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Message from the Grand High Priest



Greetings Companions.

The Grand York Rite has come to a successful conclusion and there are new Grand Officers to lead our craft during the coming year. I would like to recognize my counterparts in the York Rite bodies - Most

Illustrious Grand Master Thomas Bustle, Royal and Select Masters; and Right Eminent Grand Commander Marvin Blain, Grand Commandery. I know that the coming year will be a success for all bodies.

I would like to recognize and welcome the new RE Grand Captain of the Host Greg Raque. I want to mention the other Grand officers - RE Grand King - George R. Arnold and RE Grand Scribe Wilson Wilder. Also, thanks to the following who agreed to be my appointed Grand Officers; Fred Bate - Grand Principle Sojourner; Jim Porter - Grand Royal Arch Captain; Chris Griffith, - GM third veil; William Brown - GM second veil; Ronald Dockery - GM first veil, and Larry Flowers - Grand Sentinel. There are several new Deputy Grand High Priests this year. The correct name of the Deputy for Area VIII is Mike Gibson. There was an editing error that occurred in the Committees for Work; the members are Wendall Trent, John C Williams and Robert S Cook. We also have a new Grand Treasurer, Robert Stanford. MEPGHP J.B. Hitt chose to retire. After many years of his council to me and service to the craft he will be missed.

I would like to thank the Companions for giving me the chance to lead our Royal Arch.

One of my attempts to improve attendance to the RARA Dinner will be to award 10 extra points to each Chapter that has the top four officers attend the dinner. I want to continue PGHP Ledford's two-bit companion saving a quarter a week to go to RARA or you can give me \$13.00 when I attend your Chapter.

During the past three years serving the companions my vision has changed several times; now it's time to have a final vision. We, as all fraternal organizations, suffer from lack of attendance and membership. Most people want to be associated with a winner. Is your Chapter a winner? Are you a winner? As you attend Chapter look around. Is your chapter a winner and if not, what can YOU do to make it a winner? I have come to the realization that only we as individuals can change our organization, not the Grand Chapter Officers but YOU and I working together.

Now to the DGHP and their Chapters. I have noticed several errors in the dates for the inspections. If the date of your inspection is not correct according to your stated meetings your inspection will be on the date of your meeting in the Month listed in the directory.

The Area Educational meetings will be as follows: October 19, 2019 at King Solomon Chapter in Louisville, October 26, 2019 Bowling Green Chapter, and November 23, 2019 at Paintsville. Borrowing from the Grand Lodge in an attempt to increase attendance at these meetings any Chapter that has its top four officers plus three other companions will receive an attendance award at the Grand Royal Arch Session.

Fraternally yours,

Rick Sears
MEGHP

From the Grand Secretary's Desk



Companions and Sir Knights,

As we have just concluded our grand sessions, we have had an opportunity to renew some old acquaintances and to spend time with companions from all around the state. I would like

to remind everyone that we have Area meetings planned for the chapter this fall and the Grand High Priest will offer some incentives for attendance. Also, Noel and I will be present at the three Area meetings for presentations and to answer questions. We look forward to seeing many of you at these meetings.

To the recorders in the Council, please remember when you send your dues notices to add five dollars for the dues increase as you will be billed for the extra amount next summer.

Let's all get ready for the district meetings and presentations in our lodges and try to have another good year in the York Rite for new membership.

Fraternally,

James King Jr. Grand Secretary/Recorder

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



From the Editor

Greetings, Companions!

Another Grand Session is in the books and a new slate of officers installed to lead our organizations for the next year. Congratulations to Rick, Tom, and Marvin on being elected as the heads of Chapter, Council and Commandery; Jim King on another year as Secretary/Recorder and to a new Treasurer, Robert Stanford. Our congratulations as well to Greg Raque, Eric Creech, and Miles Ward on their elections. We missed J. B. this year, and are sorry to hear of his continuing health problems. We pray that he gets better soon.

Significant legislation passed this year was the increase in dues approved in the Council; this appears to have been a necessary evil and has been addressed in previous editions. Please note the Grand Recorders' admonition to add the \$5.00 increase to your dues notices this year.

We only have a few pictures from Sessions in this edition, but hope to have more next month, along with more details of the meetings.



On a personal note, I greatly appreciate the Distinguished Service Award presented me by the Grand Chapter – Thank you, to Ken-Tenn Chapter for nominating me, to the Committee for feeling that my work as editor of this publication was worth the award, and to Companion Ron for agreeing with them. The people that I know who have received these kinds of rewards are not

generally working to be recognized, but rather work for the betterment of the organization. I am honored to be named as one of their number, and hope that I prove worthy.

