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Message from the Grand High Priest



Greetings Companions.

I recently attended the Grand Lodge Educational Webinar; I found it to be quite good. The several presenters raise several points of interest concerning Lodge membership. They discussed the ebb and flow of membership over

the past 200 years. The reason for lodge membership growth was also discussed.

One idea that was proposed is the exclusivity of the membership in the Lodge. Is the Lodge still worthy of being exclusive, do we really offer our members something special? Do we teach our new members what it means to be a Royal Arch Mason? Is all we do, is show-up, open Chapter, read the minutes, pay the bills, close (hopefully in full form) and go home? Is this all it means to be a Royal Arch Mason? Do we ourselves know what it means to be a Royal Arch Mason? If we don't, then our Chapters are in danger of going out existence.

This is not the letter I had wanted write this month. I wanted to write about the good things happening in the State, but I needed to bring out the points above in order to get the readers thinking about the future of the Royal Arch.

There are good things happening about the State. Paintsville Chapter held a one-day festival Exalting several companions to the Royal Arch Degree. On February 1st Glasgow will be holding a Festival of Royal Arch and Council degrees.

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On February 20th it is my understanding that Apperson Chapter located in Ashland, Ky. will be having a Mark Master degree with 15 brothers taking the degree.

During my travels I have been received warmly and with good companionship.

Thanks to my companions for everything.

Fraternally,

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*



CMMRF BENEFIT DINNER

Saturday, April 4, 2020

5 PM

Tickets \$30

Available from any Grand Council Officer
Must be purchased by March 15th 2020.

LOCATION

South Kentucky RECC
200 Electric Ave
Somerset, Kentucky 42501

Hosted by Somerset Council No 68

From the Grand Secretary's Desk



Companions and
Sir Knights,

As we all know
time passes by
quickly and
before you know
it, it will be time
to recommend
those who have
distinguished
themselves as
outstanding
Masons for

awards to recognize their service. Please remember that many of the distinguished Masons will be overlooked if you do not make the recommendation to the Grand Body for the award, so please be willing to fill out the form recommending them and submit it to the grand office in a timely manner.

The grand Chapter has available the Bronze Service Medal from General Grand Chapter and the Lifetime Service Sward offered by the Grand Chapter of Kentucky for someone who has dedicated 20 years or more of service; the Council can offer the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award and the Youth Award for someone who has excelled in youth programs as an adult leader and the Commandery offers the Knight Templar Cross of Honor and the Conrad Cates Service Award.

Gentlemen this is our only opportunity to recognize some of these outstanding Masons. Please do not let them get overlooked by not recommending them.

Fraternally,

James King Jr.
Grand Secretary/Recorder

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

From the Editor

Greetings, Companions!

Two really sure sign of coming spring are the arrival of the seed catalogs and the notices that 'We need to practice; inspection is coming up!' Some of you have already had the pleasure of going through that annual ritual, and I hope you did well. Please, please, please, welcome the Inspectors and visiting Grand Officers; make them feel at home. I know from experience that the vast majority of Kentucky's York Rite Masons and bodies are the kind of folks who are welcoming and friendly. I've also been an Inspector, and 'I've traveled some.' A welcoming handshake and a friendly face are always appreciated after being on the road for, sometimes, several hours.

The Council and Commandery in Maysville are off and running. They received their dispensations on the 15th of this month and conferred the Council degrees that evening. By all reports, it was an enjoyable evening. I understand they are in need of some paraphernalia so if you have any Council or Commandery equipment laying around that you're not using, get up with Eric Creech or Greg England. We have an article from MIGM Tom Bustle relative to that event a few pages on, and we have pictures. Some of you may have seen them on Facebook already, but as we have a number of subscribers who aren't Facebookers, we try to share.

