



# THE KENTUCKY KEYSTONE

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## Message from the Grand High Priest



**G**reetings Companions.

It seems that spring has finally "sprung" and we are enjoying good weather now. The Grand Lodge District Meetings are winding down now with some good reports coming to me that interest is being generated in our bodies from them. I wish to

again thank M.W. brother Gary for allowing us to make presentations to boost all appendant bodies. There were ten new Capitular Masons exalted in Shepherdsville on April 27, and I feel some of that interest came from Lodge/District presentations.

I also want to touch on reports due in the Grand Chapter office for next year's officers and membership. Noel informed me that IRS regulations require written contact from constituent Chapters in order for our bodies to keep our tax exempt status. We also need the officers and meeting times to put in next year's directory, as this makes it much easier to plan visitations by Grand Officers and other companions.

I hope that you are also considering the name of a worthwhile Companion to nominate for our Bronze Service Medal this year. There are many good men out there who have worked tirelessly for many years for the Craft, and have not been recognized for it. I want the awards committee to have a goodly number to choose from every year and reward our hard workers. Additionally, if your candidate doesn't win this year, nominate him again next year so he can be honored.

Fraternally Thine,

Ron

*Congratulations to Office Secretary Noel King Sloan! Best of wishes from all of us!*



**The Grand York Rite Bodies  
of Kentucky**

**2019 Annual Sessions**

September 15-18  
Embassy Suites Lexington  
1801 Newtown Pike  
Lexington, KY

## *From the Grand Secretary's Desk*



Companions and Sir Knights,

Just a reminder to the secretaries and recorders, it will soon be time for you to do your annual returns. Please check your database to make sure that your membership

records are accurate.

Noel and I will be sending out annual return forms this month for you to report your officer elections. When you receive them, if you have questions concerning what you should do please contact us at the office at phone number 859-209-4120.

You may go to the Downloadable Forms and Files section of the Grand York Rite website (<http://www.yorkriteky.org/formsandfiles.htm>) for copies of the return paperwork that you may use to type your returns. This will make them much easier to read so that we will have accurate records of the officers you have elected.

Fraternally,

James King Jr.,  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

*You can reach the Grand York Rite office at 859-209-4120, or at [grandrecorderky@yahoo.com](mailto:grandrecorderky@yahoo.com)*



## **From the Editor**

Greetings, Companions!

First things first this month – congratulations to our York Rite office secretary Noel! Best wishes to you, lady, and your new husband. And congratulations to Jim and Nancy on the new son-in-law.

Our highlighted York Rite leaders this month are our Division Commanders. Again, please make a special effort to attend during inspections. It helps your local body, and a welcoming handshake and a friendly smile is especially appreciated by the Inspecting officers, whatever the body.

We conclude the ‘General Regulations’ from *Anderson's Constitutions* of 1723 this month as well. Not sure where we'll go next. We may return to Dr. Mackey's writings, or I'm currently working my way through a history of York and its relationship to Masonry that is quite interesting.

The last couple of months have been busy ones in Kentucky for ritual. Several bodies have conferred work for inspections and to bring in new members before election. I appreciate that a number of you have sent pictures for inclusion in the Keystone, and we tried to include them all in the following pages. I will be happy to include YOUR pictures there as well.

We have also included a few photos from the CMMRF dinner and the Easter Pilgrimage; two great opportunities to come together as a masonic family. I believe the CMMRF dinner raised in the neighborhood of two thousand dollars, the food was good, and the fellowship better. The Easter trip is always a good time, and from the pictures, Bill Ryan and Mike Yount did their usual excellent job in planning that. Put both of those events on your calendar for next year.

Don't forget the Holy Land Pilgrimage bike ride on May 11, and the KTEF golf scramble in July. You can find additional information in the following pages on these and other events as it is provided to us. Please continue your generous support of our philanthropies.

Fraternally,

Randall Partin, Editor



# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, Inc.

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Williamsburg Commandery recently achieved the distinction of becoming a 100 percent sponsor in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Every member in the Commandery is a KTEF Sponsor.

