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Message from the Grand High Priest



Dear Companions

Here we are in another month in lock down. I have a few things to bring up. As you may know the Grand Officers meet together once a month for lunch and to discuss issues that may come before the craft.

Well, since social distancing we have not been able to meet for lunch so in April we met virtually using Face book messenger. This led us to discuss allowing Chapters to meet virtually. With that in mind we are putting together a proposal to amend the Constitution to allow this. Any ideas about this, let us know.

As you may already know I have canceled all Chapter inspections. Seeing how we most likely will not be meeting until June and that being elections it seemed prudent to cancel the inspections.

The Grand Master will be having a Webinar on May 19th and we hope to learn what will be the likely reopening of Lodges and when that happens, we will open the York Right.

However, don't forget the RARA Dinner on July 19th at the Show Room in Danville. At this time, we are still planning going forward with the Dinner.

On September 20 – 23 is The Grand York Rite session; it is still a go until otherwise notified so come out and support the Grand York Rite. As soon as our Grand York Rite is over, we can support the General Grand Chapter session starting September 24 - 29. This year it will be held in Louisville at the Crown Plaza.

Fraternally thine,

Rick Sears
MEGHP

*If you Love Masonry you will want to come
If you Love Masonry you will need to come
If you Love Masonry you will come*

2019 - 2020 INSPECTION SCHEDULES

The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, and Grand Commander have made the decision to cancel Inspections for their respective organizations for the 2019-2020 year.

Further guidance will be provided relating to elections, if necessary, prior to the first of June.

From the Grand Secretary's Desk



Companions and
Sir Knights,

Noel and I are working to prepare for things when we get back to normal. We will continue to conduct the business of the Grand York Rite as close to normal as possible. Noel

will send reminders and information for filing returns this year. The Chapter and Council returns will be filed in the KYRIS online, the Commandery returns will be sent to the recorders.

It is our hope that each of you are well and will continue to remain so, may the Lord bless you and have you in his keeping.

Fraternally,

James King Jr.
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 finds everyone well and not too badly frustrated. Hopefully we will provide you with a few minutes' distraction with our offerings this month.

Something different this month - we normally include pictures of masonic activities across the state and as those activities have been curtailed, we decided to go back a few years. I hope you enjoy the newspaper clippings of the York Rite at work from the early years of last century. Someone recently noted that those are the shoulders that we stand on so maybe a little recognition is due.

Again, a big thank you to all those who tuned in to and responded to our Easter Service. The reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. I've included a report with a few details later on.

It doesn't seem possible, but we're coming up on elections next month. Attend, if at all possible; take an office, learn the opening and the ritual. We don't know at this point how this is going to play out and if we'll even be able to meet, but our elected leaders will figure that out when and if the time comes.

In the meantime, we can still learn ritual and prepare for when we do get to reopen. There are candidates waiting to take the degrees and Orders. We do beautiful work; we teach important lessons and our candidates deserve the best work we can do. And it truly takes all of us. That old guy who knows the Principal Sojourner's part, the Commander's part, the Staircase Lecture, isn't always going to be here. Become that man. You CAN learn it, just like he did; one line at a time.

We are also at the point where we submit nominations for our awards. Look around and nominate somebody. I have seen the quality of ritualists that the York Rite has all across Kentucky, I have seen the dedication and hard work many of the members have put forth over the years keeping our bodies open. Get them some recognition. It may take a couple of years to get selected, but keep at it. We'll see you soon.

God Bless you all; stay safe.

Fraternally,
Randall Partin, Editor

The GRAND LODGE

Geary F. Laird
Grand Master



April 30, 2020

To the Master, Wardens and Brothers of the Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM:

As we continue to confront the challenges of the coronavirus, I hope and pray that you and your families are healthy and safe.

Our Governor is in the process of lifting some of the mandates that are in place because of the pandemic. Due to the current restrictions still in effect, it will be necessary to **extend the suspension of all Masonic functions through May 31, 2020.**

Once we get to the point where we can meet again, we will notify you of how Lodges will function moving forward. Please remain patient and supportive during this process.

With the number of cases still being reported in our state, we encourage you to be safe and follow the guidelines handed down by the CDC and our Governor.

Barring any complications in the initial phases for re-opening the economy, it is my hope that we can soon hold Masonic functions. Until such time, I continue to ask for your patience and support.

Fraternally,

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

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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 12
PROHIBITION OF IN-PERSON CONCLAVES OF GRAND,
SUBORDINATE, AND CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

May 4, 2020

To all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

GREETINGS:

The number of persons infected with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, continues to increase in the United States and throughout the world, and the danger to vulnerable populations is unabated, especially among the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions, many of whom are our Fratres. In the face of the crisis, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged persons to "avoid all nonessential travel" and take other appropriate measures to prevent community transmission of the virus, including avoiding large public gatherings, the wearing of facemasks in public, and working from home. While rates of infection appear to be leveling or declining in places and tentative steps have been taken by some governmental authorities to relax or rescind business and school closures and stay-at-home orders, the numbers of COVID-19 infections are expected to experience a resurgence in the fall and winter months.

