIVE.

- Marcus Aurelius

THE MORE YOU KNOW

We return this month to Dr. Albert Mackey's "An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry" and the meaning of an important Masonic symbol. - Editor

The Corner-Stone

The corner-stone is the stone which lies at the corner of two walls, and forms the corner of the foundation of an edifice. In Masonic buildings it is now always placed in the north-east; but this rule was not always formerly observed. As the foundation on which the entire structure is supposed to rest, it is considered by Operative Masons as the most important stone in the edifice. It is laid with impressive ceremonies; the assistance of Speculative Masons is often, and ought always to be, invited to give dignity to the occasion; and for this purpose Freemasonry has provided an especial ritual which is to govern the proper performance of that duty.

Among the ancients the corner-stone of important edifices was laid with impressive ceremonies. These are well described by Tacitus in the history of the rebuilding of the Capitol. After detailing the preliminary ceremonies, which consisted in a procession of vestals, who with chaplets of flowers encompassed the ground and consecrated it by libations of living water, he adds that, after solemn prayer, Helvidius, to whom the care of rebuilding the Capitol had been committed, "laid his hand upon the fillets that adorned the foundation stone, and also the cords by which it was to be drawn to its place. In that instant the magistrates, the priests, the senators, the Roman knights, and a number of citizens, all acting with one effort and general demonstrations of joy, laid hold of the ropes and dragged the ponderous load to its destined spot. They then threw in ingots of gold and silver, and other metals which had never been melted in the furnace, but still retained, untouched by human art, their first formation in the bowels of the earth."

The symbolism of the corner-stone when duly laid with Masonic rites is full of significance, which refers to its form, to its situation, to its permanence, and to its consecration.

As to its form, it must be perfectly square on its surfaces, and in its solid contents a cube. Now the square is a symbol of morality, and the cube of truth. In its situation it lies between the north, the place of darkness, and the east, the place of light; and hence this position symbolizes the Masonic progress from darkness to light, and from ignorance to knowledge. The permanence and durability of the corner-stone, which lasts long after the building in whose foundation it was placed has fallen into decay, is intended to remind the Mason that, when this earthly house of his tabernacle shall have passed away, he has within him a sure foundation of eternal life—a corner-stone of immortality—an emanation from that Divine Spirit which pervades all nature, and which, therefore, must survive the tomb, and rise, triumphant and eternal, above the decaying dust of death and the grave.

The stone, when deposited in its appropriate place, is carefully examined with the necessary implements of Operative Masonry, — the square, the level, and the plumb, themselves all symbolic in meaning, —and is then declared to be "well formed, true, and trusty." Thus the Mason is taught that his virtues are to be tested by temptation and trial, by suffering and adversity, before they can be pronounced by the Master Builder of souls to be materials worthy of the spiritual building of eternal life, fitted, "as living stones, for that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

And lastly, in the ceremony of depositing the corner-stone, the elements of Masonic consecration are produced, and the stone is solemnly set apart by pouring corn, wine, and oil upon its surface, emblematic of the Nourishment, Refreshment, and Joy which are to be the rewards of a faithful performance of duty.

The corner-stone does not appear to have been adopted by any of the heathen nations, but to have been as the *eben pinah*, peculiar to the Jews, from whom it descended to the Christians. In the Old Testament, it seems always to have denoted a prince or high personage, and hence the Evangelists constantly use it in reference to Christ, who is called the "chief corner-stone." In Masonic symbolism, it signifies a true Mason, and therefore it is the first character which the Apprentice is made to represent after his initiation has been completed.