We extend our condolences to the families of Past Grand Commander Ray Swanson and Past Grand Master Tom Dicken. Both men will be missed. I only had opportunity to meet PGM Dicken one time that I'm aware of, but had the privilege to serve with Ray in the Grand Commandery line, and to also get acquainted with Sue. They were and are special people and our prayers go out especially to Sue and the family.

Keep the cards and letters coming, folks, and the pictures. You, our readers, are where the majority of our newsletter comes from; I mostly just compile. Along those lines, if you have anything you'd like to see in the Kentucky Supplement to the Knights Templar Magazine, send that to me as well.

Fraternally,

Randall Partin, Editor

Message from the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky



DO YOU HAVE A DOLLAR?

I stopped for gas one evening and as I started pumping my gas, I was approached by a young man who asked if I could give him a dollar. By the clothes he was wearing, I immediately assumed he was needing the money to buy drugs or alcohol. I told him I didn't have any money and went back to pumping my gas. He walked away from me and sat on the edge of the sidewalk in front of the service station. I finished pumping my gas, feeling guilty for refusing this young man. How could I know if he was truly in need or not? I checked my wallet and had two dollars left. I drove over to where he was sitting and gave him the two dollars. He was overjoyed and immediately went inside and got him something to eat. I drove away thinking I almost refused a person some food. I kept thinking of the verse in Proverbs 3:27 that states, "withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." I thought of this verse all the way home.

Too often, we as Christians, and as Masons, are too quick to judge and decide not to give where it is needed. I know that many times I have turned my back because I had already decided that I didn't need to get involved either in a situation or with an individual. Jesus told us to "Love one another, and to love our neighbor as our self." If we follow the teachings of Jesus we are compelled to love. It's kinda hard to turn your back when Jesus is telling us to have love one for another. That man or woman we see on the street is one of God's creations just as we are. A friend of mine once said "God don't make no junk". Every person we meet is one of God's creations. If we love God, we love his creation.

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Sometimes we are reluctant to give aid to a street person because we say, " we don't want to support their habit." Sounds like a pretty good reason, but Jesus taught us to love and not be judgmental. I wonder sometimes if at the great judgement day we will be held accountable for every time we say no. Just food for thought.

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day. It is a day we show love for our sweethearts. Why not make it a day to show love to our fellowman? As Christians we are compelled to love; As Masons we are obligated to show love.

So when you look at the man or woman in the mirror tonight will you be able to say you loved today? Can you look that person in the eye and smile with a peace that only comes from knowing Jesus? Think of it this way; when you turn your back on someone in need; Are you turning your back on Jesus?

Have a Blessed Day!

Don Powell, PGHP

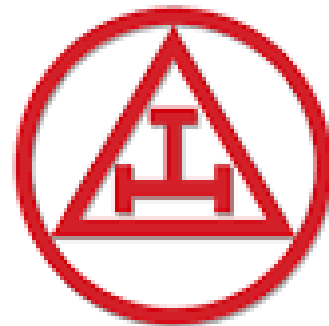
Grand Chaplain

Grand Chapter of Kentucky, RAM

ON LEADERSHIP

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

— Benjamin Franklin."



THE MORE YOU KNOW

Dr. Mackey's 'Encyclopedia of Freemasonry' again provides us with our Educational segment this month. The following article, while discussing a topic that at least should be familiar to our readers, reveals the antiquity of the practice and sheds more light on the significance of a certain part of the ritual of the Order of the Temple. - Editor

Clean Hands. Clean hands are a symbol of purity. The psalmist says, "that he only shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or shall stand in his holy place, who hath clean hands and a pure heart." Hence, the washing of the hands is an outward sign of an internal purification; and the psalmist says in another place, "I will wash my hands in innocence. And I will encompass thine altar, Jehovah."

In the Ancient Mysteries the washing of the hands was always an introductory ceremony to the initiation; and, of course, it was used symbolically to indicate the necessity of purity from crime as a qualification of those who sought admission into the sacred rites; and hence, on a temple in the Island of Crete, this inscription was placed: "Cleanse your feet, wash your hands, and then enter."

