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## Message from the Grand High Priest



Greetings Companions.

It is with a heavy heart that I come to you this month. Two of our Past Grand High Priests, M.E. Companions Norman Harper and Gene Atkins, have received a white stone with a new name thereon.

I know that our tears are for ourselves rather than for them, for they both were men of faith. In that vein, I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter. To me, this is the most important day in the Christian calendar. I know that some may disagree, but the gift of eternal life in His presence is beyond compare.

Your elected officers are now having monthly meetings now to discuss what is happening in our Commonwealth. We all felt that just the four meetings a year that the entire York Rite Council holds were not sufficient to stay on top of everything we are trying to accomplish. Any candidates for Grand Captain of the Host will be invited to attend our August meeting. It is our opinion that getting the new officer "in the loop" as soon as possible is extremely important to the success and survival of our Bodies.

We continue to travel to our neighboring jurisdictions to represent you to the best of our abilities. We crave your prayers as we go both about the Commonwealth and out of it to serve you.

Fraternally Thine,

Ron

# Happy Easter!



*The rising God forsakes the tomb;  
Up to His Father's court He flies;  
Cherubic legions guard Him home,  
And shout Him welcome to the skies.*

*Break off your tears, ye saints, and tell  
How high our great Deliverer reigns;  
Sing how He spoil'd the hosts of hell,  
And led the tyrant death in chains.*

*Say, "Live for ever, glorious King,  
Born to redeem, and strong to save!"  
Then ask--"O death, where is thy sting?  
And where thy victory, O grave?"*

- Isaac Watts 1674-1748

## *From the Grand Secretary's Desk*



Companions and Sir Knights,

This year, so far has been very encouraging with the number of new members we have created. We are making presentations at Grand Lodge district meetings

this spring with the support of Grand Master Gary C. Rose. Please try to visit the Lodges in your area to follow up with lodge presentations. It is our duty to inform Master Masons about the York Rite and help them to join.

Just to remind everyone, September will be here before you know it, so make plans to attend your Grand Sessions Sept. 16th thru 18th, 2019.

Fraternally,

James King Jr.,  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

*You can reach the Grand York Rite office at 859-209-4121, or at [grandrecorderky@yahoo.com](mailto:grandrecorderky@yahoo.com)*

### **The Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky**

### **Grand Sessions 2019**

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

## **From the Editor**

Greetings, Companions!

We continue our series on our York Rite leaders this month with our Council Deputies. You have had opportunity to meet most of these guys by now (and in Chapter and Commandery), and if not, you will be getting a visit soon as 'inspection season' is in full swing. Show your appreciation for their willingness to devote the time and effort to perform these duties. Make a special effort to attend your local bodies during inspection. A welcoming hand shake and a friendly smile is always appreciated.

I greatly appreciate the Easter messages submitted for publication this month by Dr. Stewart Strickland and Archie Smallwood. Easter is, as Stewart points out, "the most important Christian Holy Day" and their articles point out clearly why this is important to us.

Grand Commander Bill Riggs is promoting what promises to be an interesting event in his article this month. His home commandery is hosting an outdoor conferral of the Orders, with the Order of the Temple being conferred by lantern light. It is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> and in Bill's words, it "ought to be something." Additional information will be forthcoming. Hopefully we will have full details in the May edition.

The next couple of months offer several opportunities to participate in events supporting our philanthropies – the CMMRF dinner in April; the Holy Land Pilgrimage bike ride in May; the KTEF golf scramble in July. You can find additional information on these and other events as we become aware of them in this publication. Please continue your generous support of these worthy causes.

Also, you may have received a letter from DeMolay, Rainbow, or Job's Daughters, soliciting the purchase of an ad in their annual program. Support these groups if you can at all. They are doing good things with our youth, and we need to be as supportive as possible. Purchasing these ads also provides much needed publicity for our organizations.

Companions, let us "*ever remember the hallowed sacrifice at Calvary.*"

Randall Partin, Editor

## THE GRAND PRELATE'S EASTER MESSAGE



### THE SURPRISE OF EASTER

Sometimes there is a word that so perfectly captures the essence of an event that even though we may not be present, we can experience it. For example, the events of September 11, 2001 may be

described as “Horrible!” The election of the first African American President may be described as “Historic!” The ditching of the Airliner in the Hudson River without the loss of a single life: “Thankful! Or Amazing!”

Likewise, there are a number of words we could use to describe the first Easter. It may be called “wonderful” because Jesus Christ has risen. It may be called “Promised” because the event was foretold by Jesus, himself. It may be called “Prophesied” because the prophets proclaimed His resurrection thousands of years before the event.