A Personal Letter to Our Members from the Editor

I wanted to share some thoughts this month about something that is very personal, and something that I share with a good number of you. I hope you take the time to read through the following article and take it to heart. ~ Editor



A surprising thing that I found as I traveled the state while Grand Commander is the number of our members who have been treated for prostate cancer. Almost everywhere that I traveled, after folks found out that I had been diagnosed with the disease, someone would come to me and talk about *their* prostate cancer, or their father/brother/uncle/friend. It is hard to put into words how much this meant, and still means to me; my father died from prostate cancer, and the shared bond with so many of my brothers helped me as my family and I went through the process of deciding how to deal with my diagnosis. Many prostate cancer patients are basically told to go home, keep an eye on things and live your life; your cancer will never progress to the stage where it will cause you problems. Mine, unfortunately, was a very aggressive type, and my doctor only gave me the options of surgery or radiation treatment. The third option, slow, painful death, I had observed and was not one I wished to participate in. We chose surgery and the folks at UK Urology performed a complete prostatectomy. To date, I am cancer free and for the most part doing well.

I said all that to say this – **get your PSA checked**. I know it isn't recommended anymore, but if I had not, I would not today be editing this newsletter. The aggressive nature of my cancer was such that it would have soon spread, and I had no symptoms. I only had a rapidly increasing PSA reading. Get your PSA checked and establish your baseline. Your family doctor can do it, it only takes a simple blood test.

WHY - Prostate cancer is **the second most common cancer among men** in the US. (Skin cancer is the most common.) Each year more than 230,000 men are diagnosed. And, it's the **second leading cause of cancer death** in US men, behind only lung cancer. It is estimated that approximately **2,500 men will be diagnosed this year in Kentucky**, where it trails only lung cancer in the number of new cases.

Approximately one in nine men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime. Look around your next York Rite Meeting. At least one man there, on average, has or will have prostate cancer. The average age at diagnosis is about 66, about the average age of our fraternity. **About 1 man in 41 will die of prostate cancer.** It can be a serious disease, but **most men diagnosed with prostate cancer do not die from it.** In fact, more than 3.1 million men in the United States who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point are still alive today. Early detection can be critical for cases like mine.

Keep in mind that **an elevated PSA does not necessarily mean cancer.** Infection, inflammation, or enlarged prostate all can cause elevated numbers. Your doctor can give you guidance, and may want to try antibiotics or anti-inflammatory medication first. In my case, my PSA continued to steadily rise and medications did not help.

Also keep in mind that a **diagnosis does not necessarily require treatment.** Many men have been diagnosed with a very slow growing type of cancer that does not require treatment at all.

There are arguments against testing and you should talk with your doctor about them. A strong argument for testing, in my opinion, is that the reported incidence of advanced stage prostate cancer is on the rise, due to fewer tests being performed. If you only go to the doctor after you begin to have problems, you are much more likely to have a more advanced stage, requiring more aggressive treatment. You may get put through some uncomfortable procedures for nothing, and you may get put through some worry. I had two (very uncomfortable) negative biopsies and was assured by my then Urologist that my chances of ever having prostate cancer were almost nil. And my PSA kept climbing. Was he ever wrong!

Ultimately, I have written this because I think knowledge is always better than ignorance, and I would encourage you, get tested. "Knowledge is power", as the old saying goes, and knowledge allows you to make informed decisions. "Ignorance is bliss", and could cost you your life. A simple blood test could save it. It did mine.

THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP

The following material has been taken from a number of sources. I have not referenced any one in particular because so many of them offer basically different wording of the same thing. Probably one of the most important during the present situation is the advice given by Randy Goruk at leadersedge360.com: “Recognize that leadership during difficult times, like now, is not much different than any other time.”

GOOD LEADERSHIP

Good leadership is about having clear goals and a plan to reach them. My experience is that our leadership, both elected and informal, far too often have neither, and when that rare leader comes along who does, it is almost impossible to overcome the inertia of doing nothing. Ask yourself the questions “Why do we exist as an organization? What are we ‘selling’?” An organization that doesn’t know the reason for its existence can’t pass that on to prospective members, and can’t set clear goals to accomplish that purpose. This is the first question we must establish a clear answer to before we can prepare leaders to reverse our membership losses.

