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Message from the Grand High Priest



Dear Companions

Here it is August, one more month until the York Rite Grand Session which at this time is still under way as an in-face get together. Please plan on attending make your hotel reservations at the Embassy Suites also send in your meal requests. Yes we are under some restrictions but with some modifications we will have a great session.

These last 5-6 months have been difficult personally, professional and fraternally but we have come through it. We have discovered things about ourselves that we didn't know. Hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel. Soon we will get back to some sense of normal. When we get back to "normal" don't forget our Masonic obligations. I heard someone offer that this pandemic will set fraternal organizations back at least 5 years. Don't let that happen. Keep in touch with your fellow companions, check on them frequently don't let them be forgotten.

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I am still traveling, I have been to Williamsburg, Princeton and I am scheduled to go to Franklin. In August I will be conducting a merger between Shelbyville and Frankfort. With the completion of that merger we will have 44 Chapters.

I had other visits scheduled but out of an abundance of caution for the health of their members several Chapters canceled their July Meetings. I hope to get to them before the Grand Session.

Fraternally yours,

Rick Sears
MEGHP

THE GRAND YORK RITE OF KENTUCKY ANNUAL SESSIONS

September 20-23, 2020
Embassy Suites Lexington

Room Reservation Deadline
August 16, 2020

Meal Ticket Deadline
September 10, 2020

From the Grand Secretary's Desk



Companions and
Sir Knights,

I hope that our membership is following the guidelines set forth by the Grand Master and our Governor and remain safe as we deal with this pandemic.

As we prepare for our grand sessions this year, as always, we will need committee reports and grand officer reports for advanced proceedings. These reports will need to be in the office by September 1, 2020.

We are receiving meal ticket orders and will continue to do so through September 10, 2020; also, those who plan to attend need make hotel reservations at the Embassy suites in Lexington.

Due to the restrictions placed on Commandery's by Grand Encampment's General Order Number 12, we will have a virtual Grand Commandery meeting this year and online registration will be made available.

I hope to see many of you at our sessions; if there are any further changes they will be posted on our website and all Sec./Rec.'s will be notified.

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 the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way."

The above sentiment, written by Charles Dickens in *A Tale of Two Cities* in 1859 seems sadly appropriate in our current day and time. Which ever news program you turn on is filled with breathless agitators of opinion holding forth on, generally, their political take of the situation, and we can rarely trust any of them to be giving us the truth.

Yet in this 'season of Darkness', there has never been a greater need for the Light of Masonry, the teachings of the Brotherhood of Man, the fatherhood of God; the Lights of knowledge and of Faith; of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; the coming together in our lodges without expressing our political or religious differences, that we may put those things aside for a time and work together for the betterment of our communities and our world.

Few of us have been untouched in at least some way by the virus and/or the current social events, and often our take on the events is colored by those experiences; by the friend whose son ran a slight fever and appears fully recovered; by the friend whose uncle is in the ICU on a ventilator; by the nephew whose wife's grandparents did not survive the exposure; by the friends in law enforcement and by the friends of friends who are protesting in the streets because of their experiences on those same streets.

My brothers, the Light of Faith will illuminate our path and the "hope which reaches within the veil" will give us strength. We will get through this. God Bless you all; stay safe.

Fraternally,
Randall Partin, Editor

NOTICES AND UPDATES



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL Organized October 24, 1797

INTERNATIONAL TRIENNIAL
SEPTEMBER 24 TO 28, 2020
Gault House Hotel,
140 N. 4th St. Louisville KY

“The decision has been made by the General grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International to meet in person at the Triennial. Although we recognize that the current pandemic will deter and reduce our numbers, it is a time-honored opportunity for our Companions to enjoy fellowship, friendship as well as the ability to greet old friends and make new ones. The Masonic Fraternity is founded on the association of like-minded men coming together to make a difference in today's world. We do not believe that the current rush to do business via electronic platforms or programs meets this desire to be in one another's presence.