This is an excellent method of raising funds for a very worthwhile philanthropy, and an achievable and worthwhile goal for individual Commanderies to pursue. A thirty dollar contribution in the name of any member enrolls that member as a Life Sponsor of the Eye Foundation.

All contributions apply toward the Annual Campaign for the year in which given, and count toward the state total for that year.

There are a very few Grand Commanderies that are 100 percent sponsors, and this would be another worthwhile and achievable goal for our Grand Commandery. In 2018 Kentucky ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in total giving and 38<sup>th</sup> in per-capita giving.



## KTEF Awards Grant to University of Kentucky Researcher



Grand Commander Bill Riggs and Grand Generalissimo Bill Jackson present a Career Starter Research Grant to University of Kentucky post-doctoral researcher Dr. Oliver Voecking, PhD, on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Pictured left to right, Vincent Cassone, PhD, Project Chair of the UK Biology Department; William J. Jackson, MD, Grand Generalissimo; Dr. Voecking; J. William Riggs, Grand Commander; and Jakub Famulski, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology at UK.

Career-Starter Research Grants are for up to \$65,000 per grant. Recipients of these Grants are at the beginning of their academic careers and must have received an MD, PhD, or equivalent to qualify.

# MEET OUR YORK RITE LEADERS

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**Continuing the York Rite Journey**



*Conferral of the Royal Arch degree in Richmond Chapter No. 16 on April 2, 2019. Congratulations to Richmond Chapter and the new Companions. Grand High Priest Ron Ledford, Grand King Rick Sears, and Grand Scribe George Arnold were in attendance to assist with the work.*



# Taylor Chapter No. 90 Royal Arch Degree

Sp Adobe Spark

*Congratulations to the new Companions in Taylor Chapter. Pictured with the class, among other, are Grand Scribe George Arnold, front center and Grand Principal Sojourner Kevil Chinn. Photo courtesy of Greg Raque*



*Grand High Priest Ron Ledford and the Companions of Pikeville Chapter No. 133, Royal Arch Masons on Monday, April 8, 2019. Photo submitted by George Arnold*



*Chapter and Council class at Williamsburg on April 6, with MIGM Charles Durham and his traveling companions, as well as the Grand PCW and Grand COG of the Grand Council. A number of other distinguished visitors were present and were indispensable in conferring the work. New Companions were Exalted and Greeted for Harlan, Somerset, and Williamsburg York Rite bodies.*



*Commandery class, cast and crew at Williamsburg on April 30. New knights were dubbed for Harlan and Williamsburg York Rite bodies. Grand Generalissimo Bill Jackson and Division VIII Commander Rusty Howard were in attendance. Photo by Harvey Ray.*





*Congratulation to the 10 new Companions Exalted in Bullitt Royal Arch Chapter and 11 Greeted in Bullitt Council on April 27. Back, left above are MIGM Charles Durham and GHP Ron Ledford. Pictured with the class below are DGM Tom Bustle, front right, and PCW Mike McQueary, middle row, left.*





## Inspection Calendar

*As the Editor has it...*

### Chapter

05/09/19 - Lexington 1, Lexington  
05/09/19 - Prestonsburg 182, Prestonsburg  
05/11/19 - Covington 35, Covington  
05/15/19 - Maysville 9, Maysville  
05/23/19 - Edmonds 83, Lebanon