But none of them captures the true essence of the resurrection as does the word “Surprise.” Why? Well, no one expected it. Even though it was foretold, no one expected it to actually happen.

The Disciples did not expect it even though they had been taught to expect it. The Jews that had him condemned surely did not expect it. The Roman authorities had crucified many and had never had anyone survive the ordeal. And as for the women who came to anoint his body. They were fully expecting Jesus’ body to be there, because they had their spices with them, ready to perform the ritual.

Yes, the resurrection of Jesus was a surprise. From the experiences of Mary, as recorded in the Gospel of John, the Evangelist, it was a surprise in three ways

**First, it was a surprise of Faith.** In John 20:2, she reported that “they have taken his body and we don’t know where they took him.” Her assessment of the physical was correct, but her interpretation was without faith. People throughout history have tried to explain away the resurrection. But as Christians, through Faith, we know what really happened. **The greatest of all miracles occurred and it gives us the basis for Faith.**

**Second, it was a surprise of Love.** Mary was left outside the empty tomb crying. She was sorrowful, for reasons we can understand. Jesus appeared, but Mary supposed that it was the caretaker. Then, in John 20:16 Jesus called her name “Mary!” in a way that she immediately recognized him. I like to call this the language of love. It is a way we communicate, intimately and personally with the ones we love. Anyone could have called her name, and she would probably have responded as a person normally would. But when Jesus called, she once again felt His love in her soul. **The greatest of all miracles had occurred and it revealed Christ’s continuing Love.**

**Third, it was a surprise of Hope.** Often with death, our hope is challenged. For Mary, her hope was gone. All of her hopes and dreams had been placed in the promises of Jesus being the long-anticipated Messiah. But now he was dead. What hope is there in such a thing? But Jesus appeared, and with his appearing, her hope was restored. **The greatest of all miracles had occurred and it provides us the reality of Hope.**

The resurrection of Christ is not much more than a good story to those who have not experienced it for themselves, in their hearts. Sure, we were not physically at the tomb on that first Easter morning but, through Faith in Christ, the Love he gives, and the Hope that is secured in Him, it is as if we were there. As Christian Knights and Masons, we often rehearse the lessons of Faith, Hope, and Love, but in Christ’s resurrection, we can personally experience them in ways that cut much deeper than we have ever realized.

Easter, the memorial of Jesus’ resurrection, is the most important Christian Holy Day. This year, let’s allow its experience to permeate our very souls, as we contemplate what it means to be a Christian, a Christian Knight, and a Christian Mason, in light of the Resurrection of our Blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Dr. Stewart F. Strickland  
Grand Prelate,  
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Kentucky





## Easter Message from the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council



### Easter Story

We all have a different story of Easter. Some think that it is a Holiday, which they are right. Some people think it is a time to put on the finest things they have and go to church and show off everything that they had bought to let the world see just how beautiful they are. But what is the true story of Easter? It is a different story than some may perceive.

The story of Easter revolves around a man who walked this earth for 33 years doing his father's work; not the work of Joseph, but the work of our father in Heaven. The Easter story is one of our Savior Jesus Christ, who was raised from the tomb and he then gave us something that can be with us our whole life through. You may ask what that something is and I for one can tell you that when he went away, he told us that he would send another comforter and so he did. This comforter is the Holy Spirit and with this we can find peace that will be with us to the time we to leave this world so that we may find our Savior Jesus Christ and be with him and his father God Almighty.

The Easter story is about our chance to have something that before Easter and Christ rising from the tomb we did not have before and that is the Holy Spirit. I for one encourage each one of you to seek that which our Savior Jesus Christ spoke of and gave to us; that chance through his love we seek. Through this Easter and this story be encouraged and not discouraged; with Jesus Christ as our Savior and God as our father we all will overcome this world and be with them in Heaven.

I leave you all in the Love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Fraternally,

Companion Archie R. Smallwood, PMIGM  
Grand Chaplain  
Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of  
Kentucky

### *Did you know.....*

Anderson's Constitutions (*published 1723*), General Regulations Article XII state that "*The GRAND-Lodge ... must have a QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION about Michaelmas, Christmas, and Lady-Day, ...*"

A couple of readers commented about Michaelmas and Lady-Day... They are two of what are known as the 'Quarter Days' in British and Irish tradition; In the 'old days', the quarter days were the four dates of the year on which servants were hired, school terms started, rents were due, etc. They fell on four religious festivals roughly three months apart and close to the solstices and equinoxes.

**Lady Day**, March 25, is the traditional name for the Feast of the Annunciation. The day commemorates the archangel Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would give birth to the Christ.