There are a lot of things going on this month; check out the list as we currently have it, and a lot of things are being posted on Facebook. Attend, support, and promote everywhere you can. It is good to see increasing enthusiasm for York Rite Masonry across the state.

Fraternally,

Randall Partin, Editor

The newly elected leaders of Kentucky York Rite Masonry



Rick Sears

Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Kentucky
Royal Arch Masons



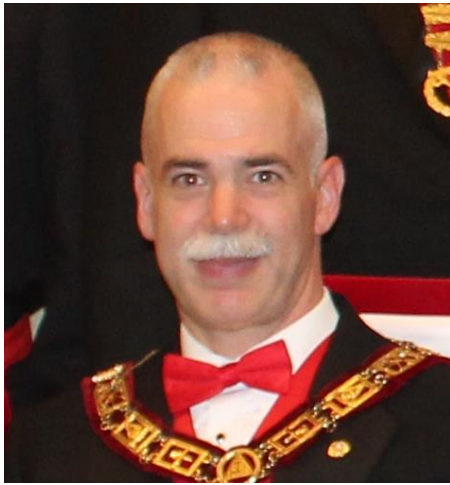
Tom Bustle

Grand Illustrious Master
Grand Council of Kentucky,
Royal and Select Masters



Marvin S. Blaine
Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of
Knights Templar of Kentucky

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Grand line



Greg Raque

Grand Captain of the Host
Grand Chapter of Kentucky
Royal Arch Masons



Eric Creech

Grand Captain of the Guard
Grand Council of Kentucky,
Royal and Select Masters



Miles R. Ward

Grand Captain General
Grand Commandery of
Knights Templar of Kentucky



The Grand Chapter of
Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons
2019-2020



The Grand Council of
Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters
2019-2020



The Grand Commandery of
Knights Templar of
Kentucky
2019-2020

Continuing the York Rite Journey



Chapter Work at Monticello, September 23, 2019. Photo submitted by George Arnold



Jo Davies Chapter No. 32, Owensboro, welcomes 5 new Brothers with the conferral of the Mark and Past Master Degrees. Congratulations to Brothers Travis Ausland, Eric Fagan, Adam Fagan, Rodney Adkins, and Mark Bradley. Thank you to our distinguished guests. And special thanks to REGCOH Greg Raque for delivering the PM degree. Submitted by Jon Grantham



*Most Excellent Master's Degree at Richmond Chapter No. 16 and new member Daniel Cotton. October 1, 2019
Photo by Greg Raque*



Jefferson Commandery No. 54 and Louisville DeMolay Commandery No. 12 conferred the full form Order of the Red Cross on September 25, 2019. Pictured is Companion Randolph Starks. Photo by Greg Raque (Facebook)



Continuing the York Rite Journey



Welcome to Companions Preston Cundiff and Dylan Hancock, exalted by Taylor Chapter No 90 (Campbellville) on October 3, 2019. Photo submitted by Greg Raque (Facebook)



Frankfort Chapter No. 3, September 19, 2019. Congratulations to newly exalted Companion Tony Gates. Photo by Greg Raque. (Facebook)



The York Rite at Work



*Left, Stephen Hill,
MIGM Ohio,
Center, Charles Durham,
MIGM Kentucky*

*Right, David C. Ulrich,
MIGM Indiana*

*Back, Tom Bustle,
MIGM-Elect Kentucky*

*Grand Council Session,
September 7, 2019*

(Submitted by Charles Durham)

Bruce Outlaw, left District Deputy Grand Master, District 6; Jimmy Horne, District 5; and Jon Grantham, District 7, at the Grand Lodge of Kentucky District Deputy Training. Congratulations to these and all of our District Deputies.



MIGM Charles Durham presenting Companion Ron Dockery with his Proficiency Certificate and Card.

Submitted by Bruce Outlaw

The York Rite at Work



Companion Bruce Outlaw receives his Honorary Super-Excellent Ritualist Award from MIPGM Charles Durham. Congratulations, Bruce! Submitted by Jon Grantham

Scottsville Chapter and Council meeting, September 24, 2019. Photo submitted by George Arnold.