If you have any doubts, we asked you to stay home, stay safe and not come. Although your attendance will be missed, we value you more as a just and upright Royal Arch Mason making a real difference where you reside.”

Reference:

:<http://www.ramint.org/safety.html>

GRAND COMMANDERY

General Order No. 12, issued by Grand Master Jeffrey Nelson on May 4, 2020, prohibiting in-person conclaves of Grand, Subordinate, and Constituent Commanderies remains in effect as of the date of publication.

Upcoming Degree Work and Events (as we have it)

- 9/20-23/2020 – Grand York Rite, Embassy Suites, Lexington
- 9/24-28/2020 - General Grand Chapter Triennial, Louisville
- 9/26/2020 – General Grand Council Triennial virtual meeting
- 10/18-10/20/2020 – Grand Lodge, Louisville

NOTICE



The Trustees of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International hereby announce that:

The Triennial Assembly will only be a virtual meeting utilizing Zoom.

The date of the meeting is hereby set to Saturday, September 26, 2020.

Details for registration and participation can be found at <https://triennial.org/>

The GRAND LODGE

Geary F. Laird
Grand Master



August 3, 2020

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

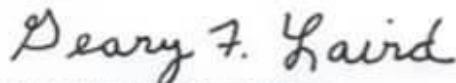
There have been many questions and concerns about holding our Annual Grand Communication in October. Many other Grand Jurisdictions have either cancelled or postponed their Grand Communications. Due to the circumstances and the uncertainty of the months ahead, the plan going forward is to have a one-day Grand Communication Session at the Galt House scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020 pending approval from the delegates. Registration will be on Sunday, October 18, 2020 and the morning of Monday, October 19, 2020. With the current restrictions and mandates in place, we will be unable to hold the session at levels that we have been accustomed to in the past.

At the present time, due to the health risks associated with COVID-19, attendance will be limited to elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, DDGM's and one delegate from each subordinate Lodge and other essential members needed to conduct the business of the annual session, including the election. Due to limited capacity, the Ritual Competition scheduled for Sunday, October 18, 2020 will be cancelled. It is of utmost importance that each lodge has a delegate and is represented at the upcoming Grand Lodge Session.

As a reminder, applications for the Grand Master's Lodge of Excellence Award must be received by the Grand Lodge Office no later than August 31, 2020. Please submit all pertinent information to the Grand Lodge Office by the due date to be eligible for the award.

Brothers, I encourage you to hold lodge, if you can do so safely in order that we may take care of business and prepare for our upcoming Annual Communication Session. Continue to follow the guidelines in place and if you are sick please remain at home. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Faternally,



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

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



In the book of 1st Kings in the Old Testament we read how Solomon built a temple for the Lord. That temple has become known as “The Temple of Solomon.” Solomon’s Temple has been described as spacious and magnificent and constructed by so many

celebrated artists. It was truly a structure of beauty and splendor. Solomon was determined to build the very best house for the Lord. Nothing less than perfection would do.

However, Solomon’s Temple was a structure made of wood and stone, subject to the ravages of time. As Christians we are working on a spiritual temple; a building not made by hands, eternal in the heavens. Just like Solomon we are striving for perfection. Have you ever thought about the temple you are living in here on the earth?

Did you know that your body is the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Did you know that Jesus loves you and wants only the best things in this life for you?

Did you know that God wants you to keep his temple clean and in good shape?

Many of us lead active lives, full of work and play that takes a toll on our temple. We have habits that abuse our bodies and eventually cause damage to the temple. God wants us to enjoy life to its fullest and he wants good health and happiness for each of us; but common sense and moderation will keep our temple healthy.

Did you know that as believers, we are to glorify God in our body and in our spirit, which are God’s? Did you know that we are purchased by God and our body and spirit belong to Him? But, wait a minute! Did you know He belongs to us? As believers, He dwells in us. So we need to keep our temple clean and pure and acceptable to God.

The apostle Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 6:20 “For

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ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are Gods.” Paul also wrote to the Romans and told them to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.

Keep your temple in good shape, both physically and emotionally. Be happy and healthy. This is your reasonable service to God.