**Midsummer Day**, June 24, coincides closely with the Summer Solstice and celebrates the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

**Michaelmas** (Michaels mass), September 29, is the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, leader of the heavenly armies. Also known as the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael; the Feast of the Archangels; or the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels

*- Editor*



### IN MEMORIAM



**Larry Eugene Fitzhugh**

10/28/1943 – 03/18/2019

*Rev Fitzhugh was the long time Chaplain of the Madisonville York Rite bodies. Our condolences to family and friends.*

*Submitted by Ron Dockery*

# MEET OUR YORK RITE LEADERS

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**Continuing the York Rite Journey**



*Commandery class, cast and crew at Glasgow, Saturday, March 2, 2019. Three Past Grand Commanders took part in the conferrals, along with Division Commander Robert Stanford. Current Grand Commander, Sir Knight Bill Riggs, as expected, did an impressive conferral of the Order of the Temple. (photo by editor)*







*Congratulations to the Class, Cast, and Crew at the conferral of the Orders of the Commandery in Williamsburg on March 16. An excellent class with new knights dubbed for Princeton, Richmond, Harlan, and Williamsburg. An interesting aspect of this festival was the conferral of two father -son pairs; Sir Knights Gary and Matt Hinkle and Don and Don Hamblin, Jr. Division Commanders David Jones and Rusty Howard, Past Grand Commanders Larry Carte and Randall Partin, and current Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight Bill Jackson took part in the conferral. Photo by the Editor*



*Commandery Inspection at Jenkins #54; 17 were in attendance, 12 were new knights. (It was a privilege to confer the Order of the Temple in Jenkins last year, and it is good to see such an excellent turnout for their inspection. - Editor) Photo courtesy of Kenton Kelly, via Facebook.*



## Inspection

## Calendar

*As the Editor has it...*

### Chapter

04/01/19 - Daviess 29, Harrodsburg  
04/02/19 - Richmond 16, Richmond  
04/04/19 - Taylor 90, Campbellsville  
04/08/19 - Glasgow 45, Glasgow  
04/08/19 - Louisa 95, Louisa  
04/08/19 - Pikeville 133, Pikeville  
04/09/19 - Western Star 20, Hardinsburg  
04/09/19 - Winchester 12, Winchester  
04/09/19 - Irvine 42, Irvine  
04/09/19 - Harlan 165, Harlan  
04/10/19 - Whitesburg, 149, Whitesburg  
04/11/19 - Hardin 195, Elizabethtown  
04/11/19 - Somerset 25, Somerset  
04/11/19 - Jenkins 164, Jenkins  
04/11/19 - Jackson 160, Jackson  
04/15/19 - Lawrenceburg 138, Lawrenceburg  
04/16/19 - Morehead 168, Morehead  
04/18/19 - Rowan 31, Bardstown  
04/18/19 - Frankfort 3, Frankfort  
04/18/19 - Paintsville 131, Paintsville  
04/22/19 - Greensburg 36, Greensburg  
04/22/19 - Monticello 152, Monticello  
04/23/19 - Scottsville 171, Scottsville  
04/25/19 - Benham 170, Benham  
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

04/01/19 - Jeffries 33, Louisville @ 7:30 PM  
04/02/19 - Richmond 71, Richmond @ 7:00 PM  
04/02/19 - E.K. Lamb 103 @ 7:30C  
04/04/19 - Harry F. Walters 101, Shelbyville @ 7:30  
04/06/19 - Bullitt 114, Shepherdsville @ 8:30 PM  
04/08/19 - Glasgow 11, Glasgow @ 7:30C  
04/09/19 - Bowling Green 74, Bowling Green @ 7:00  
04/09/19 - Harrison 106 @ 7:30 PM  
04/11/19 - Jackson 112, Jackson @ 7:00 PM  
04/11/19 - Hardin 115, Elizabethtown @ 7:00 PM  
04/16/19 - Russellville 102, Russellville @ 7:00C  
04/17/19 - Louisville 4, Louisville @ 7:30 PM  
04/18/19 - Frankfort 5, Frankfort @ 7:30 PM  
04/18/19 - Fred W. McKenzie 98 @ 7:00 PM  
04/22/19 - Owensboro 34, Owensboro @ 7:30C  
04/23/19 - Scottsville 105, Scottsville @ 7:00C  
04/23/19 - Winchester 75, Winchester @ 7:00 PM  
04/24/19 - Sword & Trowel 111, Louisville @ 7:30  
04/25/19 - Somerset 68, Somerset @ 7:00 PM  
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