Accordingly, I, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, by the authority in me vested by Section 23 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, do hereby waive the requirement of Section 36 (a) of the Constitution. **It is ordered that all in-person Conclaves of Grand, Constituent, or Subordinate Commanderies be prohibited until further notice.** Any such Conclave currently scheduled is hereby cancelled. This prohibition has no exceptions.

I authorize the Grand Commander or his designee to convene the Stated Conclave of his Grand Commandery by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Grand Commandery and the Stated Conclave be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 37 through 39 of the Constitution.

In addition, I do hereby waive the requirement of Section 65 (a) of the Constitution, and authorize the Commander of a Constituent Commandery within each Grand Commandery to convene a Stated Conclave by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Constituent Commandery and the Stated Conclave be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 65 and 66 of the Constitution. Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies enjoy the same discretion. No ritual shall be performed and no Orders be conferred during any such telephonic or webcast Conclave. The safety and well-being of our Sir Knights and their families being paramount, the provisions of Sections 48 (d), 59, 176, and 195 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment shall be inoperative while this General Order is in force.

This supersedes General Order No 11 of the tenth day of March, last, in its entirety.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Bismarck, North Dakota, this fourth day of May 2020, A.O. 902.



Courteously,
Jeffrey N. Nelson
Grand Master

Attest:

Lawrence E. Tucker
Grand Recorder

Upcoming Degree Work and Events (as we have it)

- 5/19/2020 – *Grand Master's Webinar*
- 6/20/2020 – *Deadline for receipt of proposed legislation by Grand Secretary/Recorder*
- 6/27/2020- *Knight Masons/HRAKTP/KYCH*
- 7/1/2020 – *Deadline for receipt of most Award nominations*
- 7/11/2020- *West Kentucky Festival – Paducah*
- 7/18/2020 – *RARA Dinner – Danville*
- 7/31/2020 – *Blue Grass York Rite College, Danville*
- 9/20-23/2020 – *Grand York Rite, Lexington*
- 9/24-29/2020 - *General Grand Chapter/ Council Triennial, Louisville*

Elections of Officers are at the June meetings/conclaves. Please input your officers in KYRIS and submit your Annual Returns through KYRIS for Chapter and Council.

July 10 is the deadline for updating KYRIS for assessment purposes.



!!! KYRIS NOTICE !!!

All Secretaries/Recorders

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Don't wait until the end of June to update KYRIS. We had to make updates to the server software which runs our database, and this has caused a number of issues. I believe that most of them have been corrected, but we won't know for sure until all of YOU begin to do your updates.

Go ahead and make any changes that you need to do now. If you run into any issues, notify me as soon as possible so that I can track down and correct those problems before we begin doing Annual Returns.

Why did I do this to us? The software had reached its end-of-support date and was no longer being updated. This tends to create security issues, and ultimately leads to other issues as software which is maintained by the server owner will begin to conflict with the outdated software which we were using.

Why did this create a problem? This particular update made a major change to the way many of our queries interacted with the database; instead of getting data back for every row of data that met the criteria, the new software dropped every row that did not have data in every field. That meant that every record that didn't have a date – formerly showed 0000-00-00 – would no longer display on your reports and would no longer show up on you list of members.

What do I need to do if I find an issue? Send an email to me as soon as possible with as many details as possible about the problem. Give me a contact phone number so I can call for clarification if need be. Most of you have my phone number and email address. If not, reply to the newsletter email.

Message from the Grand Chaplain, Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky



DO NOT FEAR

This Month we celebrate "Mother's Day". It is a day we set aside each year to honor our Mothers. Due to the covid-19 virus restrictions it will be difficult to have family get together but we can still give our mothers a

call or an email or a text or better yet some flowers and a card to let her know how much she is loved and appreciated. Some of us no longer have our Mothers with us; however, we can honor her memory by living up to the legacy she left us. We remember the love she had for her children and the life lessons she taught us. So, on May 10, 2020 spend the day honoring "Mom".

My Companions we are living in extraordinary times. Our lives are completely turned upside down due the covid-19 pandemic. It is my fervent prayer that all my brothers, companions, and sir knights and their families stay safe and healthy during this crisis. Pray for one another and call each other, keep in touch and let a brother know you care. The Lord tells us in his Holy Word over 300 times to "Have no Fear". "He tells us that he will be with us, even to the end of the age." So, what have we to Fear?

Each Memorial Day we honor the men and women who have sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today. We remember the loved ones that have gone before us and the example they left for us. They each left a path for us to follow. We may not be called upon to lay down our life for a friend or our country but we can live our lives in such a manner that we can leave a path for our children and grandchildren to follow. A Godly path and a Patriotic path.