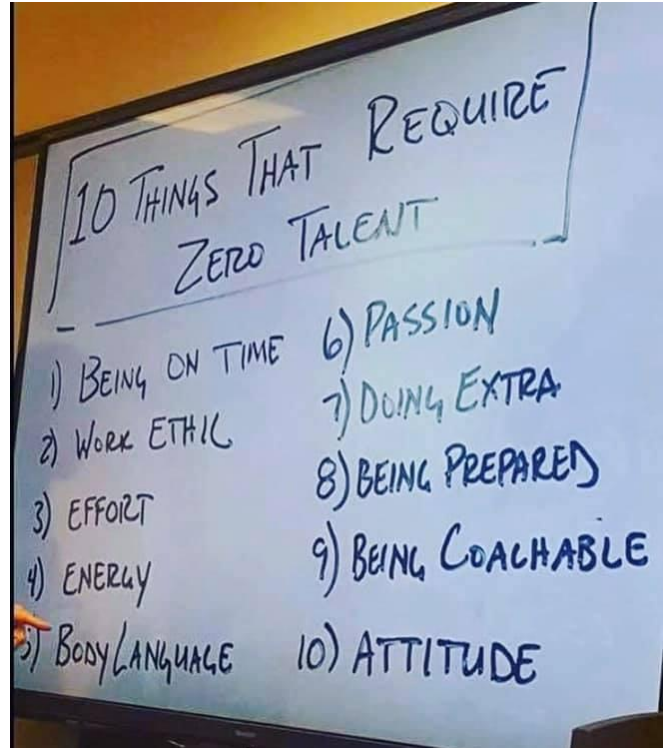
### Council

05/09/19 - P.S. Wheeler 99 @ 7:00 PM  
05/14/19 - Irvine 92, Irvine @ 7:00 PM  
05/16/19 - Everett 65 @ 7:00 PM  
05/19/19 - Washington 1, Lexington @ 7:30 PM  
05/21/19 - Morehead 45, Morehead @ 7:30 PM  
05/24/19 - Kenton 13 @ 7:30 PM

### Commandery

05/02/19 - Shelby 32, Shelbyville  
05/06/19 - Pikeville 45, Pikeville  
05/07/19 - Cynthia 16, Cynthia  
05/07/19 - Duffield 42, Harlan  
05/07/19 - Bowling Green 23, Bowling Green  
05/07/19 - Webb 1, Lexington  
05/09/19 - Conrad H. Cates 37, Elizabethtown  
05/16/19 - Jackson 47, Jackson  
05/23/19 - Somerset 31, Somerset  
05/25/19 - Covington 7, Covington  
05/28/19 - Madisonville 27, Madisonville

**A little something to think about** – ran across this and noticed that most of these are things that keep cropping up as we talk to successful lodges and successful people. Things that all of us can do that will make our organization, and ourselves better.



# Morehead York Rite Pancake Breakfast

June 1, 2019

8am to 10am

**\$6**

Morehead Lodge No 654  
746 W Main St



**Benefits**

RARA CMMRF KTEF

## Work Calendar

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 – you can email me at the address on the back page of this publication – and I will put it in the Keystone. We will also have the dates put on the calendar on the York Rite home page.

- 05/07/19 – Richmond Commandery will confer the Order of the Temple
- 05/09/19 – Jenkins Commandery will confer the Orders
- 05/11/19 - Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Motorcycle Ride, Frankfort (Contact George Brooks for information.)
- 05/25/2019 – Outdoor conferral of the Orders, Marion Commandery
- 07/20/2019 – West Kentucky York Rite Festival; Paducah York Rite Bodies
- 07/20/2019 – KTEF Golf Scramble

## **Acknowledgments**

- *Anderson's Constitution, published in London, England in 1723, republished by Benjamin Franklin in 1734, and digitized by Paul Royster at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in 2006.*
- *Holy land Pilgrimage Bike Ride – George Brooks*

## **Credits not otherwise attributed**

- *Degree work in Williamsburg – Editor*
- *Commandery Division Commanders – Grand York Rite Facebook, personal Facebook pages, and editor.*
- *CMMRF Dinner – Seth McQueary and the editor.*



Continue the York Rite Journey

## *From the Crypt*



*MIGM Charles Durham (right) presented a Council Proficiency card, certificate, and lapel pins to Companion Steve Talbott at the Chapter/Council festival in Shepherdsville on April 27. Companion Steve, a dual member of Winchester Council 75 and Washington Council 1 in Lexington, qualified for both his Chapter AND Council Proficiencies on the same night in Winchester. (Photo provided by Steve Talbott)*

Companion Steve is the 4th Companion to turn in his York Rite Council Proficiency in April; Companions Robert Henry, Larry R. Herron & Thomas Harper of Louisville Council #4 all completed their Proficiencies on April 17th. Congratulations to all!