We are living in very uncertain times. COVID-19 has placed restrictions on every aspect of our lives. Please follow the CDC guidelines and the guidelines set forth by our Grand Master and Governor and stay safe. Remember! Keep your temple clean and pure and acceptable unto God.

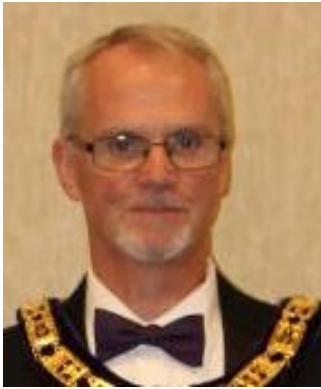
Have A Blessed Day!

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



**Psalm 103
Of David.**

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
² Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his

benefits—

³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,
⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

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¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

²² Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

May God richly bless each of you!

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

Companion Carl was unable to send an article this month; we trust you will enjoy this encouraging message from his fill-in – King David and the 103rd Psalm (NIV).



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GRAND YORK RITE OFFICE

Virtual Meetings Available to all Kentucky York Rite Bodies



With the recent series of events brought about by the pandemic, we began to use Zoom to have Virtual Meetings. We recently moved to a Pro plan and **would like to offer the use of that service to any Bodies who need or wish to hold a Virtual Zoom meeting** without the 40-minute time limitation of free accounts.

You can feel free to **contact Greg Raque**, who can assist any Bodies with hosting your Zoom Meeting. I can provide a **virtual meeting, up to 100 participants with no time limits.**

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John A. Johnson

**Candidate for Grand Captain of the Host
Grand Chapter of Kentucky, RAM**



Raised 1993 Mt. Zion #147
Past Master Fairdale #942
DDGM 2018
PHP King Solomon #5 & Iroquois #193
PIM Louisville #4 & Sword & Trowel # 111
PC Louisville DeMolay #12

Bernhard “Bernie” Kaita

**Candidate for Grand Captain of the Guard
Grand Council of Kentucky, R&SM**



Raised 2001 Germany
Past Master Morrison #76
PHP Hardin #195
PIM Hardin #115

William Michael Yount

**Candidate for Grand Captain General
Grand Commandery of Kentucky, KT**



Raised 1974 Solomon’s #5
Master Anderson #90 & Solomon’s #5
DDGM 2007
PHP Shelbyville #2
PIM Harry F. Walters #101
PC Louisville-DeMolay #12

These are the announced candidates that I am aware of. Please let me know if your name will be submitted at the annual session, and I will include you in the August and September editions. – Editor



PROPOSED LEGISLATION, GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved That Section 13.A. of the Constitution which now reads

Section 13. Vote-Who May. A. Each Grand Officer, each Permanent Member, and the High Priest, the King and the Scribe of each Chapter in this Jurisdiction, if present, shall have one vote, provided that each Chapter shall have three (3) votes. If any of the above officers of a Chapter are absent, the vote of the absentee(s) shall be cast by the ranking member of that Chapter, if present. In the event all three of these officers are absent, then the three (3) votes of the Chapter are to be cast by the elected representative of that Chapter, if present.

Be amend so that, when amended, it shall read

Section 13. Vote-Who May. A. Each elective Grand Officer, each Past Grand High Priest and the representative of each Chapter in this Jurisdiction, if present, shall have one vote and no more. Past High Priests shall have one vote collectively. No one shall vote by proxy. Provided, however, in the event that an elected Grand Officer or a Past Grand High Priest represents his Chapter, he shall have two votes and no more; and provided further, that no Past High Priest of a Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be prohibited from participating in the collective vote of Past High Priests.

Be it further Resolved that Section 6.B. of the Constitution which now reads.

Representatives are the High Priest, King and Scribe of each Kentucky Chapter, by virtue of their respective offices.

Be amended so that, when amended, it shall read

Section 6.B. Representatives are the High Priest, or in his absence, the King, or in the absence of the High Priest and the King, the Scribe, by virtue of their respective offices.

