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Message from the Grand High Priest



Greetings
Companions. It is
refreshing to see
that the days are
now getting
noticeably longer
and somewhat
milder. We have
been blessed this
Winter in that it has
been relatively
mild, except for
that brief nastiness
of sub-zero days.
The Grand officers

are out and stirring a bit more with the pleasant
weather, and we will be visiting with you soon.

We will also be travelling to Ft. Wayne, Indiana
the second weekend of March to attend the East
Central Conference. This is an opportunity for
you to receive leadership training as well as meet
fellow York Rite Masons from our sister
jurisdictions. The classes I have taken have
taught me a great deal about interactions with my
Companions, and hopefully have made me more
effective in my position.

Official visits are now under way, and I hope you
will support your Chapter and Deputies. I also
want to remind all that points are available for
your inspections by making York Rite
presentations at your local Lodges and District
Meetings. Please take advantage of this, as these
are relatively easy to do, and I feel that it will help
our numbers grow. I would also like to again
thank M. W. Brother Rose to allow these
presentations.

Please pray for us as we travel across our great
Commonwealth that we may better serve you.

Fraternally Thine,

Ron



ONE of the goals of our Grand Officers this year is
to grow our fraternity. The program of the Grand
Encampment promotes the effort as 'the 3 R's of
Membership': **Recruitment** - gaining new
members, **Retention** - keeping our current
members, and **Restoration** - reinstating those who
have left.

Herewith a few suggestions from our masonic
forefathers that might better position us to
accomplish those goals ...

*It is the duty of every Capitular Mason to obey the
moral law, to be neither an atheist nor a skeptic,
but to be a good man and true, and live in peace,
practice charity, to be a member of some Chapter
and attend its convocations; ... Section 98,
Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky*

*Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn. Attributed to Brother Ben
Franklin*

*If you treat an individual as he is, he will remain
how he is. But if you treat him as if he were what
he ought to be and could be, he will become what
he ought to be and could be. Attributed to Brother
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

*Nothing is impossible, but you must have a passion
for what you want to do and a plan for where you
want to go if you ever hope to get there.*

Attributed to Brother Buzz Aldrin

From the Grand Secretary's Desk



Companions and Sir Knights,

Spring is just around the corner, and our York Rite inspections are well underway. I hope that everyone will be making an effort to put their best foot forward and have excellent

inspections. Remember the work of our Deputy Grand High Priests, Arch Deputies and Division Commanders is time-consuming for them and is being conducted in the best interest of the Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery.

As always, Noel and Myself are available to assist in any way possible and continue to work toward the betterment of Freemasonry in Kentucky. Please feel free to contact us if you need assistance as we will be glad to assist you in any way possible to improve our beloved York Rite.

Fraternally,

James King Jr.,
Grand Secretary/Recorder

You can reach the Grand York Rite office at 859-209-4121, or at grandrecorderky@yahoo.com



Companion John Williams reports that Past Grand High Priest James Atwood is in poor health and not getting out very much. He was unable to attend the Commandery conferral in Glasgow on March 2. James has long been a fixture in York Rite circles in Kentucky, and was certainly missed at the conferral. You can send him a card or letter at:

*James Atwood
105 Lynn Avenue
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From the Editor

Greetings, Companions!

We are continuing our series on our York Rite leaders this month with our Chapter Deputies. While they often go relatively unrecognized, I am convinced that these positions, in whichever body, are a major key to our proficiency and growth. They are the link to our Grand Bodies at the local level and are the consistent representatives of how our organizations work. Our Grand and local officers change; frequently the deputies remain in their position for years. They are the individuals who have the most opportunity to educate and help our local bodies achieve proficiency in our ritual. They travel a lot of miles, and devote a lot of hours to our fraternity. They are, or should be, the best of the best, and are deserving of our respect and gratitude.

We also honor the memory, and mark the passing, of two giants of Kentucky Freemasonry. Companion Norman Lee Harper, our senior living Past Grand High Priest, passed the veils on March 1, 2019. Companion Harper served the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest in 1973-1974. We also mark the passing of Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Past Grand Commander of Kentucky in 1974-1975, and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment from 1985-1988. Sir Knight Don passed on February 27.