*Charles A. Durham,  
Most Illustrious Grand Master*



**C.M.M.R.F.**

## *Grand Commander's Message*



Companions and Sir Knights,  
Often experiences are presented to us by happenstance or just plain old luck. Having just returned from the Easter Sunrise Service in Crystal City Virginia, I can tell you about one of those experiences.

Now for those who haven't ever made the trip, first let me encourage you to plan now for next year. Yes, I understand it is during Easter, and many have young children that would make the trip difficult to say the least. However, many more could find the time for this wonderful opportunity. Now during this trip, several experiences were presented to me. First is the relationship you develop with those who make the trip with you. Most often this is a good experience, but at times it can be frustrating. When twenty or so people are confined together for three days, it can present challenges to say the least. I think the bus is too cold, others think it is too hot. For some the music is too loud, but for me, and my hearing difficulty, it isn't loud enough. I don't want to visit this memorial, or eat at this particular place, but others look forward to it. And so it goes.

We often forget that all need to be accommodated. We all need to understand that everyone has different wants or needs and someone has to make the decision for all.

But then there are those positive experiences that make everything worthwhile. This year we visited Gettysburg. For me, this was a moving and sobering experience. And if you haven't made the trip there, you need to do so. Standing on Little Round Top and imaging the Army of Northern Virginia, General Lee's name for his army, trying to get up over those rocks, while being fired down upon was eye opening. And standing on the Confederate side of the open field where Pickett's Charge took place was moving. To listen to our guide describe the battle and the events leading up to it gave me chills.

The fortuitous wind to clear the field of smoke to allow the Union soldiers to see and fire upon the charging Confederate troops. Colonel Warren spotting the Confederates amassing towards Little Round Top and re-positioning Union Troops there with just minutes to spare.

Then there was the Sunrise Service itself. With Commanderies from all over the East coast marching up Shooters Hill. The banners, the plumes the sight of hundreds of Sir Knights in uniform coming together for the celebration of Christ's fulfilled promise.

And while the trip and the battle may have been luck or happenstance, the Service, noting Christ's return from the dead was planned. There was no luck involved. Everything happened as foretold and promised. And because of that promise we, as Christians, have a new pathway to his Heavenly Grace.

And just as the early Christians did not know what was to come, we do not fully know what lies ahead on this pathway. But because of the promise we move on with faith and hope.

Make plans now for the opportunity to experience the events of next year. To visit the memorials of our nation's capital and to experience the moving sight of the Easter Sunrise Service. To observe the lucky opportunities and to witness the promise of Christ, with your fellow Sir Knights.

*Courteously, J. William Riggs, KCT  
Grand Commander*





# C.M.M.R.F.



The first annual charity banquet for the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation was held Saturday, April 13th in Somerset, Kentucky. The meal was prepared by Companion Jeremy Puckett and several kind volunteers. A special thank you to all those who donated door prizes. A brief presentation was given by MIPGM Companion Doug Bunch, state CMMRF chairman. The banquet was sponsored by the Somerset York Rite Bodies, allowing all the proceeds from ticket sales to go towards the CMMRF. Williamsburg York Rite Bodies made a donation of \$5.00 per member, bringing the total donation towards the CMMRF to \$1900.00.

- Mike McQueary, Grand Principal Conductor of the Works

Additional information about CMMRF can be found at [cmmrf.org](http://cmmrf.org) and on their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CMMRF/>. Donations can be made online at [cmmrf.org](http://cmmrf.org) or sent to Doug Bunch.



Mike McQueary, Grand PCW, welcomes attendees and introduces dignitaries.



Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles Durham and Lady Wanda



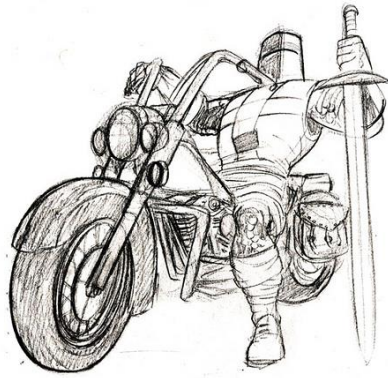
Thanks to all who came, and all who gave to support this worthwhile cause



*Somerset Council members with CMMRF State Chairman Doug Bunch*







*Contact Past Grand Commander George Brooks for more information. - Editor*

The Grand Commandery of Knight Templar and the  
Royal Arch Chapter Widows Sons Masonic Riders Association  
of Kentucky  
join together for a Benefit Ride  
for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund



Our Mission:

To send Ordained Christian Ministers,  
who would not have the opportunity  
to go to the Holy Land otherwise.

The Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage  
is a strenuous educational and spiritual study seminar &  
historical and cultural immersion experience.

May 11, 2019

Lakeview Park

Robinson Pavilion

118 Park Ave Frankfort KY

Registration 10 - to 11:45

Kickstands Up at 12 noon

\$25 per bike \$15 for extra Rider

Cars/Trucks welcome

Meal provided



## YORK RITE RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY

Grand Master Gary Rose has again given permission to the appendant bodies to make presentations at the local District Meetings. The elected leadership of all the York Rite bodies, the Grand Secretary/Recorder, the Grand Commandery Membership Committee, are united in support of this effort.

This is an excellent opportunity to help grow our organization. Approximately ten percent of the symbolic lodge memers have continued the journey through the York Rite by taking the Chapter and Council degrees and Commandery Orders. Those of us who have know how important those degrees and orders are to becoming a knowledgable member of the fraternity.

**We need your help** to make this effort succeed. Volunteers are needed to attend the District Meetings and make presentations. **YOU** can be a part of this effort.

### HERE'S HOW

- Contact Grand Secretary/Recorder Jim King at the office in Danville at 859-209-4120 or by email at [grandrecorderky@yahoo.com](mailto:grandrecorderky@yahoo.com). He will provide you with pamphlets and other information to hand out and discuss.
- Let him know what meeting(s) you plan to attend.
- Have contact information for the local York Rite bodies
- Have a schedule of degree work from our web page and this publication.
- Have Petitions and a Fees and Dues schedule with you.
- Share your experience as a York Rite Mason.

### Grand Lodge of Kentucky District Meeting Dates and Times and Published Locations

<u>Date</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Location</u>
5/4/2019	30	1:00 PM		5/18/2019	7	1:00 PM	
5/4/2019	26	7:00 PM	Clay Co High	5/18/2019	8	7:00 PM	
5/17/2019	5	7:00 PM					

# Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky

September 15, 16, 17, & 18





# 2019

Embassy Suites 1801 Newtown Pike  
Lexington, KY



## Available Kentucky York Rite Awards and Recognitions

*We are running this again this month as a reminder. Some of these awards require a signed and sealed nomination on vote of the body, but there is still time to get the process started. We have numerous highly qualified members who are deserving of these awards; dedicated men who have devoted years and effort and sweat to keeping our fraternity alive and proficient. Some of them have been nominated and not selected and not nominated again. Some have never been nominated. Please, get these men some recognition. Nominate them; then nominate them again if necessary. We can only recognize one per year, so if your man doesn't get selected this year, nominate him again next year. **All nominations must be in to the Grand Secretary/Recorder by June 30**, to ensure time for the committees to evaluate and report and the awards to be obtained before Grand Sessions. Contact the Grand Recorder's office or one of the presiding Grand Officers for questions or assistance.*

### 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.*



# GRAND ENCAMPMENT EASTER OBSERVANCE APRIL 21, 2019



*Photo submitted by Bill Jackson*



*Photo by Greg Raque*



*Photo submitted by Bill Jackson – Gettysburg tour group*



*Photo by Bill Jackson – Dinner at the Fish Market*

*Group trip to Gettysburg*



*Photos by Greg Raque, used by permission.*





*Photo by Kyle Hardin*



*Photo by Greg Raque*



*The following is the third and final installment of the GENERAL REGULATIONS from Anderson's Constitution. The Constitutions of the Free-Masons was the first masonic book published in America. - Editor*

GENERAL REGULATIONS, *Compiled first by Mr. GEORGE PAYNE, Anno 1720, when he was GRAND-MASTER, and approv'd by the GRAND-LODGE on St. John Baptist's Day, Anno 1721; at Stationer's-Hall, LONDON;*

THE  
CONSTITUTIONS  
OF THE  
**FREE-MASONS.**

CONTAINING THE  
*History, Charges, Regulations, &c.*  
of that most Ancient and Right  
Worshipful FRATERNITY.