04/08/19 - Mayfield No. 49, Mayfield  
04/11/19 - Ryan No. 17, Danville  
04/20/19 - Newport No. 13, Newport  
04/22/19 - Owensboro No. 15, Owensboro  
04/23/19 - Winchester No. 30, Winchester  
04/23/19 - Paducah No. 11, Paducah  
04/25/19 - Marion No. 24, Marion  
04/27/19 - Ashland No. 28, Ashland  
05/02/19 - Shelby No. 32, Shelbyville  
05/06/19 - Pikeville No. 45, Pikeville  
05/07/19 - Cynthiana No. 16, Cynthiana  
05/07/19 - Duffield No. 42, Harlan  
05/07/19 - Bowling Green No. 23, Bowling Green  
05/07/19 - Webb No. 1, Lexington  
05/09/19 - Conrad H. Cates No. 37, Elizabethtown  
05/16/19 - Jackson No. 47, Jackson  
05/23/19 - Somerset No. 31, Somerset  
05/25/19 - Covington No.7, Covington  
05/28/19 - Madisonville No. 27, Madisonville



**Continue the York Rite Journey**



## 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.

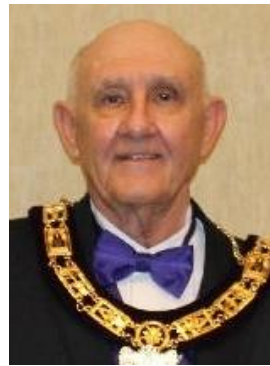
- 04/02/2019 – *Council Degrees Richmond Council*
- 05/11/19 - *Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Motorcycle Ride, Frankfort (Contact George Brooks for information.)*
- 05/25/2019 – *Outdoor conferral of the Orders, Marion Commandery*
- 07/20/2019 – *West Kentucky York Rite Festival; Paducah York Rite Bodies*
- 07/20/2019 – *KTEF Golf Scramble*

## **Acknowledgments**

- *CMMRF dinner information - Doug Bunch and Mike McQueary*
- *Easter Pilgrimage – Bill Ryan*
- *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**

- *Photos at Easter Pilgrimage not otherwise credited – Grand Encampment website*
- *Williamsburg Festival – Editor*
- *Glasgow Commandery – Editor*
- *Jenkins Inspection – Kenton Kelly*
- *Council Deputies – Grand York Rite Facebook pages and personal Facebook pages.*
- *Easter graphic on cover - worldartsme.com*



*(Excerpted from the Grand Master's acceptance address.)*

**My Companions, My Friends:**

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There are three areas I want focus on this year in our endeavor as Cryptic Masons:

1. Commitment - To study a little longer and work a little stronger as we seek to strengthen Cryptic Masonry. Most Illustrious Jr. Past Master Tom Wheeler led us to work for improvement, I want to continue where he left off.

2. Proficiency - To attempt to impress upon candidates coming into our order that they are worthy of our intent and dedication to do good work, proficient work. I have some incentive pins as encouragement to this end; pins for those who already have achieved proficiency, and pins for those who, I expect, to become Proficient.

3. Pride - Pride to promote and wear Council Purple proudly and WITH RESPECT, for those who have left us this legacy!

Also, I intend to search for a new and beneficial annual event to support the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, or CMMRF. Acknowledged benefits and anticipated advancements through the efforts of CMMRF can, potentially, change any of our lives, and is well worthy of our continued efforts and support.

*Charles A. Durham,  
Most Illustrious Grand Master*



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

**Continue the York Rite Journey**

## Grand Commander's Message



**GREETINGS** Companions and Sir Knights,

Great things are happening in our Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. Degrees and Orders are being conferred weekly and proficiently. With the opportunities provided us

by speaking at our Grand Lodge District meetings, and the presentations you are making in our Lodges, the desire for more knowledge is growing.

Keep up the great work you are doing. I'm convinced that by working together we can truly make a difference.

Some upcoming events to plan for. First the annual Easter Trip to Washington is fast approaching. If you want to attend, you must reach out to our Committee Chairman Bill Ryan **IMMEDIATELY**. We leave on the morning of Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and return Sunday evening April 21<sup>st</sup>. While there we will visit the hallowed grounds of Gettysburg. The sunrise service is always inspiring, so make plans **NOW!**

Also, on May 25<sup>th</sup>, we are planning our first outdoor Commandery Order evening. Tentative plans have us starting at approximately 5:00 pm with the Order of Red Cross, then we will present the Order of Malta before breaking for supper. We will finish with the Order of the Temple when it gets dark and we will be doing this with lanterns and small pit fires. Ought to be something.

And then on Memorial Day several of us will gather in Lebanon at the national cemetery for their annual Memorial Day service. Hope to see you at all, or at least at some of these events.