Be it further resolved that as these two sections are interdependent, that they be considered as one legislative action.

Note: The rationale for the two vote provision above is that an elected Grand Officer or Past Grand High Priest should not lose his vote because he represents his Chapter, and a Chapter should not lose its vote if it is represented by an elected Grand Officer or a Past Grand High Priest.

We the Grand Chapter Officers present the following resolution

Amend Section 208 adding subsection 9

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".



YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU!!!

What are you doing for Royal Arch Masonry? Are you doing enough. It's been a question that I end up asking myself often, but especially recently during this pandemic. Now that we can resume our convocations, what is enough. Traveling, is apart of what I've agreed to do as a Grand Chapter Officer. In

my recent attempts I've tried to visit several Chapters in as many weeks. A couple of the Chapters had no one show up. One visit had 16, one had 5, a few I ended up being that guy who visited was number nine. Nothing better than to be that guy who walks through the door right before the meeting starts and everyone yells "Hello" good to see you. We can finally read those minutes.



**Your Chapter
Needs You!!!**

What are those chapters doing wrong, where no one showed? Where, no one even attempts to go the meeting. Have they sat there waiting and that number nine guy, and he never shows. So eventually they lose interest and quit trying after several months. What's that chapter doing to get 16 people to attend to hear the last six months of minutes. I wish I new that answer, it would make my job as a Grand Officer easier, but sadly I don't. I must admit that some of the visits that I've enjoyed the most are those informal five person sessions,

where I can loosen my tie take my coat off and we just talk and enjoy spending time as Brothers / Companions.

So I challenge you ask yourself what are you doing for your Chapter? Has driving that 15 minutes to the Lodge become that toxic that we no longer want to visit and spend time with our companions? I wish every Chapter was 15 minutes away. I'd visit more, I wouldn't be able to use that excuse where I talk myself out of visiting because it's a long drive, and I have to work the next day. It's a talk I have with myself quite often, I've realized I can't attend every Chapter meeting each month.

The first person we need to fix within our organization, looks at us each day in the mirror. We can't fix all the problems that we're facing, much less in one night, but we can enjoy spending time with our Companions. We all want to try to improve, it's why we're here, to improve ourselves. We need to strengthen our Bodies or those, who no longer have that drive to attend won't. Eventually there won't be enough people to continue this thing we all enjoy. I'll end this with saying, Your Chapter needs you. Come visit enjoy a cup of coffee and listen and enjoy spending time with our Brothers. Let's practice our craft, learn the meanings of the degree work, learn to better ourselves. Let's see what we can do together.

See you down the road,

Greg Raque
Grand Captain of the Host
Grand Chapter of Kentucky



The York Rite at Work



Cumberland Council No. 77 presents First Responder Awards

Top left, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Larry Carte presents Brooklyn McElfresh and Jeff Gray with the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International First Responder award. Brooklyn, left is a dispatcher for the Corbin, KY Police Department and Jeff, right was a trainer for the fire departments for 32 years. In the photo on the right, PGIM Carl Jones pins the medal on Companion Jeff's jacket. The awards were presented at the Whitley County Fiscal Court meeting in July.



Companions, these awards may be presented by any of our Councils. The First Responder Award is an excellent opportunity “to recognize members of our Masonic Family and Community, a “Thank You” to those who serve, or who have served, and an opportunity for the Council to reach “to and through the Lodge” to show that Masonry respects those who dedicated their lives to preserving our communities.”

Recipients may be any qualified First Responder, including retirees

Can be sponsored by any Cryptic Mason

Is awarded upon Submission/At an Event

Cost - \$25.00 if a Master Mason for Medal and Certificate

\$15.00 if not a Master Mason – receives lapel pin and certificate

The same certificate is issued to all recipients, and the lapel pin is available to accompany a medal for presentation at additional cost.



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Brothers and Friends –

My life has been incredibly changed because of your prayers and gifts. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to experience the place and time of Jesus. This journey has opened my understanding beyond the knowledge to really feel the emotional gravity of the Biblical accounts. To be with other ministers, share in the challenging discussions, and to worship with one unified spirit has profoundly impacted the way I now minister to those within my care.