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For the Use of the LODGES.

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LONDON Printed; Anno 5723.  
Re-printed in *Philadelphia* by special Order, for the Use  
of the Brethren in *NORTH-AMERICA*.  
In the Year of Masonry 5734, Anno Domini 1734.

*when the most noble PRINCE John Duke of MONTAGU was unanimously chosen our GRAND-MASTER for the Year ensuing; who chose JOHN BEAL, M.D., his Deputy Grand-Master; and Mr. Josiah Villeneau & Mr. Tho. Morris, jun. were chosen by the Lodge GRAND-WARDENS. And now, by the Command of our said Right Worshipful GRAND-MASTER MONTAGU, the Author of this Book has compar'd them with, and reduc'd them to the ancient Records and immemorial Usage, of the Fraternity, and digested them into this new Method, with several proper Explications, for the Use of the Lodges in and about London and Westminster.*

XXVII. The Grand-Wardens, or the Stewards, shall appoint before-hand such a Number of Brethren to serve at Table as they think fit and proper for that Work; and they may advise with the Masters and Wardens of Lodges about the most proper Persons, if they please, or may take in such by their Recommendation; for none are to serve that Day; but free and accepted Masons, that the Communication may be free and harmonious.

XXVIII. All the Members of the Grand-Lodge must be at the Place long before Dinner, with the Grand-Master, or his Deputy at their Head, who shall retire, and form them-selves. And this is done in order,

1. To receive any Appeals duly lodg'd, as above regulated, that the Appellant may be heard, and the Affair may be amicably decided before Dinner, if possible; but if it cannot, it must be delay'd till after the new Grand-Master is elected; and if it cannot be decided after Dinner, it may be delay'd, and referr'd to a particular Committee, that shall quietly adjust it, and make Report to the next Quarterly Communication, that Brotherly-Love may be preserv'd.
2. To prevent any Difference or Disgust which may be fear'd to arise that Day; that no Interruption may be given to the Harmony and Pleasure of the GRAND FEAST.
3. To consult about whatever concerns the Decency and Decorum of the Grand-Assembly, and to prevent all Indecency and ill Manners, the Assembly being promiscuous.
4. To receive and consider of any good Motion or any momentous and important Affair, that shall be brought from the particular Lodges, by their Representatives, the several Masters and Wardens.

XXIX. After these things are discuss'd, the GRAND-MASTER and his Deputy, the Grand-Wardens, or the Stewards, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Clerks, and every other Person, shall withdraw, and leave the Masters and Wardens of the particular Lodges alone, in order to consult amicably about electing a NEW GRAND-MASTER, or continuing the present, if they have not done it the Day before; and if they are unanimous for continuing the present Grand-Master, his Worship shall be call'd in, and humbly desir'd to do the Fraternity the Honour of ruling them for the Year ensuing: And after Dinner it will be known whether he accepts of it or not; For it should not be discover'd but by the Election itself.

XXX. Then the Master and Wardens, and all the Brethren, may converse promiscuously, or as they please to sort together, until the Dinner is coming in, when every Brother takes his Seat at Table.

XXXI. Some time after Dinner the GRAND-LODGE is form'd, not in Retirement, but in the Presence of all the Brethren, who yet are not Members of it, and must not therefore speak until they are desired and allow'd.