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



## Continuing the York Rite Journey



*Companion Ron Dockery represented the York Rite Bodies at the Grand Lodge of Kentucky District 6 meeting on March 23, answering questions, handing out literature and petitions and made a presentation to the assembled brothers.*

*"I am wearing my Council uniform and brought my Chapter and Commandery uniforms so that the Master Masons in attendance could view all three of the York Rite proper dress uniforms. I really enjoyed talking with and answering questions posed by all the Master Masons in attendance." – Ron Dockery*

*You can find additional information about the York Rite Presentations at District Meetings elsewhere in this publication. We appreciate Grand Master Gary Rose's permitting, and encouraging, our organization to make presentations at the District Meetings.*

*We'd love to publish reports of other Companions/Sir Knights making presentations at the District meetings. – Editor.*





## **ERNEST "GENE" ATKINS**

March 14, 1926 - March 14, 2019

### **Past Grand High Priest**

Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons  
2003 – 2004

Ernest "Gene" Atkins, 93, of Paducah, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2019 at Baptist Health Paducah. Gene was born in Nellis, West Virginia on March 14, 1926 to Everett and Etta Mae Atkins. He served in the U.S. Navy and participated in the D-Day Invasion on June 6, 1944. He also served during the Korean Conflict. In 2002 he was awarded a Diplome by the Republic of France for his participation in the liberation of France.

Companion Gene was raised a Master Mason on February 11, 1954 in Buckner Lodge No. 631 in Sellersburg, Indiana. He became a member of Plain City #449 in Paducah in 1990, serving as Master in 1993. He became a member of the Paducah York Rite bodies and served as High Priest of Paducah Chapter No. 30, Royal Arch Masons; Illustrious Master of Paducah Council No. 32, Royal and Select Masters; and Commander of Paducah Comandery No. 11, Knights Templar. He was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons in 2003-2004.

Some of Gene's other Masonic accomplishments are: Past District Deputy Grand Master, District 1, Grand Lodge of Kentucky; Past Prior of Kentucky Priory No. 25, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; member of Scottish Rite, Valley of Madisonville; Member of Rizpah Shrine and Past Director of Oriental Band; member Clara Henrich Chapter 424 Order of the Eastern Star.

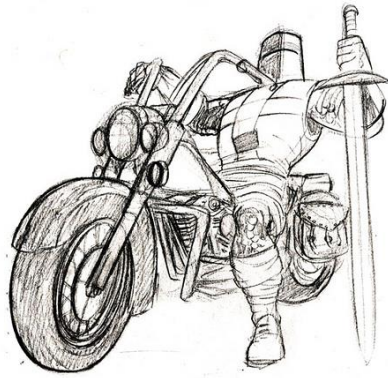
He was a life member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He retired in 1984 as Chief Chemist with B.F. Goodrich in Calvert City. He was a member of Broadway United Methodist Church and worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 25 years.

Companion Gene is survived by his daughters, Sandra Drewry (Pat), of Eaton, Ohio and Bonnie Atkins, of Paducah; four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, "Swanee" Williams Atkins; his son, Thomas Atkins; his sister, June Meeks; one grandchild.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, March 21, 2019 at Broadway United Methodist Church with Rev. Lora Jean Gowan officiating.







*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>
3/1/2019	9	7:00 PM	Radcliff	4/5/2019	16	7:00 PM	
3/2/2019	12 / 13 / 14	1:00 PM		4/6/2019	20	1:00 PM	
3/2/2019	15	7:00 PM	Bullitt High	4/6/2019	25	7:00 PM	
3/8/2019	1	7:00 PM	Paducah	4/12/2019	23	7:00 PM	
3/9/2019	2	1:00 PM	Murray	4/13/2019	27	Noon	
3/9/2019	3	7:00 PM	Grand Rivers	4/26/2019	29	7:00 PM	
3/15/2019	11	7:00 PM	Gamaliel	4/27/2019	28	1:00 PM	
3/16/2019	22	1:00 PM		4/27/2019	24	7:00 PM	
3/16/2019	21	7:00 PM		5/4/2019	30	1:00 PM	
3/22/2019	4	7:00 PM	Cadiz	5/4/2019	26	7:00 PM	Clay Co High
3/23/2019	6	1:00 PM		5/17/2019	5	7:00 PM	
3/23/2019	10	7:00 PM	Bowling Green	5/18/2019	7	1:00 PM	
3/29/2019	17	7:00 PM		5/18/2019	8	7:00 PM	
3/30/2019	18 / 19	1:00 PM	Covington				



## Knights Templar Easter Pilgrimage



### GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY EASTER PILGRIMAGE

Friday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21, 2019

- **\$250 per person if sharing a room, \$375 for Single Occupancy**
- **Grand Commandery will pay half the cost for sitting Commanders if their commandery pays the balance**
- **Cost covers trip to Gettysburg**
- **You are responsible for your own food costs and other attraction entry fees**
- **Sign up deadline March 30**