The Holy Scriptures state, "It is appointed once for man to die and then the judgement." Let us so live our lives that at the end of our journey we can hear

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those welcome words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of the Lord."

In the society we live in today, this is a daunting task. It is not for the weak or faint-hearted. As Christian men and women, we face daily trials and temptations. We are pulled in all directions to follow the easier path. We are told by society that it is ok to, "Lie just a little", "to cheat, just a little", "to stray from the narrow path, just a little", God will understand. But will He? Are you willing to take that chance? The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian believers, "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise." (v.19) "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness." (v. 20) And again, the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain." (I Corinthians 3:18 - 20).

We must stand strong and be wise. We must be as wise as the old owl and as cunning as the fox if we are to withstand the snares of Satan. The Apostle Paul gave us instructions and a guide when he wrote to the believers at Ephesus. His words in Ephesians 6:10 - 18 are as relevant today as they were in the 1st. century;

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.

And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

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(Message from the Grand Chaplain continued)

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

As Christians we are soldiers in God's army. We sing "Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war. With the Cross of Jesus, going on before." The ancient soldier wore a leather belt about his loins or waist which held most of the other pieces of his armor in place. Similarly, the Christian's armor is held in place by the "spiritual belt" he wears. His spiritual belt is his knowledge of the Word of God. Our knowledge of God's Word gives us daily strength for the spiritual battles we face.

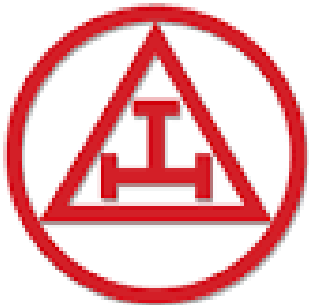
We stand at the threshold of the rest of our lives. We have so many opportunities to choose from. The choices we make will determine the path we follow. Do we follow the path of worldly wisdom, which the Apostle Paul stated as foolishness with God; or do we follow the path of spiritual wisdom and be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might? These may be difficult choices for some, but no matter what your station, the choice is yours to make.

In closing, May God bless you and keep you in His eternal love. I leave you with this solemn admonition; "Choose Wisely".

Don Powell, PGHP

Grand Chaplain

Grand Chapter of Kentucky, RAM



Thoughts on Leadership

Andrew Roberts, author of LEADERSHIP IN WAR, writing in Time Magazine makes the following statement:

"Great leaders are able to make soldiers and civilians believe that they are part of a purpose that matters more than even their continued existence on the planet, and that the leader's spirit is infused into them. ...(therein) lies the secret of successful leadership."

He discusses a number of qualities and characteristics that make a great leader, as have many others, but I am convinced that the real secret lies in the passage quoted above. And that secret is *purpose*. That which must first be determined before any other characteristic *can* come into play – we must have a purpose. We must know our purpose, our reason for existing, before we can accomplish anything else. Without that, we are the blind leading the blind into the ditch. Without that, the best leaders we can find or train will only lead us in the direction of the prevailing breeze, and like the winds of March, we chase all over the landscape and never achieve anything. *Editor*



ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE ANNUAL DINNER

July 19, 2020

The Showroom
Danville, KY

For additional information or questions

Contact Ron Ledford

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Message from the Illustrious Grand Master



Companions,

I hope everyone is staying well in these trying times. I am hoping we will get to start meeting soon but for now we are all following the guidelines and restrictions that our Grand Master has issued. These are trying

times for everyone and we miss the fellowship all enjoy at our meetings, but we want all to be able to stay safe and healthy.

Due to all the meetings we have missed, I am cancelling all inspections for this year. This will make it fair for all the councils across the state.

Companions, I want remind everyone that we are still trying to sell tickets for a cruise to be given away at our Grand Sessions. This is for an all-inclusive cruise up to \$2500.00 dollars, or you can take \$2,000.00 dollars cash. The money will help us to try to build up our permanent fund. The cost of the tickets are \$10.00 dollars. We are asking each companion to buy one ticket or sell at least one ticket. The tickets can be sold to anyone; you don't have to be a member to purchase a ticket. If any Council or member wants to buy a ticket or need tickets to sell, please contact me and I will see that you get tickets.

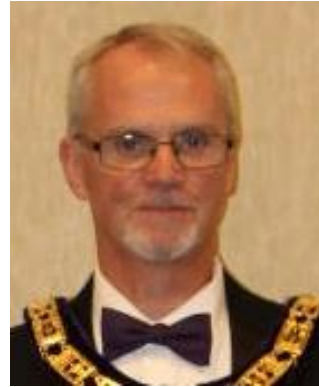
As we get closer to our grand sessions, we will get information out to everyone if there are any changes that we must make.