Every detail of the trip was so extravagant and honoring to us. Thank you for the hospitality which regarded us, as ministers, as very important people. I had never had such thoughtful conscientious provisions while on a trip away.

Without a doubt my ability to communicate the stories of Jesus have deepened with confidence. Your vision to support pastors in this way is powerfully impacting the Kingdom of God by enriching our communities of faith. Thank you for allowing me this unique opportunity of a lifetime.

Forever grateful,
Joey Buck
Dollywood Chaplain



Rev. Joey Buck, Holy Land Pilgrimage participant sponsored by Williamsburg Commandery No. 50, standing in the town of Beit-Shean, one of Israel's oldest towns.

As may be seen from the note above, the Holy Land Pilgrimage experience is a life and ministry changing experience. Kentucky is one of the states which has taken the lead in re-emphasizing this important program, and a small portion of our annual assessment goes for that purpose. We have established a permanent fund with the goal of becoming financially able to send ministers on a regular basis. YOUR contributions to this fund, through donations and purchase of merchandise, will assure the success of the program. Changing our churches changes their communities, and ultimately the world. This begins with inspiring and motivating our ministers. Support this program; Meet the Challenge, Defend the Faith. Contact Rev Larry Carte, PGC at 606-425-6989 or email at larrycarte@yahoo.com for more information.



Williamsburg York Rite Bodies Award Scholarship

Breanna Bunch, a graduate of Whitley County High School and a senior majoring in Education at the University of the Cumberland was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Williamsburg Lodge No. 490 and the York Rite bodies of Williamsburg. Pictured presenting the checks to Ms. Bunch, are right, Senior Deacon / Generalissimo Pat White and left, Sir Knight Jeff Gray.

I am proud of my home lodge and York Rite; during the period since March when the lodges went dark and are still very carefully working, our leaders have continued to make every effort to maintain the brotherhood. We have cleaned a cemetery where a Revolutionary War soldier is buried; picked up trash along a local highway; awarded a scholarship; presented First Responder awards; continued to work on our building, and several other projects, all the while adhering to the Grand Master's meeting requirements and maintaining our social distance. More importantly, our leaders have maintained contact within our membership and made every

effort to maintain the brotherhood. Nothing unusual for Masons, I know, and I'm sure many of your leaders have done the same. As editor, I wanted to give a shout out to my lodge, Williamsburg Lodge # 490 and WM Ben Parker; Ken-Tenn Chapter # 148 and High Priest Pat White; Cumberland Council #77 and Illustrious Master Nick Simpson; Williamsburg Commandery #50 and Commander Rick Grubb. I also don't want to forget PGC Larry Carte and PGIM Carl Jones. It takes this kind of commitment, this kind of leadership, to keep an organization moving forward. Let me know what your York Rite is doing so we can share and encourage our Companions. -Editor

COMMANDERY PARADE IN ASHLAND IN 1909

This interesting old picture was made in May, 1909, during the 62nd annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. Scene is looking west from 15th and Winchester.



THE MORE YOU KNOW

This month we continue with Dr. Mackey's work, Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence. Last month we looked at the Constitutions of Edward III and The Regulations of 1663. This month, we stay in the same time frame for The Ancient Charges given at the installation of the Master of a Lodge and at the making of a mason. – Editor

IV. THE ANCIENT INSTALLATION CHARGES.

These Charges appear from their style to be very old, although their date is uncertain. They were contained in a MS. written in the reign of James II., which extended from 1685 to 1688, which MS., according to Preston, was in possession of the Lodge of Antiquity in London. They are said to have been used at the installation of the Master of a Lodge. Probably they are older than the year 1686; but that date is often used as a means of reference. The Charges are as follows:

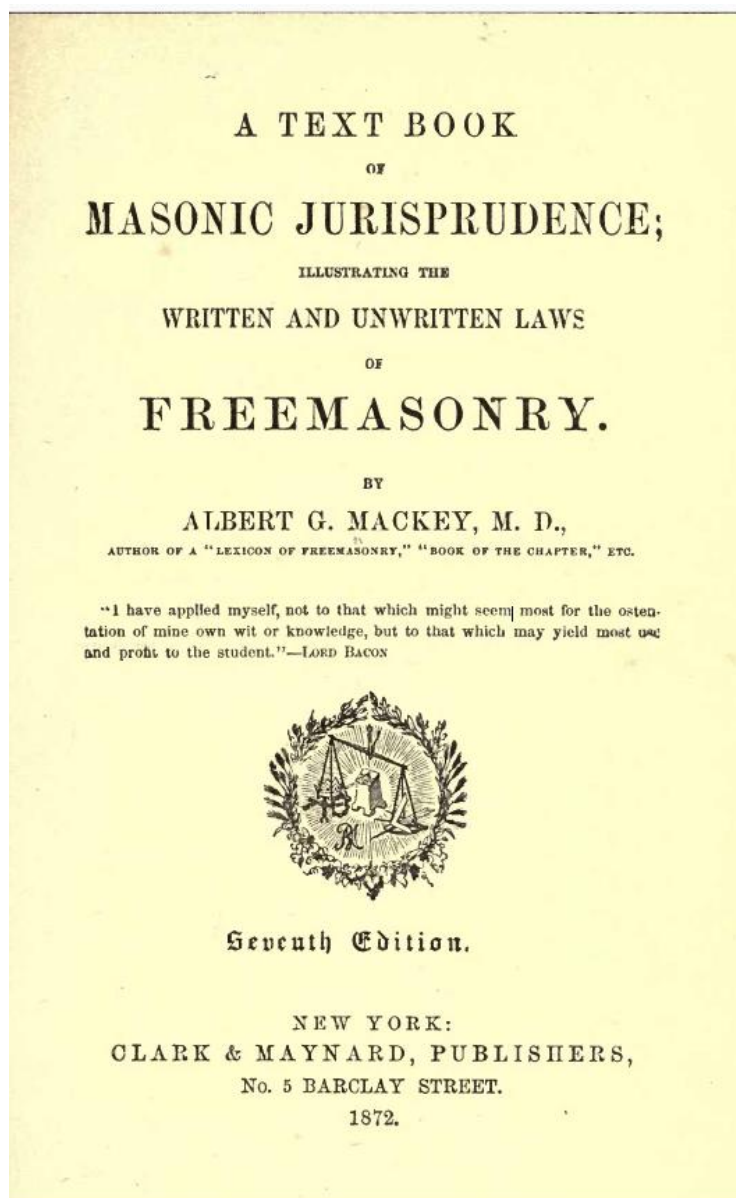
1. That ye shall be true men to God and the holy church, and to use no error or heresy by your understanding, and by wise men's teaching.
2. That ye shall be true liegemen to the King of England, without treason or any falsehood, and that ye know no treason but ye shall give knowledge thereof to the king, or to his counsel; also, ye shall be true one to another, that is to say, every Mason of the craft that is Mason allowed, ye shall do to him as ye would be done unto yourself.
3. And ye shall keep truly all the counsel that ought to be kept in the way of Masonhood, and all the counsel of the Lodge or of the chamber. Also, that ye shall be no thief nor thieves to your knowledge free; that ye shall be true to the king, lord or master that ye serve, and truly to see and work for his advantage.
4. Ye shall call all Masons your Fellows, or your brethren, and no other names.
5. Ye shall not take your Fellow's wife in villainy, nor deflower his daughter or servant, nor put him to disworship.
6. Ye shall truly pay for your meat or drink, wheresoever ye go to table or board. Also, ye shall do no villainy there, whereby the craft or science may be slandered.