*Masters' Station at Scottsville Lodge
Created by Companion Gary York (pictured)
Photo submitted by George Arnold*



The York Rite at Work

Credentials Committees on Sunday of Grand Sessions



CHAPTER
Companions
Patrick Young
and
Bill Brown



COUNCIL
Companions
Ron Dockery
and
David Puckett
(registering - Jim Wall)



COMMANDERY
Sir Knights
Larry Flowers
and
Bob Balthis

Photos by Editor

*Words of wisdom from the old knight –
Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.*



GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY AREA EDUCATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Areas 4, 5 & 6

October 19, 2019

10:00 AM

Louisville-DeMolay Commandery Asylum

1410 Gardiner Lane

Watterson Park, Kentucky

Hosted by Iroquois Chapter No. 193

Areas 1, 2, 3A & 3B

October 26, 2019

10:00 AM Central

Bowling Green Lodge No. 73

1601 Western Avenue

Bowling Green, Kentucky

Hosted by Bowling Green Chapter No. 38

Areas 7A, 7B, 8 & 9

November 23, 2019

10:00 AM

Paintsville Lodge No. 381

408 2nd Street

Paintsville, Kentucky

Hosted by Paintsville Chapter No. 131

Meeting Topics will include

- A discussion of the historical relationship between the Royal Arch and the Symbolic Lodge, presented by Bill Riggs;
- Workings of the Grand Secretary's Office and use and importance of the KYRIS database, presented by Jim King/Noel Sloan;
- Chapter Protocol and other miscellaneous items, presented by Rick Sears, MEGHP;
- Answers to YOUR questions.



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



Please Support and Participate in the following Events and Programs

2019 DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

The 2019 Grand Encampment Department Conferences are open to all Sir Knights.

EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

March 2020

Including the Leadership Training Program

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation 52nd Annual Voluntary Campaign

The 52nd Annual Voluntary Campaign period will extend from *October 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020*. I ask each loyal Templar to assist his Commandery to the best of his ability. The 51st Annual Campaign, which ended April 30, 2019, raised a total of \$1,756,414.39

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*. The bus will leave Louisville on Friday morning, stop in Lexington, and arrive in the D C area for dinner. Saturday plans include a boat ride on the Potomac River.

Upcoming Degree Work and Events

The following list is as provided by various Companions and Sir Knights across the Commonwealth. If your organization is planning to confer the degrees or orders, please let me know so that I can put it in the Keystone.

- 10/17 – Frankfort Council Degrees
- 10/19 – Chapter Area Meeting, Louisville
- 10/20 – Grand Lodge, Louisville
- 10/22 – Winchester Royal Arch Degree
- 10/26 – Chapter Area Meeting, Bowling Green
- 10/27 – Morehead Chapter 100 Year Anniversary
- 11/23 – Chapter Area Meeting, Paintsville
- 11/23 – Grand Officers Reception, Danville
- 2/1/2020 – Glasgow Chapter/Council Degrees
- 2/15/2020 – Glasgow Commandery Orders
- 7/11/2020- West Kentucky Festival - Paducah

Acknowledgments

- *Photos – Bruce Outlaw, George Ralph Arnold, Greg Raque, Noel Sloan, Charles Durham*

GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY

Inspection Schedule

Provided by Greg Raque

| Area | Chapter | Location | Date | DDGHP |
|------|------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| 2 | Madisonville No. 123 | Madisonville | 11/26/2019 | Miles Ward |
| 4 | B W. R. Shelby No. 4 | Danville | 1/23/2020 | Thomas Brown |
| 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 |
| 7 | B Morehead No. 168 | Morehead | 3/21/2020 | Paul Davis |
| 5 | A Iroquois No. 193 | Louisville | 3/25/2020 | John Johnson |



Rick Sears, Grand High Priest presents Glenn Gray, High Priest of Bullitt Chapter No 44 with the Charles K.A. McGaughey Award for being the highest scoring Chapter on last years' Inspections.

Congratulations to the Companions of Bullitt Chapter No 44.

Reception and Dinner

In Honor of

GEARY F. LAIRD, GRAND MASTER
Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.&A.M.

Saturday, November 2, 2019
Social Hour at 5:30 pm - Dinner at 6:30 pm

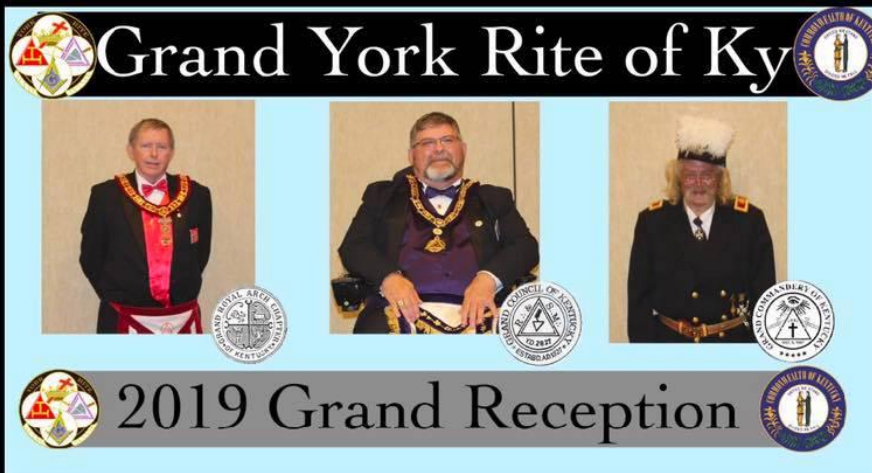
Kosair Shrine Center - 4120 Bardstown Road - Louisville, KY 40218