If there is anything I can do for anyone, my contact information is thomasbustle@yahoo.com and my phone # 859-319-7278

Thomas Bustle

Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council of Kentucky

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



Encourage

Act 4:36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

We as a nation and a fraternity are experiencing a time in our history like none of us have ever seen. The question is asked often, "What can we do?" The answer depends on who you ask. As there are many answers and a lot of which are good.

In scripture we read about a person who for his willingness to help others became known as an encourager. Acts 4:36 tells us about Barnabas (the son of consolation) Apparently, this man had developed a sterling reputation of building up others with loving words, generous acts and even affirming looks. When people in the early church thought of an encourager, they thought of Barnabas and the nickname stuck.

We as a fraternity need to encourage those whom we have elected into the leadership roles of our various bodies, from our local body all the way through the Grand lines. Each of us who have held various titles in our Masonic careers have always had individuals that were willing to help us, in good times and difficult times.

May God bless each of you and stay safe!

Carl Jones, PMIGM,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Council of Kentucky
Royal and Select Masters





The Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters



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THE MORE YOU KNOW

This month we return to Dr. Mackey and his Encyclopedia of Freemasonry. I don't think there is much confusion today about the following topic, but found Mackey's discussion to be, as usual, enlightening. - Editor

Royal Arch Banners

Much difficulty has been experienced by ritualists in reference to the true colors and proper arrangements of the banners used in an American Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. It is admitted that they are four in number, and that their colors are blue, purple, scarlet and white ; and it is known, too, that the devices on these banners are a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle ; but the doubt is constantly arising as to the relation between these devices and these colors, and as to which of the former is to be appropriated to each of the latter. The question, it is true, is one of mere ritualism, but it is important that the ritual should be always uniform, and hence the object of the present article is to attempt the solution of this question.

The banners used in a Royal Arch Chapter are derived from those which are supposed, to have been borne by the twelve tribes of Israel during their encampment in the wilderness, to which reference is made in the second chapter of the Book of Numbers, and the second verse: "*Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard.*" But as to what were the devices on the banners, or what were their various colors, the Bible is absolutely silent. To the inventive genius of the Talmudists are we indebted for all that we know or profess to know on this subject. These mystical philosophers have given to us with wonderful precision the various devices which they have borrowed from the death-bed prophecy of Jacob, and have sought, probably in their own fertile imaginations, for the appropriate colors.

The English Royal Arch Masons, whose system differs very much from that of their American Companions, display in their Chapters the twelve banners of the tribes in accordance with the Talmudic devices and colors. These have been very elaborately described by Dr. Oliver, in his *Historical Landmarks*, and beautifully exemplified by Companion Harris, in his *Royal Arch Tracing Boards*.

But our American Royal Arch Masons, as we have seen, use only four banners, being those attributed by the Talmudists to the four principal tribes —Judah, Ephraim, Reuben, and Dan. The devices on these banners are respectively a lion, an ox, a man, and an

eagle. As to this there is no question; all authorities, such as they are, agreeing on this point. But, as has been before said, there is some diversity of opinion as to the colors of each, and necessarily as to the officers by whom they should be borne.

Some of the Targumists, or Jewish biblical commentators, say that the color of the banner of each tribe was analogous to that of the stone which represented that tribe in the breastplate of the high priest. If this were correct, then the colors of the banners of the four leading tribes would be red and green, namely, red for Judah, Ephraim, and Reuben, and green for Dan; these being the colors of the precious stones sardonyx, ligure, carbuncle, and chrysolite by which these tribes were represented in the high priest's breastplate. Such an arrangement would not, of course, at all suit the symbolism of the American Royal Arch banners.

Equally unsatisfactory is the disposition of the colors derived from the arms of speculative Masonry, as first displayed by Dermott in his *Ahiman Rezon*, which is familiar to all American Masons, from the copy published by Cross, in his *Hieroglyphic Chart*. In this piece of blazonry, the two fields occupied by Judah and Dan are azure, or blue, and those of Ephraim and Reuben are *or*, or golden yellow; an appropriation of colors altogether uncongenial with Royal Arch symbolism.

We must, then, depend on the Talmudic writers solely for the disposition and arrangement of the colors and devices of these banners. From their works we learn that the color of the banner of Judah was white; that of Ephraim scarlet; that of Reuben purple; and that of Dan blue; and that the devices of the same tribes were respectively the lion, the ox, the man, and the eagle.

Hence, under this arrangement — and it is the only one upon which we can depend —the four banners in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, working in the American Rite, must be distributed as follows among the banner-bearing officers:

1st. An eagle, on a blue banner. This represents the tribe of Dan, and is borne by the Grand Master of the first veil.

2d. A man, on a purple banner. This represents the tribe of Reuben, and is borne by the Grand Master of the second veil.