I know that a number of you are conferring work this time of year. Please! Send me pictures! I promise, more people will look at your pictures than will read my ramblings!

You will also find part of the General Regulations from Anderson's Constitutions; we'll pick up the remainder next month. The full PDF copy has been posted on the Grand Lodge Constitution Face Book page if you would like to look it over. The 'history' part is quite interesting. I have received a couple of comments about the language of the *Constitutions*; English has certainly changed in the last three-hundred years!

I appreciate the positive feedback I have been receiving. Let me know your thoughts. Send your articles and pictures!

Fraternally,

Randall Partin, Editor

Paintsville 5th Annual Winter Festival



Commandery Class at the Paintsville Winter Festival on February 9

Congratulation to the 15 new Knights, and to the Companions and Sir Knights of the Paintsville York Rite Bodies for their hard work and the dedication to holding this festival every year.

Williamsburg Chapter/Council Class



*Congratulations and Welcome to the Companions Exalted/Greeted on February 16, 2019 in Williamsburg.
The Commandery Orders will be conferred on March 16.*

MEET OUR YORK RITE LEADERS

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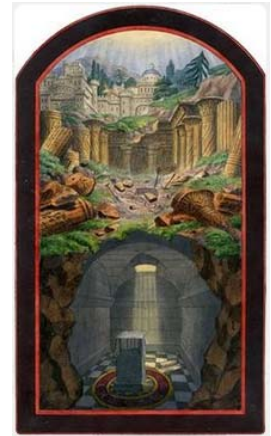
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Commandery class at Glasgow, Saturday, March 2, 2019 (photo by editor – more next month)

Available Kentucky York Rite Awards and Recognitions

*There are numerous highly qualified members of our fraternity who are deserving of these awards. Ritualists, Recorders, travelers, just a lot of 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 just never been nominated. Please, get these dedicated 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. It is not unusual to get no nominations. Nomination forms are posted on our web site, or contact the Grand Recorder's office. Ignore the deadlines as stated on the posted documents. **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. Any questions, contact Jim King or one of the presiding Grand Officers.*

GRAND CHAPTER

General Grand Chapter Medal for Meritorious Service in Bronze



Established in 1951, 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 for this award

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

This award is 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.

Inspection

Calendar

As the Editor has it...

Chapter

3/5/19 – Graham 80, Franklin
3/7/19 – Shelbyville 2, Shelbyville
3/7/19 – Apperson 81, Ashland
3/9/19 – Bullitt 44, Shepherdsville
3/11/19 – Jo Daviess 32, Owensboro
3/12/19 – Oriental 14, Princeton
3/12/19 – Bowling Green 38, Bowling Green
3/12/19 – Cynthiana 17, Cynthiana
3/14/19 – Ken-Tenn 148, Williamsburg
3/18/19 – Carroll 55, Carrollton
3/19/19 – Russellville 8, Russellville
3/20/19 – King Solomon 5, Louisville
3/21/19 – Ft. Thomas 177, Ft. Thomas
3/28/19 – Temple 172, Newport
3/28/19 – Eureka 101, Louisville
4/1/19 - Daviess 29, Harrodsburg
4/2/19 - Richmond 16, Richmond
4/4/19 - Taylor 90, Campbellsville
4/8/19 - Glasgow 45, Glasgow
4/8/19 - Louisa 95, Louisa
4/8/19 - Pikeville 133, Pikeville
4/9/19 - Western Star 20, Hardinsburg
4/9/19 - Winchester 12, Winchester
4/9/19 - Irvine 42, Irvine
4/9/19 - Harlan 165, Harlan
4/10/19 - Whitesburg, 149, Whitesburg
4/11/19 - Hardin 195, Elizabethtown
4/11/19 - Somerset 25, Somerset
4/11/19 - Jenkins 164, Jenkins
4/11/19 - Jackson 160, Jackson
4/15/19 - Lawrenceburg 138, Lawrenceburg
4/16/19 - Morehead 168, Morehead
4/18/19 - Rowan 31, Bardstown
4/18/19 - Frankfort 3, Frankfort
4/18/19 - Paintsville 131, Paintsville
4/22/19 - Greensburg 36, Greensburg
4/22/19 - Monticello 152, Monticello
4/23/19 - Scottsville 171, Scottsville
4/25/19 - Benham 170, Benham
5/9/19 - Lexington 1, Lexington
5/9/19 - Prestonsburg 182, Prestonsburg
5/11/19 - Covington 35, Covington
5/15/19 - Maysville 9, Maysville
5/23/19 - Edmonds 83, Lebanon