V. THE ANCIENT CHARGES AT MAKINGS.

The MS. in the archives of the Lodge of Antiquity from which I have quoted the preceding charges, adds to them fifteen more, which are said to be "Charges single for Masons allowed or accepted," that is to say, as is added at the end, "Charges and covenants to be read at the making of a Freemason or Freemasons." They are as follows:

1. That no Mason take on him no lord's work, nor any other man's, unless he know himself well able to perform the work, so that the craft have no slander.
2. Also, that no Master take work but that he take reasonable pay for it; so that the lord may be truly served, and the Master to live honestly, and to pay his Fellows truly. And that no Master or Fellow supplant others of their work; that is to say, that if he hath taken a work, or else stand Master of any work, that he shall not put him out, unless he be unable of cunning to make an end of his work. And no Master nor Fellow shall take no Apprentice for less than seven years. And that the Apprentice be free born, and of limbs whole as a man ought to be, and no bastard. And that no Master nor Fellow take no allowance to be made Mason without the assent of his Fellows, at the least six or seven.
3. That he that be made be able in all degrees; that is, free born, of a good kindred, true, and no bondsman, and that he have his right limbs as a man ought to have.

4. That a Master take no Apprentice without he have occupation to occupy two or three Fellows at the least.
5. That no Master or Fellow put away any lord's work to task that ought to be journeywork.
6. That every Master give pay to his Fellows and servants as they may deserve, so that he be not defamed with false working. And that none slander another behind his back to make him lose his good name.
7. That no Fellow in the house or abroad, answer another ungodly or reproveably without a cause.
8. That every Master Mason do reverence to his elder; and that a Mason be no common player at the cards, dice or hazard; or at any other unlawful plays, through the which the science and craft may be dishonored and slandered.
9. That no Fellow go into the town by night, except he have a Fellow with him, who may bear him record that he was in an honest place.
10. That every Master and Fellow shall come to the assembly, if it be within fifty miles of him, if he have any warning. And if he have trespassed against the craft, to abide the reward of Masters and Fellows.
11. That every Master Mason and Fellow that hath trespassed against the craft, shall stand to the correction of other Masters and Fellows to make him accord; and if they cannot accord, to go to the common law.
12. That a Master or Fellow make not a mould stone, square nor rule, to no lowen, nor let no lowen work work within their Lodge nor without, to mould stone.
13. That every Mason receive and cherish strange Fellows, when they come over the country, and set them on work, if they will work, as the manner is ; that is to say, if the Mason have any mould stone in his place, he shall give him a mould stone, and set him on work ; and if he have none, the Mason shall refresh him with money unto the next Lodge.
14. That every Mason shall truly serve his Master for his pay.
15. That every Master shall truly make an end of his work, task or journey, whitherso it be.



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Royal and Select Masters**

Support the **Grand Council Permanent Fund**

Winner receives choice of \$2,000 or Carnival Cruise.

Tickets \$10.00

To purchase, contact any Grand Council Officer

**The Grand Council of Kentucky
Royal & Select Masters
VACATION RAFFLE
Carnival Cruise**

The package will include hotel stay, airline tickets, cruise tickets and passports, if needed. Actual value of the entire package is a maximum of \$2,500. Or, the winner may elect to receive a cash payout of \$2,000.

Drawing to be held Sept. 22, 2020

Raffle Ticket - \$10.00 each Don't have to be present to win.



**The Grand Commandery of Kentucky
Knights Templar**

Support the **Grand Commandery Holy Land Pilgrimage
Permanent Fund**

Knights Templar polo shirts

\$25.00 includes shipping

To order, contact Larry Carte at the phone number above.

RARA CHALLENGE COINS STILL AVAILABLE

All proceeds from the sale of the coin pictured below will be donated to RARA. Contact Greg Raque to purchase. Price is \$10.00. 300 coins were produced and if all are sold, \$3,000 will be raised for Royal Arch Research Assistance.



NEW AWARD AVAILABLE



This year a High Priest Proficiency Pin has been produced. We had intended to distribute these at the Chapter Inspections to those Companions who have turned in their Proficiency. As we the Grand Chapter Officers return to our travels, we will begin to distribute these to Companions who are proficient. It's such an accomplishment to turn a proficiency in, we think it's only proper to display it for all to see. If you're not proficient yet, keep up the hard work and you can earn this pin.





The Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky
Invites you to join us for our Grand Sessions 2020!

In spite of the 2020 Pandemic we are planning on having our Grand Session (unless something happens that we can't meet). However, there might be a few rules at the Hotel that we will have to follow such as wearing masks in the common areas (Halls and Lobby) and some social distancing.

Book your rooms by August 16, 2020



Embassy Suites Lexington

1801 Newtown Pike
 Lexington, KY, US 40511

859-455-5000 (If Booking by phone use group Grand York Rite of Kentucky.)

Direct link to booking:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/>

Special room rate for guest attending our Grand Session \$118.95 + tax.

If booking online use group code YOR to get rate.

We ask that as many of you, our Brothers who can please attend and go to the banquets and luncheons to show your support. Your support is necessary for us to continue to carry out the age-old traditions of our craft. Without you there is no craft.



Monday September 21, 20
Grand Commandery K.T.
Annual Conclave



Tuesday September 22, 20
Grand Council R. & S. M.
Annual Assembly



Wednesday September 23, 20
Grand Chapter R.A.M.
Annual Convocation

	Hospitality Room	Men's Lunches	Ladies' Luncheons
<i>Commandery</i>	9-20-20 Noon-4:00 p.m. And after Memorial Service	9-21-20 at Noon	9-21-20 at Noon
<i>Council</i>	9-21-20 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	9-22-20 at Noon	9-22-20 at Noon
<i>Chapter</i>	9-22-20 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. And after Banquet	9-23-20 at Noon	9-23-20 at Noon

Banquets:

Memorial Service Dinner

Dress Attire

Sunday 9-20-20
 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM Memorial Service

Grand York Rite of KY Banquet

Formal Attire

Tuesday 9-22-20
 6:30 PM Doors Open
 7:00 PM Meal Served

We know that this has been a trying year but we look forward to fellowship laughs and getting our yearly business done. Hope to see you in Lexington.



2020 Grand Sessions

York Rite of Kentucky

REGISTRATION FORM

Title: _____ Name: _____

Lady (if she is accompanying you): _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ zip _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Out of state Jurisdiction _____

(Do not enclose your voting Credentials with this form.)

Please Mark nights you will be staying at hotel

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
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(You will need to make your own reservation with Embassy Suites Lexington by Aug. 16th)

WILL BE ATTENDING:

Monday September 21, 2020 Grand Commandery of KY Conclave _____

Tuesday September 22, 2020 Grand Council of KY Assembly _____

Wednesday September 23, 2020 Grand Chapter of KY Convocation _____

If you are attending Grand Sessions even if you do not order meals please return this form so that we know how many people to plan for. Thank you in advance.



MEAL ORDER FORM

Title: _____ Name: _____

**Meal ticket reservations due in to Grand Recorder by September 6th
Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs the hotel will provide
a suitable option.**

	# of Tickets	Price per Ticket	Total
<u>Sunday September 20, 2020</u> Memorial Service Banquet		\$40.00	\$
<u>Monday September 21, 2020</u> Sir Knights Lunch		\$25.00	\$
<u>Monday September 21, 2020</u> Commandery Lady's Luncheon		\$25.00	\$
<u>Tuesday September 22, 2020</u> Companions Lunch		\$25.00	\$
<u>Tuesday September 22, 2020</u> Council Lady's Luncheon		\$25.00	\$
<u>Tuesday September 22, 2020</u> York Rite Banquet		\$40.00	\$
<u>Wednesday September 23, 2020</u> Men's Fellowship Lunch		\$25.00	\$
<u>Wednesday September 23, 2020</u> Chapter Lady's Luncheon		\$25.00	\$
<u>Total of all tickets</u> _____		----	\$

Tickets will be available when you sign in see you there.

Mail to:

James King
Grand Secretary/Recorder
400 N. 4th Street
Danville, KY 40422

If you're ordering meals. Enclose your payment for meals with this form.

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