XXXII. If the GRAND-MASTER of last Year has consented with the Masters and Wardens in private, before Dinner, to continue for the Year ensuing; then one of the Grand-Lodge, deputed for that purpose, shall represent to all the Brethren his Worship's good Government, &c. And turning to him, shall, in the name of the Grand Lodge, humbly request him to do the FRATERNITY the great Honour (if nobly born, if not, the great Kindness) of continuing to be their Grand Master for the Year ensuing. And his Worship declaring his Consent by a Bow or a Speech, as he pleases, the said deputed Member of the Grand-Lodge shall proclaim him GRAND-MASTER, and all the Members of the Lodge shall salute him in due Form. And all the Brethren shall for a few Minutes have leave to declare their Satisfaction, Pleasure and Congratulation.

XXXIII. But if either the Master and Wardens have not in private, this Day before Dinner, nor the Day before, desir'd the last Grand-Master to continue in the Master-ship another Year; or if he, when desir'd, has not consented:

Then,

The last Grand-Master shall nominate his Successor for the Year ensuing, who if unanimously approv'd by the Grand-Lodge, and if there present, shall be proclaim'd, saluted, and congratulated the New Grand Master as above hinted, and immediately install'd by the last Grand-Master, according to Usage.

XXXIV. But if that Nomination is not unanimously approv'd, the new Grand-Master shall be chosen immediately by Ballot, every Master and Warden writing his Man's Name, and the last Grand-Master writing his Man's Name too ; and the Man, whose Name the last Grand Master shall first take out, casually or by chance, shall be GRAND-MASTER for the Year ensuing ; and if present, he shall be proclaimed, saluted, and congratulated, as above hinted, and forthwith install'd by the last Grand-Master according to Usage.

XXXV. The last Grand-Master thus continued, or the new Grand-Master thus install'd, shall next nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand-Master, either the last or a new one, who shall be also declar'd, saluted and congratulated, as above hinted. The GRAND-MASTER shall also nominate the new GRAND-WARDENS, and if unanimously approv'd by the Grand-Lodge, shall be declar'd, saluted, and congratulated as above hinted ; but if not, they shall be chosen by Ballot, in the same way as the Grand-Master: As the Wardens of private Lodges are also to be chosen by Ballot in each Lodge, if the Members thereof do not agree to their Master's Nomination.

XXXVI. But if the BROTHER, whom the present Grand-Master shall nominate for his Successor, or whom the Majority of the Grand-Lodge shall happen to chuse by Ballot, is, by Sickness or other necessary Occasion, absent from the Grand-Feast, he cannot be proclaim'd the NEW GRAND-MASTER, unless the old Grand-Master, or some of the Masters and Wardens of the GRAND-LODGE can vouch, upon the Honour of a Brother, that the said Person, so nominated or chosen, will readily accept of the said Office ; in which case the old GRAND-MASTER shall act as Proxy, and shall nominate the Deputy and Wardens in his Name, and in his Name also receive the usual Honours, Homage, and Congratulation.

XXXVII. Then the GRAND-MASTER shall allow any Brother, Fellow-Craft, or Apprentice to speak, directing his Discourse to his Worship; or to make any Motion for the good of the Fraternity, which shall be either immediately consider'd and finish'd, or else referr'd to the Consideration of the GRAND-LODGE at their next Communication, stated or occasional. When that is over,

XXXVIII. The GRAND-MASTER or his Deputy, or some Brother appointed by him, shall harangue all the Brethren, and give them good Advice: And lastly, after some other Transactions, that cannot be written in any Language, the Brethren may go away or stay longer, as they please.

XXXIX. Every Annual GRAND-LODGE has an inherent Power and Authority to make new Regulations, or to alter these, for the real Benefit of this ancient Fraternity: Provided always that the old LANDMARKS be carefully preserv'd, and that such Alterations and new Regulations be proposed and agreed to at the third Quarterly Communication preceding the Annual Grand Feast; and that they be offered also to the Perusal of all the Brethren before Dinner, in writing, even of the youngest Apprentice; the Approbation and Consent of the Majority of all the Brethren present being absolutely necessary to make the same binding and obligatory ; which must, after Dinner, and after the new GRAND-MASTER is install'd, be solemnly desir'd ; as it was desir'd and obtain'd for these REGULATIONS, when propos'd by the GRAND-LODGE, to about 150 Brethren, on St. John Baptist's Day, 1721.

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