Council

2/12/19 - Warren 2, Princeton @ 7:00C
2/28/19 – Earl Ransdell 3, Danville @ 7:30E
3/11/19 – Mayfield 39 @ 7:30C
3/11/19 – Cumberland 77 @ 7:00E
3/12/19 – Harlan 91, Harlan @ 7:00E
3/26/19 – Paducah 32, Paducah @ 7:00C
3/26/19 – A.E. Orton 93 @ 7:30C
3/28/19 – Lebanon 56, Lebanon @ 7:30E
4/2/19 - Richmond 71, Richmond @ 7:00 PM
4/4/19 - Harry F. Walters 101, Shelbyville @ 7:30 PM
4/6/19 - Bullitt 114, Shepherdsville @ 8:30 PM
4/11/19 - Hardin 115, Elizabethtown @ 7:00 PM
4/17/19 - Louisville 4, Louisville @ 7:30 PM
4/18/19 - Frankfort 5, Frankfort @ 7:30 PM
4/23/19 - Winchester 75, Winchester @ 7:00 PM
4/24/19 - Sword & Trowel 111, Louisville @ 7:30 PM
4/25/19 - Somerset 68, Somerset @ 7:00 PM
5/14/19 - Irvine 92, Irvine @ 7:00 PM
5/19/19 - Washington 1, Lexington @ 7:30 PM
5/21/19 - Morehead 45, Morehead @ 7:30 PM

Commandery

03/05/19 – Richmond 19, Richmond
03/14/19 – Jenkins 54, Jenkins
03/19/19 – Morehead 53, Morehead
03/21/19 – Paintsville 48, Paintsville
03/28/19 – Williamsburg 50, Williamsburg
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
04/25/19 - Marion No. 24, Marion
04/23/19 - Paducah No. 11, Paducah
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
05/28/19 - Madisonville No. 27, Madisonville
05/30/19 - Somerset No. 31, Somerset
05/25/19 - Covington No.7, Covington



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.

- 03/16/2019 – *Commandery Orders Williamsburg Commandery*
- 04/02/2018 – *Council Degrees Richmond Council*
- 07/20/2019 – *West Kentucky York Rite Festival; Paducah York Rite Bodies*

Acknowledgments

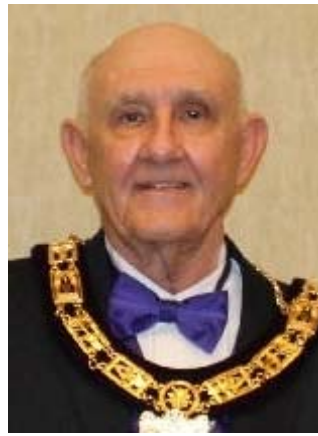
- *CMMRF dinner information - Doug Bunch and Mike McQueary*
- *Easter Pilgrimage – Bill Ryan*
- *Anderson’s Constitution, published in London, England in 1723, republished by Benjamin Franklin in 1734 while he was the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and digitized by Paul Royster at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in 2006.*

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- *Photos at Easter Pilgrimage not otherwise credited – Grand Encampment website*
- *Paintsville Winter Festival – Tony Skeans*
- *Williamsburg Festival – Editor*



Continue the York Rite Journey



Companions all:

There seems to be some confusion about points for York Rite Presentations at District meetings and points for York Rite Presentations at individual Masonic Lodges.