Tickets \$25 per person - payable to Shawnee Lodge

RSVP by October 30, 2019

For additional info contact:

Pierre Janssen 502-262-8630 / Fred Mathis 502-797-4856 / John Grider 606-706-5124



Grand York Rite of Ky

2019 Grand Reception

The graphic features three men in Masonic regalia. The man on the left is wearing a black jacket with a red sash and a gold chain. The man in the center is wearing a black jacket with a purple sash and a gold chain. The man on the right is wearing a black jacket with a white sash and a white turban. Below each man is a circular seal of a lodge. The seals include the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the Grand Council of the Grand York Rite of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the Grand Chapter of the Grand York Rite of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Graphic by Greg Raque

Saturday, November 23, 2019

6:00 PM

*The Showroom
2405 Lebanon Road
Danville, KY 40422*

Tickets \$20.00

THE MORE YOU KNOW...

The following article, originally published by 'Today in Masonic History,' was submitted by Companion Miles Ward. The author, who is not identified, makes some interesting points. -Editor

FREE BORN

One of the common requirements of joining Freemasonry is being "Free Born." What does that really mean?

To understand the idea of being "Free Born" as a requirement of joining Freemasonry you have to look back into the guild lodges. For many people, particularly in the United States, it is seen as relating to slavery in pre-Civil War America. Often even Freemasons believe this is the case; it isn't, at least not directly.

Someone who is Free Born is a person who is born unencumbered by the debts of their family. In the not so distant past, it was not uncommon for families to have multi-generational debt. For the right to work a piece of land, a farmer would have to agree to a large debt that could never be paid in a single lifetime. The farmer and his family would then live and work on the land, giving a portion of the crop each year to the land owner. To pay the debt, it may go on for generations with no chance for the family to escape from the debt, and each new generation assuming the debt. There were also situations where, for various reasons, an unborn child would be apprenticed to a local tradesman, generally to pay off a debt.

Regardless what the reason may be, the concept of being Free Born, simply put, meant that you had no master that you were obligated to by contract, debt, and yes, by slavery. This goes to the common expression, "No man can serve two masters." If you were already indebted somewhere else, you could not perform the tasks needed to fulfill your apprenticeship with a tradesman. In terms of Speculative Freemasonry, this also meant that your vote in a lodge room was potentially not your own.

In theory, an unscrupulous man could fill an Operative Lodge with individuals dedicated only to him because of debt or other reasons, allowing that person to control the contracts the lodge might accept, and alter Freemasonry for their own purposes. In Speculative terms, we have seen this

happen in modern times with Italian Lodge Propaganda Due, where an individual converted the purposes of Freemasonry by controlling the individuals in the lodge.

For the most part in the western world, the idea that someone is Free Born is a given, to the point that some have called for its removal from the ritual work and as a requirement for joining the fraternity, sometimes hoping to wash away the false premise of its direct relation to slavery and racism.

It is an important reminder though, for the individual who is first knocking on the door of the lodge. It should remind all, and be stressed to all, that Free Will, which is really what we are talking about when we say Free Born, is critical to Freemasonry as a philosophy. Without Free Will we are left with blind obedience; we are left with a select few making decisions for the larger body of Freemasonry. That smaller group may or may not be working in the best interest of all involved.

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Leadership thought of the month

Leadership is All About People. Leading means communicating, influencing and engaging. Communication skills are the foundation of effective leadership. Constantly improve your relationships with people. *Anush Kostanyan*



**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE**



TEN FOR TEN CAMPAIGN

What it is – an opportunity for you to contribute to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

How does it work – You donate \$10 per month for \$10 months, or a one-time contribution of \$100

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- a Life Membership in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation
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Our goals – to send a Christian minister to the Holy Land every year

- to have every knight in Kentucky become a member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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send donations to **Larry Carte**
PO Box 2045
Williamsburg, KY 40769

On receipt of the full amount (\$100), the life memberships will be purchased in your name, and the shirt mailed to you.

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