Indeed, the washing of hands, as symbolic of purity, was among the ancients a peculiarly religious rite. No one dared to pray to the gods until he had cleansed his hands. Thus, Homer makes Hector say:

*"I dread with unwashed hands to bring
My incensed wine to Jove an offering."*

In a similar spirit of religion, Aeneas, when leaving burning Troy, refuses to enter the Temple of Ceres until his hands, polluted by recent strife, had been washed in the living stream.

*"In me, now fresh from war and recent strife,
'Tis impious the sacred things to touch,
Till in the living stream myself I bathe."*

The same practice prevailed among the Jews, and a striking instance of the symbolism is exhibited in that well-known action of Pilate, who, when the Jews clamored for Jesus that they might crucify him, appeared before the people, and, having taken water, washed his hands, saying at the same time, "I am innocent of the blood of this just man, see ye to it."
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The white gloves worn by Masons as a part of their clothing, alluded to this symbolizing of clean hands; and what in some of the high degrees has been called "Masonic Baptism" is nothing else but the symbolizing, by a ceremony, this doctrine of clean hands as the sign of a pure heart.



Upcoming Degree Work and Events (as we have it)

- 2/15/2020 – Glasgow Commandery Orders
- 2/20/2020 – Ashland Mark Master Degree
- 4/4/2020 – CMMRF Dinner - Somerset
- 4/22/2020 – Order of the Temple - Louisville
- 7/11/2020- West Kentucky Festival – Paducah
- 7/18/2020 – RARA Dinner - Danville

The Real Freemason

The following definition of Masonic character is said to have appeared in an 1823 edition of the Farmer's Almanac that was published in Andover, Massachusetts.

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment that the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world.

A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine, except those written in the heart by the fingers of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same.

He kneels before the throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received; and in humble solicitations for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions; he disturbs not the religion of others.

He restrains his passions because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense because he does not choose to be offended. He is honest upon principle.

Chapter Inspection Schedule (Corrected 11/14/19)