In the “Spirit of Fairness,” and working in conjunction with our Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery Representatives, a York Rite presentation made by an Arch Deputy or his Representative is worth 5 total points for each individual District presentation; not 5 points for each Masonic Lodge present at that District meeting.

MWGM Gary Rose has graciously allowed us this privilege, remember to thank him and his Grand Line Officers. Also, be sure to clear with the DDGM before the meeting so he can adjust his time schedule accordingly. And have York Rite info available for handouts plus several Petitions. Our Grand Recorder Jim King has information available if you need it. Please note which District you are claiming points for on your Official Visit Report.

An Arch Deputy or his designated Representative, going to a Masonic Lodge and making a York Rite presentation similar to the guidelines of the Grand York Rite Council Presentation Script or pamphlet outline; and recorded in the minutes of the Lodge and/or his Council, will be worth 5 points for each individual presentation per Lodge visited. Again, please note which Masonic Lodge you visit on your report. Be sure to let the Master know in advance you are available to make a York Rite presentation and hopefully he will invite you to make your presentation. And again, be sure to take information and a couple of Petitions with you.

Hopefully, this will clarify the process and make the playing field more level.

Safe travels, Companions.

Charlie D., MIGM



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. 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				



YORK RITE EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM March 9, 2019, Fort Wayne, IN

ANY York Rite member is eligible to attend this training, including Blue Lodge members who are not active York Rite Masons. Registration for the Conference is required. Classroom space is limited to 75 attendees in each of the first two courses at the Fort Wayne Conference, and to 50 for the 401 course. Registration by February 12 will get the special room rate of \$114. Those who have completed the program are encouraged to return for Level 4.

All candidates for the YRL training must be first nominated. Once received, the nomination will be vetted (approved by someone in Kentucky York Rite leadership) and an invitation will be extended to approved nominees. Nominations need to be in to the program administrator by the first week in February in order to complete the vetting process, get the invitation sent, and get registered for the Conference by the deadline. Kentucky does not generally have a large number of attendees at the training and we need more members to take advantage of this excellent program.

What is the York Rite Leadership Training Program? A program to provide business-class leadership training to masons identified as Emerging Leaders, to better enable them to guide our fraternal organizations into the future.

Participants are expected to invest the time to attend three Department/Regional Conferences to complete the program. There is no charge for the courses; however, participants pay for their own travel, lodging, and food. **In addition, each student is REQUIRED to register for the Conference.** (\$20)

What can I expect from Leadership Training? Three classes, taken in sequence:

Leadership 101 is focused on the individual and imparts the necessary skills of personal leadership development and the creation of teams.

Leadership 201 builds on 101 and introduces the student to creating and motivating 'tribes' by establishing principles and creating mission and vision statements.

Leadership 401 is a highly engaging class on how communication works and how to be an influential

Preference will be given to those who are not currently in a Grand Elected line. The intent is to train prospective leaders, not those who are already in place. If places are open, current leadership will be selected.

How do I Register?

Send, at minimum, the name, address, phone number and email of any nominee to the new administrator/registrar. You may self-nominate, but will have to be approved by a Grand Officer before being invited.

Questions?

If you have questions, contact any elected Grand York Rite officer, the Grand Recorder's office, the editor, or the Program Administrator.

Program Administrator

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Two of the topics covered during the Grand Lodge Education Conference were the Ancient Charges and Anderson's Constitutions. The following is a partial listing 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
CONSTITUTIONS
OF THE
FREE-MASONS.
CONTAINING THE
History, Charges, Regulations, &c.
of that most Ancient and Right
Worshipful FRATERNITY.

For the Use of the LODGES.



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.

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.*

I. THE GRAND-MASTER, or his DEPUTY, hath Authority and Right, not only to be present in any true Lodge, but also to preside where-ever he is, with the Master of the Lodge on his Left-Hand, and to order his Grand-Wardens to attend him, who are not to act in particular Lodges as Wardens, but in his Presence, and at his Command; because there the GRAND MASTER may command the Wardens of that Lodge, or any other Brethren he pleaseth, to attend and act as his Wardens pro tempore.