3d. An ox, on a scarlet banner. This represents the tribe of Ephraim, and is borne by the Grand Master of the third veil.

4th. A lion, on a white banner. This represents the tribe of Judah, and is borne by the Royal Arch Captain.

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Report from The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky Easter Sunrise Service 2020



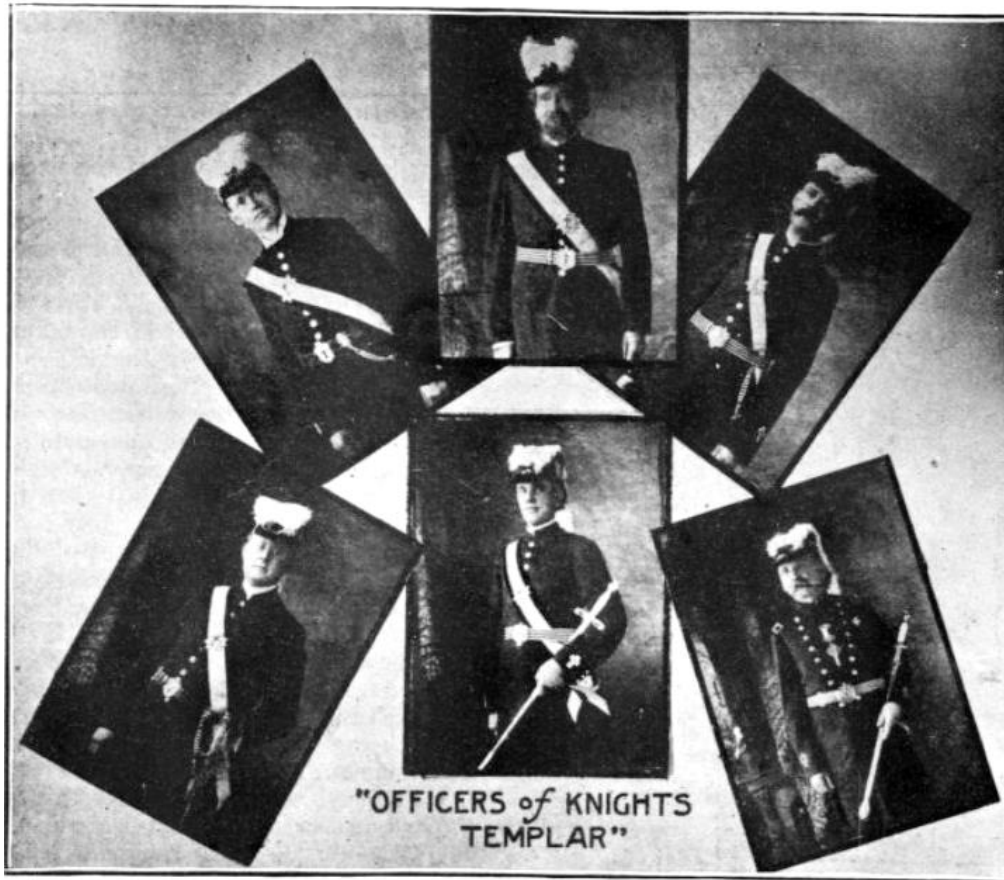
Left to Right – PGC Larry Carte, speaker; Williamsburg Commandery Prelate Pascual White, prayer; PGC Randall Partin, Scripture reading; Sir Knight Vernon Jones, Pastor Buffalo Church, song and closing prayer.

- Over 1600 views, live and of posted video, including the following bodies that we were able to determine.
 - 26 Commanderies in Kentucky
 - 18 Commanderies in Ohio
 - 5 Commanderies in Indiana
 - 2 Commanderies in Michigan
 - 1 Commandery in Massachusetts
 - Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment
 - East Central Department Commander

Our deepest gratitude to all those who participated, left comments, liked, called, emailed, and texted. Your support made it all worthwhile. I would like to personally express my thanks to the Knights pictured above who gave of their time and talents to make this event happen; also, to Grand Commander Marvin Blaine, PGC James King, and Department Commander Gerald Pugh for their support and encouragement.

Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before.

The York Rite at Work



*The Bourbon News,
October 3, 1905. None of
the Knights are identified.*



*Excerpt from **The Richmond Daily Record, January 15, 1921**, discussing a statement issued by
President- Elect Warren G. Harding after being made a Royal Arch Mason*

When Mr. Harding takes the oath of office next Mach 4 as the president, his creed will be that expressed in Micah, sixth chapter and eighth verse. The verse follows: "He hath shewed thee, O man, that is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

The president-elect made the announcement relative to his proposed creed **Friday night after he had been made a Royal Arch Mason**, it became known today.