#### ITINERARY

- Friday, April 19 – 7:00 AM – Bus departs Louisville DeMolay Commandery on Gardiner Lane
  - Approximately 9:00 AM - Depart Embassy Suites Hotel in Lexington
  - Approximately 6:00 PM - Arrive in Crystal City area; dinner on your own
- Saturday, April 20 – Morning - Gettysburg
  - Evening - Dinner at the Fish Market in Alexandria.
- Sunday, April 21 – Morning - Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.
- Following the service, participants will return to the hotel to pick up luggage and then depart for home. Arrival in Lexington is generally around 11:00 PM.
- Family members are welcome on this trip!

**Contact Trip Chairman Bill Ryan immediately if you want to go to see if space is still available!  
(502)836-1123**





# CMMRE BENEFIT DINNER

SPONERED BY  
SOMERSET  
COUNCIL #68

## WHEN

April 13<sup>th</sup>  
5pm Est.

## WHERE

200 Electric Ave.  
Somerset, KY 42501



## TICKETS

\$30.00 Each  
Tickets must be  
purchased by March  
15<sup>th</sup> 2019

## MEAL

BBQ pulled pork and  
sides

## ATTIRE

Coat and Tie

*For further information on, or  
to support this event, contact:*

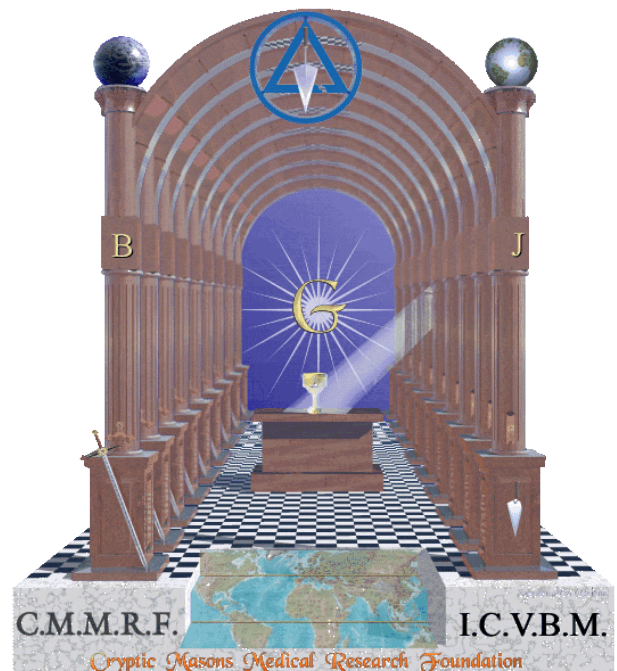
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## Available Kentucky York Rite Awards and Recognitions

*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.*

Two of the topics covered during the Grand Lodge Education Conference were the Ancient Charges and Anderson's Constitutions. The following is the second installment of the GENERAL REGULATIONS from the 1723 edition of Anderson's Constitution, as republished by Benjamin Franklin in 1734 while he was the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and digitized by Paul Royster at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in 2006. We will publish the remainder over the next couple of months. The Constitutions of the Free-Masons was the first masonic book published in America. - Editor

THE  
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CONTAINING THE  
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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; 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.*

**XIII.** At the said Quarterly Communication, all Matters that concern the Fraternity in general, or particular Lodges, or single Brethren, are quietly, sedately, and maturely to be discours'd of and transacted: Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow-Craft only here, unless by a Dispensation. Here also all Differences, that cannot be made up and accommodated privately, nor by a particular Lodge, are to be seriously considered and decided: And if any Brother thinks himself aggrieved by the

Decision of this Board, he may appeal to the annual Grand-Lodge next ensuing, and leave his Appeal in Writing, with the Grand-Master, or his Deputy, or the Grand-Wardens.

Here also the Master or the Wardens of each particular Lodge shall bring and produce a List of such Members as have been made, or even admitted in their particular Lodges since the last Communication of the Grand-Lodge: And there shall be a Book kept by the Grand-Master, or his Deputy, or rather by some Brother whom the Grand-Lodge shall appoint for SECRETARY, wherein shall be recorded all the Lodges, with their usual Times and Places of forming, and the Names of all the Members of each Lodge; and all the Affairs of the Grand-Lodge that are proper to be written.