| Area | Chapter | Location | Date | DDGHP |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 | Lindsey No 69 | Mayfield | 2/11/2020 | Glenn D Barker |
| 1 | Paducah No. 30 | Paducah | 2/25/2020 | Glenn D Barker |
| 3 | B Graham No. 80 | Franklin | 3/3/2020 | David Puckett |
| 5 | B Shelbyville No 2 | Shelbyville | 3/5/2020 | Joseph Giles |
| 7 | B Apperson No. 81 | Ashland | 3/5/2020 | Paul Davis |
| 5 | A Bullitt No. 44 | Shepherdsville | 3/7/2020 | John Johnson |
| 2 | Oriental No. 14 | Princeton | 3/10/2020 | Miles Ward |
| 3 | A Jo Daviess No. 32 | Owensboro | 3/10/2020 | James Reynolds |
| 3 | B Bowling Green No. 38 | Bowling Green | 3/10/2020 | David Puckett |
| 6 | Cynthiana | Cynthiana | 3/10/2020 | Jeffery Smith |
| 8 | Ken-Tenn No. 148 | Williamsburg | 3/10/2020 | Mark Gibson |
| 5 | B Carroll No. 55 | Carrollton | 3/16/2020 | Joseph Giles |
| 3 | B Russellville No. 8 | Russellville | 3/17/2020 | David Puckett |
| 5 | A King Solomon No. 5 | Louisville | 3/18/2020 | John Johnson |
| 6 | Ft Thomas No. 177 | Ft Thomas | 3/19/2020 | Jeffery Smith |
| 5 | B Frankfort No 3 | Frankfort | 3/19/2020 | Joseph Giles |
| 7 | B Morehead No. 168 | Morehead | 3/21/2020 | Paul Davis |
| 5 | A Iroquois No. 193 | Louisville | 3/25/2020 | John Johnson |
| 4 | B Taylor No. 90 | Campbellsville | 4/2/2020 | Thomas Brown |
| 9 | B Jackson No. 160 | Jackson | 4/2/2020 | Anthony Skeans |
| 4 | A Daviess No. 29 | Harrodsburg | 4/6/2020 | Bob Davis |
| 7 | A Richmond No. 16 | Richmond | 4/7/2020 | Steve Talbott |
| 4 | A Hardin No. 195 | Elizabethtown | 4/9/2020 | Bob Davis |
| 9 | A Jenkins No. 164 | Jenkins | 4/9/2020 | Bobby Balthus |
| 7 | B Louisa No. 95 | Louisa | 4/13/2020 | Paul Davis |
| 9 | A Pikeville No. 133 | Pikeville | 4/13/2020 | Bobby Balthus |
| 3 | B Glasgow No.45 | Glasgow | 4/14/2020 | David Puckett |
| 7 | A Irvine No. 42 | Irvine | 4/14/2020 | Steve Talbott |
| 8 | Harlan No. 165 | Harlan | 4/14/2020 | Mark Gibson |
| 4 | A Rowan No. 31 | Bardstown | 4/16/2020 | Bob Davis |
| 9 | B Paintsville No. 131 | Paintsville | 4/16/2020 | Anthony Skeans |
| 5 | B Lawrenceburg No. 138 | Lawrenceburg | 4/20/2020 | Joseph Giles |
| 8 | Somerset No. 25 | Somerset | 4/23/2020 | Mark Gibson |
| 6 | Temple No. 172 | Newport | 4/26/2020 | Jeffery Smith |
| 4 | B Greensburg No. 36 | Greensburg | 4/27/2020 | Thomas Brown |
| 8 | Monticello No. 152 | Monticello | 4/27/2020 | Mark Gibson |
| 3 | B Scottsville No. 171 | Scottsville | 4/27/2020 | David Puckett |
| 3 | A Western Star No 20 | Hardinsburg | 4/28/2020 | James Reynolds |
| 7 | A Winchester No. 12 | Winchester | 4/28/2020 | Steve Talbott |
| 6 | Covington No. 35 | Covington | 5/9/2020 | Jeffery Smith |
| 7 | A Lexington No. 1 | Lexington | 5/14/2020 | Steve Talbott |
| 9 | B Prestonsburg No. 182 | Prestonsburg | 5/14/2020 | Anthony Skeans |
| 6 | Maysville No. 9 | Maysville | 5/20/2020 | Jeffery Smith |
| 4 | B Edmonds No. 83 | Lebanon | 5/28/2020 | Thomas Brown |



Sir Knight Raymond P. Swanson

June 29, 1940 – January 29, 2020

Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky
2015 - 2016

A native of New York, Sir Knight Raymond P. Swanson was raised a Master Mason on March 02, 2007 in Pewee Valley Lodge No. 829. He affiliated with Harry R. Kendall No. 750 in May of that same year, and went through the chairs there, serving as Master in 2012 and again in 2015.

Ray began his York Rite journey through the Louisville York Rite bodies in May of 2007. He was Exalted in King Solomon Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons on September 19; Greeted in Louisville Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters on October 17, and Knighted in Louisville DeMolay Commandery No. 12 on February 23, 2008. He served as High Priest in 2010-11 and 2011-12, Illustrious Master in 2009-10, and Commander in 2009-10.

Elected Grand Captain General at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky on September 17, 2012, Sir Knight Ray would be elected Grand Commander three years later, on September 21, 2015.

In 2010, he was awarded the Grand Encampment Knight Commander of the Temple Award.

Commander Raymond Peter Swanson, was a much-decorated US Navy veteran, retiring after thirty-one years of service. He was the Commanding Officer of the Naval Ordnance Station in Louisville, KY when he retired in 1989.