"During the last ten days, I have been taken far back into the story of creation and I have found it to be adding to my sense of religious devotion." President elect Harding said, according to the statement given out. "Prayer grips the heart and adds to one's confidence. I believe in prayer. I believe in prayer in one's closet, for there one faces God alone. Many times, prayer is only for people's ears. But I can understand how those of old, in their anxieties, problems, and perplexities, found courage and strength when they gave their hearts to the great, omnipotent God in prayer.

How many things are in Scriptures that we, in our worldliness, never discover? After all, men are very much alike. God made us all in the same image and there is no difference in us except as we have developed, or the weight of responsibility is shouldered on us then God makes men equal to that responsibility. It is the touch of responsibility that makes human beings awake.

"The government of this republic has been adrift and the inevitable result has followed. But I am not afraid, because I know through courtesy. confidence and a close adherence to justice one will have at his call the best minds and intellects in this great republic, and with their truths. advice and direction, we cannot go wrong. I trust that in the four years that are to come you have conferred upon me and that I will come back and look you in the face and be able to say. 'I have kept the faith.' "



WILLIAM CARSON BLACK
Grand High Priest.
He is also Grand Priest of Kentucky.

The Degree Team

Of Royal Arch Masons, left here Tuesday and went to Frankfort, where they put on all the Degrees Wednesday, and went to Lexington, where they put on the Degrees Thursday, and will return here on Friday.

The line up of the Team is as follows:

William Carson, Black,	-	-	High Priest.
Robert W. Cole,	-	-	Captain of the Host.
Rev. E. R. Overly,	-	-	Principal Sojourner.
W. H. McDonald, S. D. and Master Second Vale.	-	-	
W. R. Marsee,	-	-	King.
Thomas D. Tinsley,	-	-	Scribe.
W. C. Faulkner,	-	-	Royal Arch Captain.
Henry Gibson,	-	-	Master Third Vale.
W. H. Green,	-	-	Master First Vale.
W. M. Tye,	-	-	Master Ceremonies.

We have not had the opportunity to learn from them, but it goes without saying that they had a great time.



REV. E. R. OVERLY
Principal Sojourner.



HON. ROBERT W. COLE
Captain of the Host.



W. H. McDONALD
S. D. and Master Second Vale.

Eastern Star

At the reception given by the Ladies of the local EASTERN STAR of Masons last week, all present report a great time, and 24 were so well pleased that they gave their petitions to become members, and now the Ladies are figuring on another big time when they are ready to confer the Degree on these ladies.



HON. JOSEPH B. SNYDER
Commonwealths Attorney.
An able assistant in Judge Sampson's Court in the enforcement of law.



WILLIAM CARSON BLACK
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S. D. and Master Second Vale.



The Degree Team

Of Royal Arch Masons, left here Tuesday, and went to Frankfort, where they put on all the Degrees Wednesday, and went to Lexington, where they put on the Degrees Thursday, and will return here on Friday.

The line up of the Team is as follows:

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|---|---|---|----------------------|
| William Carson, Black, | - | - | High Priest. |
| Robert W. Cole, | - | - | Captain of the Host. |
| Rev. E. R. Overly, | - | - | Principal Sojourner. |
| W. H. McDonald, S. D. and Master Second Vale. | - | - | |
| W. R. Marsee, | - | - | King. |
| Thomas D. Tinsley, | - | - | Scribe. |
| W. C. Faulkner, | - | - | Royal Arch Captain. |
| Henry Gibson, | - | - | Master Third Vale. |
| W. H. Green, | - | - | Master First Vale. |
| W. M. Tye, | - | - | Master Ceremonies. |

We have not had the opportunity to learn from them, but it goes without saying that they had a great time.

*The Mountain
Advocate,
Barbourville, Ky
February 13, 1914*



HON. JOSEPH B. SNYDER
Commonwealths Attorney.
An able assistant in Judge Sampson's Court in the enforcement of law.