Good leadership is about human relationships. Caring about and encouraging the people you interact with; communicating with the people you interact with; involving the people you interact with. Some of the best administrative people that I know are the worst leaders because they never involve those around them and they don’t communicate with them. People need to know they are important and needed; communication is necessary for them to know that. People want to know what’s going on, what the goal is and the plan to attain it; how they can participate and that they are vitally important to the accomplishment of the goal.

Good leadership is about good character. Always do the right thing. Any behaviors which damage your credibility takes away from your effectiveness. ‘My way is the only way’ is a recipe for failure. Doing whatever it takes to get your way reduces others’ confidence in and respect for you and your abilities and in the long run damages the organization, even if it’s done for ‘the best of the organization.’

Good leadership is about accountability. Don’t wait for somebody else to do it; don’t expect somebody else to do it. You are the leader. Step up. Prepare yourself and lead.

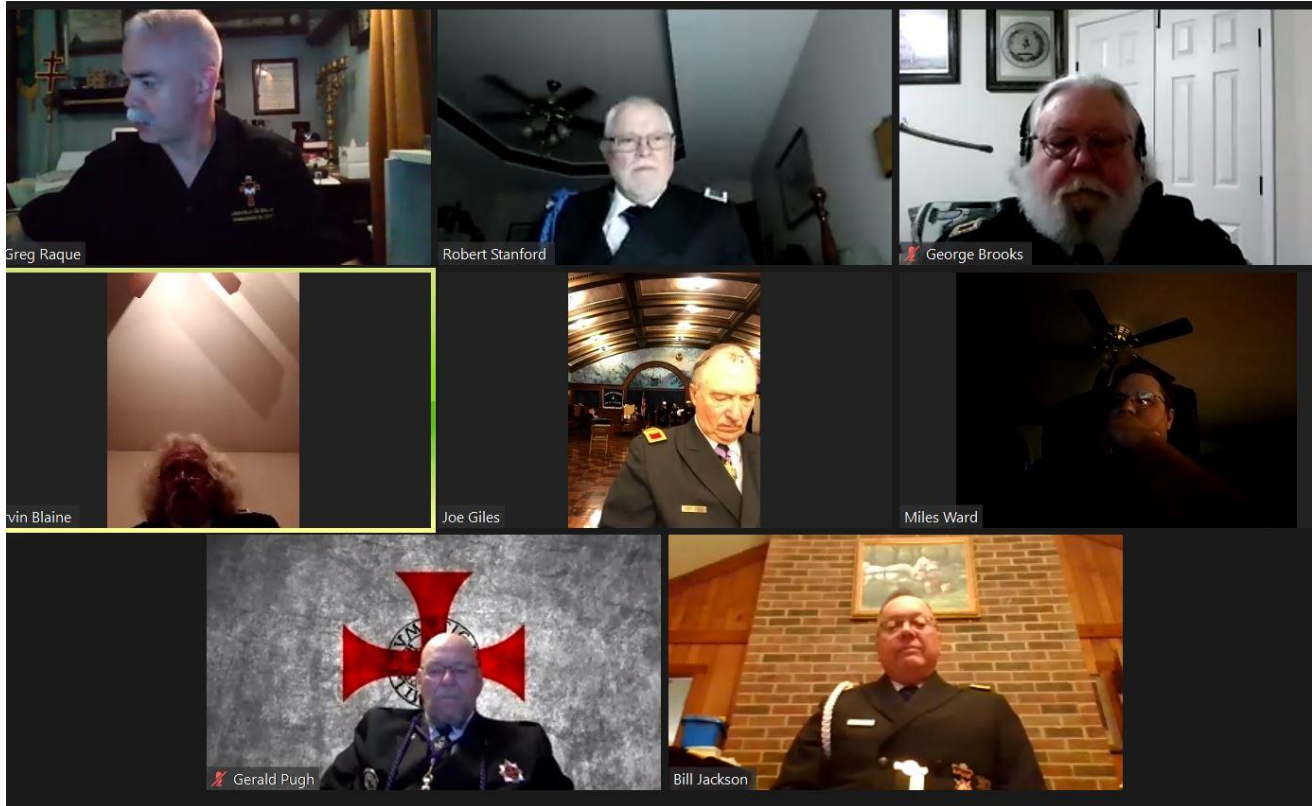
Good leadership is about learning. Learn from your mistakes; learn from your successes; learn how to better accomplish the goal. Fail effectively. Acknowledge your mistakes and learn from them; don’t quit; move on. Utilize the wisdom of the elders, the experts, those whom you respect. Look at what they do and see how you can adapt their methods to your personality.