II. The MASTER of a particular Lodge, has the Right and Authority of congregating the Members of his Lodge into a Chapter at pleasure, upon any Emergency or Occurrence, as well as to appoint the time and place of their usual forming; And in case of Sickness, Death, or necessary Absence of the Master, the senior Warden shall act as Master pro tempore, if no Brother is present who has been Master of that Lodge before; for in that Case the absent Master's Authority reverts to the last Master then present; though he cannot act until the said senior Warden has once congregated the Lodge, or in his Absence the Junior Warden.

III. The Master of each particular Lodge, or one of the Wardens, or some other Brother by his Order, shall keep a Book containing their By-Laws, the Names of their Members, with a List of all the Lodges in Town, and the usual Times and Places of their forming, and all their Transactions that are proper to be written.

IV. No Lodge shall make more than FIVE new Brethren at one Time, nor any Man under the Age of Twenty-five, who must be also his own Master; unless by a Dispensation from the Grand-Master or his Deputy.

V. No man can be made or admitted a Member of a particular Lodge, without previous Notice one Month before given to the said Lodge, in order to make due Enquiry into the Reputation and Capacity of the Candidate; unless by the Dispensation aforesaid.

VI. But no man can be enter'd a Brother in any particular Lodge, or admitted to be a Member thereof, without the unanimous Consent of all the Members of that Lodge then present when the Candidate is propos'd, and their Consent is formally ask'd by the Master; and they are to signify their Consent or Dissent in their own prudent Way, either virtually or in form, but with Unanimity: Nor is this inherent Privilege subject to a Dispensation ; because the Members of a particular Lodge are the best Judges of it ; and if a fractious Member should be impos'd on them, it might spoil their Harmony, or hinder their Freedom ; or even break and disperse the Lodge, which ought to be avoided by all good and true Brethren.

VII. Every new Brother at his making is decently to cloath the Lodge, that is, all the Brethren present, and to deposite something for the Relief of indigent and decay'd Brethren, as the Candidate shall think fit to bestow, over and above the small Allowance stated by the By-Laws of that particular Lodge ; which Charity shall be lodg'd with the Master or Wardens, or the Cashier, if the Members think fit to chuse one. And the Candidate shall also solemnly promise to submit to the Constitutions, the Charges, and Regulations, and to such other good Usages as shall be intimated to them in Time and Place convenient.

VIII. No Set or Number of Brethren shall withdraw or separate themselves from the Lodge in which they were made Brethren, or were afterwards admitted Members, unless the Lodge becomes too numerous ; nor even then, without a Dispensation from the Grand-Master or his Deputy: And when they are thus separated, they must either immediately join themselves to such other Lodge as they shall like best, with the unanimous Consent of that other Lodge to which they go (as above regulated) or else they must obtain the Grand-Master's Warrant to join in forming a new Lodge. If any Set or Number of Masons shall take upon them-selves to form a Lodge without the Grand-Master's Warrant, the regular Lodges are not to countenance them, or own them as fair Brethren and duly form'd, nor approve of their Acts and Deeds; but must treat them as Rebels, until they humble themselves, as the Grand-Master shall in his Prudence direct, and until he approve of them by his Warrant ,which must be signify'd to the other Lodges, as the Custom is when a new Lodge is to be register'd in the List of Lodges.

IX. But if any Brother so far misbehave himself as to render his Lodge uneasy, he shall be twice duly admonish'd by the Master or Wardens in a form'd Lodge; and if he will not refrain his Imprudence, and obediently submit to the Advice of the Brethren, and reform what gives them Offence, he shall be dealt with according to the By-Laws of that particular Lodge, or else in such a manner as the Quarterly Communication shall in their great Prudence think fit; for which a new Regulation may be afterwards made.

X. The Majority of every particular Lodge, when congregated, shall have the Privilege of giving Instructions to their Master and Wardens, before the assembling of the Grand Chapter, or Lodge at the three Quarterly Communications hereafter mention'd, and of the Annual Grand Lodge too; because their Master and Wardens are their Representatives, and are supposed to speak their Mind.