Requiescat in pace





Rev. Thomas E. Dicken

November 16, 1931 - January 5, 2020.

Most Worshipful Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Kentucky
1973-1974

Thomas E. Dicken was raised a Master Mason on June 20, 1959 in Falls of Rough Lodge No. 901. He served as Master of Barker Lodge No. 129 in 1967, Master of Albany Lodge No. 206 in 1986 and Master of Cumberland Lodge No. 413 in 2001. He was also a member of Monticello Lodge No. 431 where he served as Chaplin in 2011. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of District thirteen for 1967-68 and as Grand Chaplain in 1965-66. He was elected Grand Junior Warden at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October of 1970, and Grand Master in October of 1973.

He was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in 1964 in Vine Grove Chapter No. 145, Greeted at Hocker Council No. 89, Royal and Select Masters, at Vine Grove, in 1972 and received the Orders of Knighthood in Elizabethtown Commandery, Elizabethtown, in 1969. He was a member of Kosair Shrine in Louisville, a member of the Valley of Louisville, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he was Coroneted an Inspector General Honorary of the 33rd Degree in November of 2007, and Barker Chapter No. 79, Order of the Eastern Star where he served as Worthy Patron.

Reverend Dicken was educated in the public schools of Clinton County, later earning an Associate of Arts Degree from Lindsay Wilson Junior College and a Bachelor of Arts from Kentucky Wesleyan College. He received a license to preach from the United Methodist Church in 1952 and was ordained an Elder of the Church in 1965.

He was a veteran of the US Army, serving from 1954-1956. He was united in marriage to Alene Davis Dicken on December 21, 1963. Mrs. Dickens survives.

“Drawing designs on the trestle board, laboring among the craft, and spreading the mortar of brotherly love, relief, and truth, our Grand Master continues ‘Progressively Promoting Masonry’” - Committee on Biography, 1974.



(Compiled from the 1974 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky membership database, and the York Rite of Kentucky membership database.)

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Kentucky

Message from the Grand Master



Companions,

I bring you greetings from the Grand Council of Kentucky. The new year as started off with some very busy and exciting times for York Rite Masonry in Kentucky. For the first time in many years The Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Kentucky was adding a new Council. On January 15th The Grand Council opened in Maysville for the purpose of opening a new Council of Royal & Select Masters Under Dispensation. A charter was granted to Simon Kenton Council of Royal & Select Master UD. Upon receiving their charter the Companions went to work and preformed degree work in both the Royal & Select Masters degrees on several Companions.

After the degree work was done I had the honor and pleasure to install the new officers. It was exciting to see the mixture of old and new Royal & Select Masters willing to take on the responsibility of leadership and hard work to lead this new council.

I pledge my support and the support of the Grand Council of Kentucky to Illustrious Master Eric Creech and all of the officers of Simon Kenton Council in this great undertaking and I ask all Companions and Councils across the state to do the same. Companions they will be needing paraphernalia to work with. If any Council has any extra that they are willing to give them let Companion Eric know. The following is a list of the officers.

Illustrious Master: Eric Creech
Deputy Master: Jim Fletcher
Principal Conductor of the Work: Keith Lewis
Captain of the Guard: Adam Schwed
Recorder/ Treasurer: Greg England
Conductor of the Council: Jimmy Powell
Steward: Randy Cooper
Sentinel: Brad Drew
Chaplin: Ricky L. Elliott

Companions there is a lot of hard work that takes place before you can start a new Council. It takes 27 companions to start a new Council. I want to thank Companion Greg England for all the hard work he put in to make this happen. I would like to thank all of the Grand Council Officers and the Companions who answered the call to come and assist me in opening Council and installing the new officer's; Thank you for your commitment to the York Rite.