They shall also consider of the most prudent and effectual Methods of collecting and disposing of what Money shall be given to, or lodged with them in Charity, towards the Relief only of any true Brother fallen into Poverty or Decay, but of none else: But every particular Lodge shall dispose of their own Charity for poor Brethren, according to their own By-Laws, until it be agreed by all the Lodges (in a new Regulation) to carry in the Charity collection by them to the GRAND-LODGE, at the Quarterly or Annual Communication, in order to make a common Stock of it, for the more handsome Relief of poor Brethren.

They shall also appoint a Treasurer, a Brother of good worldly Substance, who shall be a Member of the Grand-Lodge by virtue of his Office, and shall be always present, and have Power to move to the Grand-Lodge anything,



especially what concerns his Office. To him shall be committed all Money rais'd for Charity, or for any other Use of the Grand-Lodge, which he shall write down in a Book, with the respective Ends and Uses for which the several Sums are intended; and shall expend or disburse the same by such a certain Order sign'd, as the Grand-Lodge shall afterwards agree to in a new Regulation: But he shall not vote in chusing a Grand-Master or Wardens, though in every other Transaction. As in like manner the Secretary shall be a Member of the Grand-Lodge by virtue of his Office, and vote in every thing except in chusing a Grand-Master or Wardens.

The Treasurer and Secretary shall have each a Clerk, who must be a Brother and Fellow-Craft, but never must be a Member of the Grand-Lodge, nor speak without being allow'd or desir'd.

The Grand-Master, or his Deputy, shall always command the Treasurer and Secretary, with their Clerks and Books, in order to see how Matters go on, and to know what is expedient to be done upon any emergent Occasion. Another Brother (who must be a Fellow-Craft) should be ap-pointed to look after the Door of the Grand-Lodge; but shall be no Member of it. But these Offices may be farther explain'd by a new Regulation, when the Necessity and Expediency of them may more appear than at present to the Fraternity.

XIV. If at any GRAND-LODGE, stated or occasional, quarterly or annual, the GRAND-MASTER and his Deputy should be both absent, then the present Master of a Lodge, that has been the longest a Free-Mason, shall take the Chair, and preside as Grand-Master pro tempore ; and shall be vested with all his Power and Honour for the time ; provided there is no Brother present that has been Grand-Master formerly, or Deputy Grand-Master ; for the last Grand-Master present, or else the last Deputy present, should always of right take place in the Absence of the present Grand-Master and his Deputy.

XV. In the GRAND-LODGE none can act as Wardens but the Grand-Wardens themselves, if pre-sent ; and if absent, the Grand-Master, or the Person who presides in his Place, shall order private Wardens to act as Grand-Wardens pro tempore, whose Places are to be supply'd by two Fellow-Craft of the same Lodge, call'd forth to act, or sent thither by the particular Master thereof ; or if by him omitted, then they shall be call'd by the Grand-Master, that so the Grand-Lodge may be always compleat.

XVI. The GRAND-WARDENS, or any others, are first to advise with the Deputy about the Affairs of the Lodge or of the Brethren, and not to apply to the Grand-Master without the Knowledge of the Deputy, unless he refuse his Concurrence in any certain necessary Affair; in which Case, or in case of any Difference between the Deputy, and the Grand-Wardens, or other Brethren, both Par-ties are to go by Concert to the Grand-Master, who can easily decide the Controversy and make up the Difference by virtue of his great Authority.

The Grand-Master should receive no Intimation of Business concerning Masonry, but from his Deputy first, except in such certain Cases as his Worship can well judge of; for if the Application to the Grand-Master be irregular, he can easily order the Grand-Wardens, or any other Brethren thus applying, to wait upon his Deputy, who is to prepare the Business speedily, and to lay it orderly before his Worship.

XVII. No GRAND-MASTER, Deputy Grand-Master, Grand-Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, or whoever acts for them, or in their stead pro tempore, can at the same time be the Master or Warden of a particular Lodge; but as soon as any of them has honourably discharg'd his Grand Office, he returns to that Post or Station in his particular Lodge, from which he was call'd to officiate above.

XVIII. If the DEPUTY GRAND-MASTER be sick, or necessarily absent, the Grand-Master may chuse any Fellow-Craft he pleases to be his Deputy pro tempore: But he that is chosen Deputy at the Grand-Lodge, and the Grand-Wardens too, cannot be discharg'd without the Cause fairly ap-pear to the Majority of the Grand-Lodge ; and the GRAND-MASTER, if he is uneasy, may call a GRAND-LODGE on purpose to lay the Cause before them, and to have their Advice and Concurrence: In which case, the Majority of the Grand-Lodge, if they cannot reconcile the MASTER and his Deputy or his Wardens, are to concur in allowing the MASTER to discharge his said Deputy or his said Wardens, and to chuse another Deputy immediately; and the said Grand-Lodge shall chuse other Wardens in that Case, that Harmony and Peace may be preserv'd.