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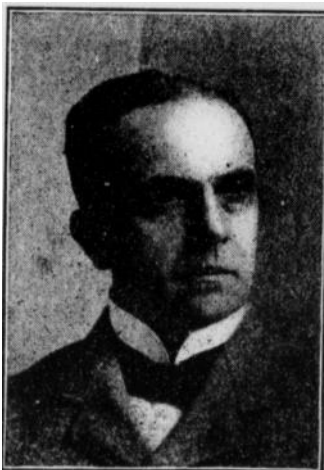
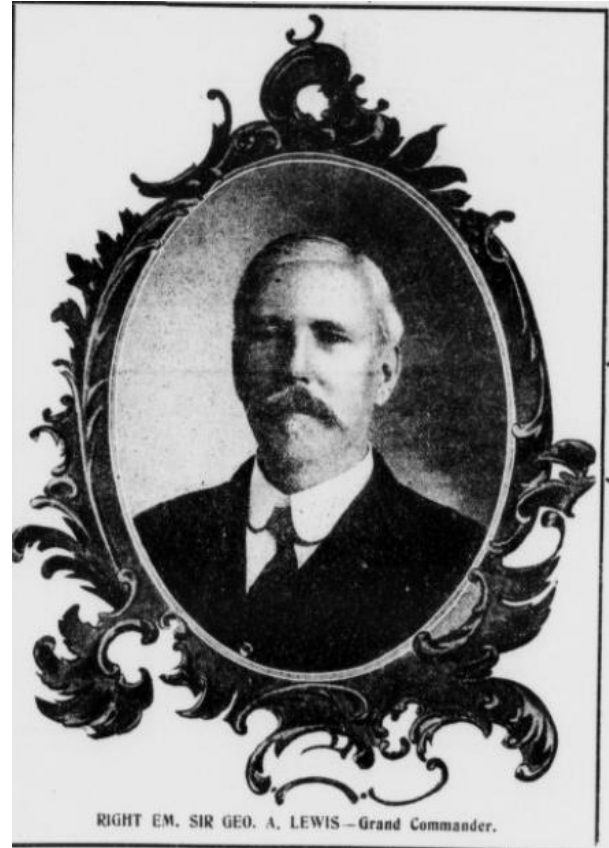
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THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY, KNIGHTS-TEMPLE, WILL ASSEMBLE IN GRAND CONCLAVE FOR THE ELEVENTH TIME IN THIS CITY.

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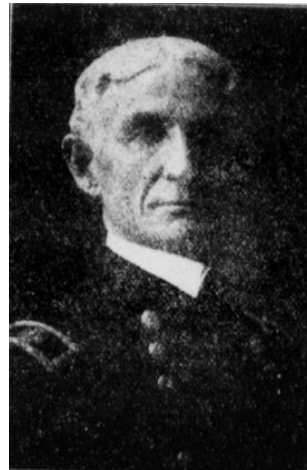
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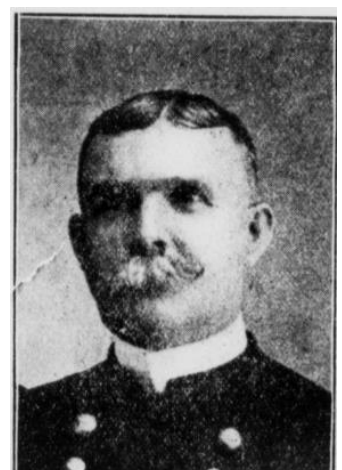
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GRAND CHAPTER

General Grand Chapter Medal for Meritorious Service in Bronze



This award may be presented each year in recognition of the recipient's outstanding and meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry. The recipient cannot be a Past Grand High Priest or elected Grand Chapter Officer.

GRAND COUNCIL

Cryptic Mason of the Year Award



The award shall be made only for exceptional and meritorious service to Cryptic Masonry above and beyond the call of duty. No Past or Present Grand Master, or elective Grand Council officer, is eligible.

General Grand Council Youth Award



Presented annually in each Jurisdiction affiliated with General Grand Council to a nominee who is a leader in one of the youth organizations recognized by the General Grand Council. (DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters)

GRAND COMMANDERY



Conrad H. Cates Distinguished Service Award

This award is given for service to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky that is above and beyond the call of duty; in recognition of service over a long and sustained period of time, in recognition of total service and dedication to this Grand Commandery.



Knight Templar Cross of Honor

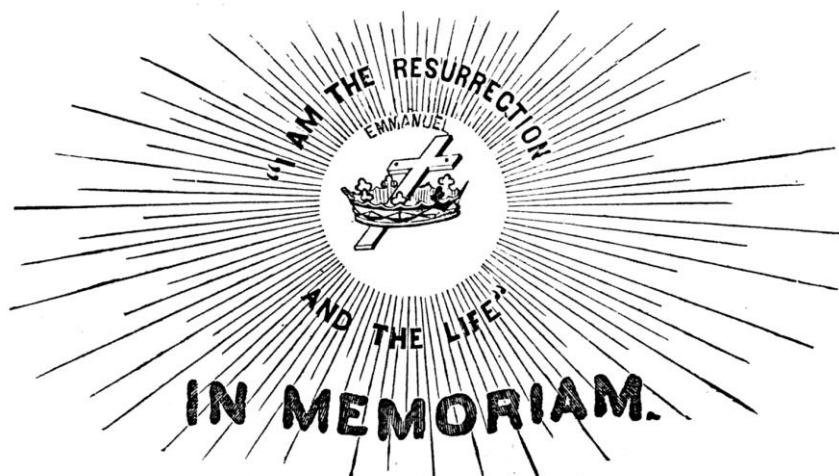
Given for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member. No present or past elected Grand Commandery Officer is eligible for the award.

IN MEMORIAM

One of the major events during the month of May is Memorial Day. During that time, remember these Companions who have passed the Veils during the last year, as shown in our Membership Database.