Companions, I also want to thank the Companions of Paintsville and Glasgow for the hard work they done this month putting on one day festivals. There were several new Companions added to our ranks this month due to the commitment of these Companions to pass on more light to other masons. Companions, mentor and make an extra effort to get these new Companions involved in the York Rite. Give them a reason to want to come back and be a part of what we do.

Fraternally,

Thomas Bustle

Most Illustrious Grand Master

Maysville Council and Commandery Charter Ceremonies



VISITING DIGNITARIES



MARVIN BLAINE, REGC



MIGM TOM BUSTLE (L) AND ERIC CREECH, IM



COUNCIL DAIS OFFICERS



COMMANDERY DAIS OFFICERS



BILL JACKSON, VEDGC AND GREG ENGLAND, COMMANDER



LIMESTONE COMMANDERY CHARTER PRESENTATION



SIMON KENTON COUNCIL CHARTER PRESENTATION



SIMON KENTON COUNCIL OFFICERS



Continuing the York Rite Journey



Ryan Commandery No 17 - January 9, 2020
Conferral of the Order of the Temple. Congratulations to Sir Knight Doug Lamb, and welcome to our Valiant and Magnanimous Order. *(Photo Greg Raque)*



Morehead Commandery No 53 - January 11, 2020
Conferral of the Order of the Temple. Congratulations to Sir Knights Brandon Tharp and Chris Taulbee. Welcome to our Valiant and Magnanimous Order. *(Photo Greg Raque)*



Ken-Tenn Chapter No. 148 (Williamsburg) - January 13, 2020
 Conferral of the Royal Arch Degree. Welcome to newly Exalted Companions Larry Bunch, Scott Partin, and Howard Fuston. *(Photo Carl Jones)*



Glasgow York Rite Festival Chapter/Council Degrees – February 1, 2020
 “Thanks to West Kentucky York Rite Sovereign College No 157 who conferred all the Council work.” Congratulations to new companions John Crow, Shelbyville; Tim France, Rodney Adkins, Travis Ausland, Adam Ausland, Adam Fagan, Mark Bradley, all from Owensboro; and Kyle Kelsay and Brad Kelsay from Glasgow.



Lindsay Chapter No. 69 (Mayfield) – January 13, 2020
Conferral of Most Excellent Master Degree. *(Photo Rick Tyler)*



Paducah Chapter No. 30 – January 28, 2020
Conferral of Royal Arch Degree. Congratulations Companion John Bean.



Conferral of Past and Most Excellent Master Degrees, January 15, 2020

King Solomon No. 5, Bullitt No. 44 and Iroquois No. 193

Congratulations to Companions David Boone, Shannon Dingus, Brian Merritt and Justin Robinson.



Conferral of the Royal Arch Degree, January 22, 2020. (Photos Greg Raque)



Chapter/Council Degrees – January 18, 2020

PAINTSVILLE WINTER FESTIVAL

Congratulations to new Companions/Sir Knights and to Paintsville on another successful Festival.



Commandery Orders – February 1, 2020
Congratulations to the 12 new Knights



Knight Templar
Uniform prior to 1862.
Owned and worn by Sir
Knight W^m Hunt who
died January 15th 1892.
Presented to Maysville
Commandery N^o 10 by his
Widow January 25th 1892.



The (Paintsville) festival was culminated with the return of an artifact from the original Maysville Commandery. The original Knight Templar uniform was returned to Commander Greg England. When the original Maysville Commandery went defunct the regalia was transferred to the Paintsville Commandery; returning a piece of their history was an honor. (From posting on Paintsville York Rite Facebook page – Editor)

*Thanks to **Paintsville Commandery** for posting and sharing this bit of Kentucky Templar history. The image on the right shows a similar uniform in use. (The gentleman pictured is not Sir Knight Hunt. – Ed)*



The York Rite at Work



Blue Grass York Rite College No. 104 conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree at Lancaster Lodge.
(photo by George Arnold)



Blue Grass York Rite College No. 104 meeting in Williamsburg on January 31, 2020. Congratulations to new members Pascual White and Don Moses. (photo by editor)



The York Rite at Work

Knights Templar Easter Pilgrimage

April 10 - 12, 2020

The 90th Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia



7:00 AM Friday morning, April 10, 2020. Depart Louisville-DeMolay Commandery #12

Approximately 8:30 AM Stop at Embassy Suites, Lexington to pick up attendees from that area.