XIX. If the GRAND-MASTER should abuse his Power, and render himself unworthy of the Obedi-ence and Subjection of the Lodges, he shall be treated in a way and manner to be agreed upon in a new Regulation; because hitherto the ancient Fraternity have had no occasion for it, their former GRAND - MASTERS having all behaved themselves worthy of that honourable Office.

XX. The GRAND-MASTER, with his Deputy and Wardens, shall (at least once) go round and visit all the Lodges about Town during his Mastership.

XXI. If the GRAND-MASTER die during his Master-ship, or by Sickness, or by being beyond Sea, or any other way should be render'd incapable of discharging his Office, the DEPUTY, or in his Absence, the Senior GRAND-WARDEN, or in his Absence the Junior, or in his Absence any three present Masters of Lodges, shall join to congregate the GRAND - LODGE immediately, to advise together upon that Emergency, and to send two of their Number to invite the last GRAND-MASTER to resume his Office, which now in course reverts to him; or if he refuse, then the next last, and so backward: But if no former Grand-Master can be found, then the Deputy shall act as Principal until another is chosen ; or if there be no Deputy, then the oldest Master.

XXII. The BRETHREN of all the Lodges in and about London and Westminster, shall meet at an ANNUAL COMMUNICATION and Feast, in some convenient Place, on St. JOHN Baptist's Day, or else on St. JOHN Evangelist's Day, as the Grand-Lodge shall think fit by a new Regulation, hav-ing of late Years met on St. John Baptist's Day: Provided,

The Majority of the Masters and Wardens, with the Grand-Master, his Deputy and Wardens, agree at their Quarterly Communication, three Months before, that there shall be a Feast, and a General Communication of all the Brethren: For if either the Grand-Master, or the Majority of the particular Masters, are against it, it must be dropt for that Time. But whether there shall be a Feast for all the Brethren, or not, yet the GRAND-LODGE must meet in some convenient Place annually on St. JOHN's Day; or if it be Sunday, then on the next Day, in order to chuse every Year a new GRAND-MASTER, Deputy, and Wardens.

XXIII. If it be thought expedient, and the GRAND-MASTER, with the Majority of the Masters and Wardens, agree to hold a GRAND F E A S T, according to the an-cient laudable Custom of Masons, then the GRAND-WARDENS shall have the Care of preparing the Tickets, seal'd with the Grand-Master's Seal, of disposing of the Tickets, of receiving the Money for the Tickets, of buying the Materials of the Feast, of finding out a proper and convenient Place to feast in; and of every other Thing that concerns the Entertainment.

But that the Work may not be too burthensome to the two Grand-Wardens, and that all Matters may be expeditiously and safely managed, the Grand-Master, or his Deputy, shall have Power to nominate and appoint a certain Number of Stewards, as his Worship shall think fit, to act in Concert with the two Grand-Wardens; all Things relating to the Feast being decided amongst them by a Majority of Voices ; except the Grand-Master or his Deputy interpose by a particular Direction of Appointment.

XXIV. The Wardens and Stewards shall, in due time, wait upon the Grand-Master, or his Deputy, for Directions and Orders about the Premisses; but if his Worship and his Deputy are sick, or necessarily absent, they shall call together the Masters and Wardens of Lodges to meet on purpose for their Advice and Orders; or else they may take the Matter wholly upon themselves, and do the best they can.

The Grand Wardens and the Stewards are to account for all the Money they receive, or expend, to the Grand-Lodge, after Dinner, or when the Grand-Lodge shall think fit to receive their Accounts.

If the Grand-Master pleases, he may in due time summon all the Masters and Wardens of Lodges to consult with them about ordering the Grand-Feast, and about any Emergency or accidental Thing relating thereunto, that may require Advice; or else to take it upon himself altogether.

XXV. The Masters of Lodges shall each appoint one experienc'd and discreet Fellow-Craft of his Lodge, to compose a Committee, consisting of one from every Lodge, who shall meet to receive, in a convenient Apartment, every Person that brings a Ticket, and shall have Power to discourse him, if they think fit, in order to admit him, or debar him, as they shall see cause: Provided they send no Man away before they have acquainted all the Brethren within Doors with the Reasons thereof, to avoid Mistakes ; that so no true Brother may be debarr'd, nor a false Brother or meer Pretender, admitted. This Committee must meet very early on St. John's Day, at the Place, even before any Persons come with Tickets.

XXVI. The Grand-Master shall appoint two or more trusty Brethren to be Porters, or Door-keepers, who are also to be early at the Place for some good Reasons; and who are to be at the Command of the Committee.

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