CHAPTER	NAME	DATE
Lexington No. 1	George E. Hamilton	8/20/2019
Lexington No. 1	John W. Combs	10/31/2019
W. R. Selby, Sr. No. 4	Bill J. Brown	1/27/2020
W. R. Selby, Sr. No. 4	Walter Hester	1/27/2020
King Solomon No. 5	James Marion Hart, Jr.	10/23/2019
King Solomon No. 5	Garry L. Terry	10/28/2019
King Solomon No. 5	John Carl Metz	11/8/2019
King Solomon No. 5	John Lewis Sutherland, Jr.	11/22/2019
King Solomon No. 5	Raymond Peter Swanson	1/29/2020
Russellville No. 8	Harold T. Hinton	12/22/2019
Maysville No. 9	Samuel Sato, Jr.	2/13/2020
Winchester No. 12	Joseph Russell Beaumont	11/12/2019
Oriental No. 14	Covington R. Brown	4/19/2020
Cynthiana No. 17	Karl K. Lusk, Jr.	8/6/2019
Cynthiana No. 17	Joe M. Hanna	9/14/2019
Somerset No. 25	Herbert M. Stone	10/4/2019
Daviess No. 29	Donald L. Cole	12/14/2019
Daviess No. 29	Cecil J. Sims	12/14/2019
Paducah No. 30	Jesse D. Dupree	4/18/2020
Jo Daviess No. 32	Donnie Lee Cox, Sr.	7/7/2019
Jo Daviess No. 32	Harland Paul Melander	9/6/2019
Jo Daviess No. 32	Lyle Harris Reburn	2/12/2020
Bowling Green No. 38	James Donald Hendrick	9/15/2019
Bullitt No. 44	James A. Black	7/6/2019
Bullitt No. 44	Herman Anthony Schlageter	7/20/2019
Bullitt No. 44	Christopher Knapp	1/31/2020
Bullitt No. 44	Zebedee Vance Burgess	3/16/2020
Glasgow No. 45	James Odell Atwood	8/31/2019
Graham No. 80	Joe Wayne Cline	8/3/2019
Apperson No. 81	Donald S. Bartram	11/16/2019
Apperson No. 81	George S. Easterling, Jr.	11/16/2019
Apperson No. 81	Charles P. Williams	11/16/2019
Apperson No. 81	Russel K. Lyon	11/19/2019
Madisonville No. 123	Robert Francis Chope	8/11/2019
Madisonville No. 123	Roy D. Camplin	8/16/2019
Madisonville No. 123	Winford E. Mayes	12/12/2019
Madisonville No. 123	William Gerald Henry	1/27/2020
Madisonville No. 123	Bob Rose	2/21/2020
Madisonville No. 123	Covington R. Brown	4/19/2020

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Paintsville No. 131	Robert L. Elam	6/27/2019
Paintsville No. 131	Danny J. McKenzie	6/27/2019
Paintsville No. 131	Fred W. McKenzie	6/27/2019
Paintsville No. 131	Jerry Simpson	6/27/2019
Paintsville No. 131	Glynn A. Turner	6/27/2019
Pikeville No. 133	William E. Akers	8/1/2019
Ken-Tenn No. 148	Isaac J Wilder	8/5/2019
Ken-Tenn No. 148	Robert Sroufe	1/29/2020
Ken-Tenn No. 148	Glennis Ballew	3/5/2020
Jenkins No. 164	Truman Conley	10/7/2019
Jenkins No. 164	Raymond Isaacs	12/15/2019
Harlan No. 165	Harry K. Moody	1/9/2020
Morehead No. 168	Mitchell B. Bate	11/18/2019
Morehead No. 168	Claude E. Meade	4/13/2020
Temple No. 172	Charles William Craig	6/28/2019
Temple No. 172	Burlis Clayton Dean	6/28/2019
Temple No. 172	James Darwin Kendrick	6/28/2019
Temple No. 172	Raymond William Leurck	6/28/2019
Temple No. 172	Berford Lee Turner	6/28/2019
Temple No. 172	Franklin Delano Shepherd	7/1/2019
Temple No. 172	Lanny Eugene Casey, Sr.	2/28/2020
Ft. Thomas No. 177	Harry Sameul Kyle, Jr.	10/21/2019
Ft. Thomas No. 177	George Alpheu Gore	11/23/2019
Ft. Thomas No. 177	Charles Donald Black	1/18/2020
Ft. Thomas No. 177	Rev. James A. Potts	2/4/2020
Prestonsburg No. 182	Donald Lafferty	11/18/2019
Iroquois No. 193	Stanley Thomas Bain	2/6/2020
Iroquois No. 193	Roger Dale Barnett	2/20/2020
Iroquois No. 193	John Worden Wilder	3/7/2020
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