Friday evening arrive Alexandria, dinner is on your own.

We are finalizing the details for the Saturday Outing.

7:00 AM Sunday April 12, 2020. Easter Sunrise Service on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Following the service, return to hotel, change, and board the bus for home.

Cost for this year's trip is \$250 per person, double occupancy or \$375 single.

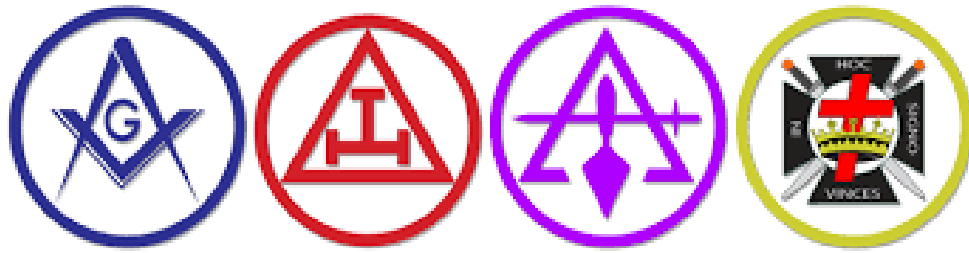
Send checks to Jim King, Grand Recorder at 400 N. 4th Street, Danville, KY 40422. (859) 209-4120.

Sitting Commanders will have half of the fee subsidized by the Grand Commandery, provided their Commandery will pay the other half.

Family members are welcome.

If you have any questions or for additional information contact Sir Knight Bill Ryan (502) 836-1123.





GLASGOW YORK RITE FESTIVAL

Commandery Orders

Saturday, February 15, 2020

9:00 AM CST

Contact Herb Hess for additional information

kj4cmg@gmail.com

270-427-8645



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Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.



Please Support and Participate in the following Events and Programs

2019 DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

The Grand Encampment Department Conferences are open to all Knights.

EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

March 13-14, 2020, HILTON FORT WAYNE

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Registration deadline February 15, 2020

Including the Leadership Training Program

Contact any Grand York Rite Officer for information on participating in the Leadership Training Program or contact the Editor. You must be pre-registered to attend.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation 52nd Annual Voluntary Campaign

The 52nd Annual Voluntary Campaign period will extend from *October 1, 2019 through April 3, 2020*. Please assist your Commandery to the best of your ability.

The 51st Annual Campaign, which ended May 15, 2019, raised a total of \$1,756,414.39. **Kentucky contributed \$30,200** (\$10,000 came from Kosair Charities.) Our top contributing Commanderies were **Louisville DeMolay, with \$5,350**, Mayfield, with \$1,345; Richmond with \$1250; Williamsburg with \$1,230; and Ryan with \$915. A big 'Thank You' to those Commanderies in Kentucky who contributed last year, and it appears that **every commandery** did. We would also like to commend and congratulate **Williamsburg Commandery for 100% Life Membership in the Eye Foundation**; Two others are getting close: **Louisville DeMolay at 96.9% and Newport at 95.5%**

Easter Pilgrimage to Washington DC

April 10 – 12, 2020

90th ANNUAL EAST COAST EASTER OBSERVANCE

The 90th Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on *Sunday, April 12, 2020*. We will leave Louisville on Friday morning, April 10, at 7:00 am, stop in Lexington at the Embassy Suites around 8:30, to pick up travelers, and arrive in the D C area for dinner. Saturday plans include a boat ride on the Potomac River. We will return on Sunday following the Sunrise Service.

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