Good leadership is about teamwork. Surround yourself with good people. People who can and will help you accomplish your goals; People who are knowledgeable and want to see the organization succeed; People who will accept a challenge and work to meet it. ‘Yes men’ and ‘good old boys’ may be good to hang out with and drink a beer, but they will seldom help make you to be a successful leader.

Good leadership is about being mentally tough. You as the leader are the one who must have to courage, the mental fortitude, to make the decisions and to implement them. Never lose sight of the ultimate goal you have set; your vision of where you want to take your organization; what is best for the organization. Stay grounded in the values and principles which define your character. Be prepared, be flexible to change the plan as to how you will accomplish those goals if circumstances or your team changes.

I’m sure you can come up with others, but I’m also confident that the application of these ideas can reverse our present membership issues. We are all volunteers and we all asked to be a part of this organization; We can also all be a part in its renewal.

The York Rite Grand Sessions



Grand Commandery of Kentucky Virtual Conclave, September 18, 2020 (photo by Editor)



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Installation of Illustrious Grand Master Mike McQueary (photos Noel Sloan)



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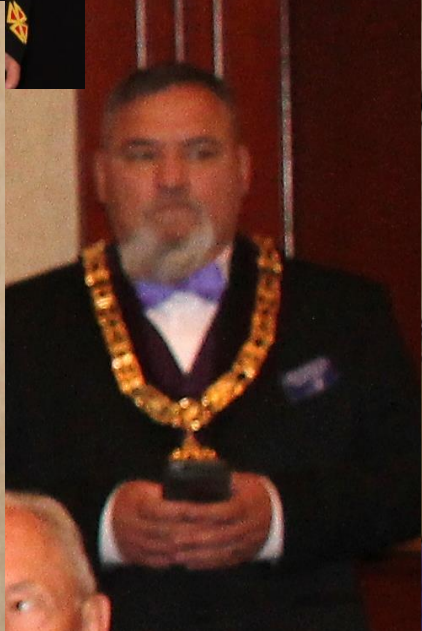


Installation of Grand High Priest George R. Arnold and Grand Chapter Officers

Kneeling at Altar, George Ralph Arnold, Grand High Priest; standing, l-r; Jim Porter, Grand Sentinel; Ron Dockery, Grand Master First Veil; Bill Brown, Grand Master Second Veil; Danny Staton, Grand Master Third Veil; Howard Eaton, Grand Royal Arch Captain; Don Powell, Grand Chaplain; Fred Bate, Grand Principal Sojourner; John Johnson, Grand Captain of the Host; Greg Raque, Grand Scribe; Wilson Wilder, Grand King. (photos Noel Sloan)



Front row, l-r; James King, John Johnson, Wilson Wilder, George Arnold, Greg Raque, Robert Stanford; Back row, l-r; Fred Bate, Danny Staton, Ron Dockery, Bill Brown, Howard Eaton, Don Powell, Jim Porter





(Photos Noel Sloan)



Helping a brother along. – Incoming Grand High Priest George Arnold (r) assists outgoing Grand High Priest Rick Sears. (photo Noel Sloan)



Our junior Past Grand Commander preparing to enjoy his “favorite” meal. (photo submitted)



Greg Raque, left, with Robert Bean, center, Executive Director RARA, and Teko Foly, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter, following presentation of check for \$2,700 to RARA by Greg from sale of challenge coins. (photo Grand Chapter Facebook page)



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