XI. All particular Lodges are to observe the same Usages as much as possible; in order to which, and for cultivating a good Understanding among Free-Masons, some members out of every Lodge shall be deputed to visit the other Lodges as often as shall be thought convenient.

XII. The GRAND-Lodge consists of, and is form'd by the Masters and Wardens of all the regular particular Lodges upon Record, with the GRAND-MASTER at their Head, and his Deputy on his Left-hand, and the Grand-Wardens in their proper Places ; and must have a QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION about Michaelmas, Christmas, and Lady-Day, in some convenient Place, as the Grand-Master shall appoint, where no Brother shall be present, who is not at that time a Member thereof, without a Dispensation ; and while he stays, he shall not be allow'd to vote, nor even give his Opinion, without Leave of the Grand-Lodge ask'd and given, or unless it be duly ask'd by the said Lodge. All Matters are to be determin'd in the Grand-Lodge by a Majority of Votes, each Member having one Vote, and the Grand-Master having two Votes, unless the said Lodge leave any particular thing to the Determination of the Grand-Master, for the sake of Expedition.

To be continued next month...



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!

Send names and payment to:

James H. King, Grand Recorder
400 North 4th Street
Danville, KY 40422



Grand Commander's Message



OFTEN, we express different viewpoints or opinions from others on the exact same experience. You know, you might say “that movie was great!” while your wife will say, “I hated that movie, it was terrible!”. It’s funny how we can view the very same thing so differently. And with movies or food, or even relatives, there might be justification for BOTH points of view. Because those things can be and are very subjective, depending on who is commenting on them. I don’t care for sappy movies, Brussel sprouts aren’t fit to eat, or uncle Harry is a real bore.

But how about our Commanderies, or our conferrals of the Orders? And the ability and quality of floor work of our officers. Doing well means doing well, doesn’t it. Either the right things are being done, or they’re not. The Orders are being done properly, and with meaning, or they aren’t. The Sir Knights are proficient the sword and their work and are setting a proper example for others or they are leaving something to be desired.

But unfortunately, here too we find that we often get very different viewpoints. Some will judge very leniently, while others will go strictly by the book. Is this fair to those Commanderies or Sir Knights? Don’t we owe it to them to be honest, so that they will know where they need improvement? Are we fulfilling our commitment to them by shading the truth? Why is this? Why do we sometimes feel we must take in account the age, health, or good intentions, because they at least tried? And I get it. We want to acknowledge them for their efforts, but shouldn’t we still let them know that it falls short?

If we keep accepting mediocre efforts, isn’t that all we will ever get? Will not the new Sir Knights think that this somewhat less than good effort is okay and will be accepted without complaint? And if we continue down this path, won’t our Commanderies and the quality of work our Sir Knights perform continue to deteriorate? And if so, where will it end? What will we be leaving the future Sir Knights? A watered-down experience, that gets weaker with each new generation?

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Sir Knights, it takes courage to speak up, and tell the truth, when we know that others might be offended. It also takes tact to be able to point out the deficiencies that we see, without running those that might be responsible off. We need to be able to kick them in the pants, (*gently of course*) then put our arm around them offering encouragement while we point out the good that they did.

Maybe we need to adopt the motto of the Boy Scouts, and “leave it better than we found it”. To do this, we can’t worry that “this is always what we have done”, or “we simply have done it this way to save time since I’ve been here”. Let’s work together to make things better. Let’s encourage and motive each other to do our very best. Let’s strive for excellence, and then if we still come up short, we will have made things better than they were before. Sir Knights, as Warriors for Christ, should we do less?

*Courteously, J. William Riggs,
Grand Commander*



Winchester Commandery #30 added a new Knight Templar at the Paintsville Commandery Winter Fest

Shown from left: Steve Talbott, Commander, new Sir Knight Andrew Maines, and Past Commander and Recorder Don Powell. Submitted by Steve Talbott



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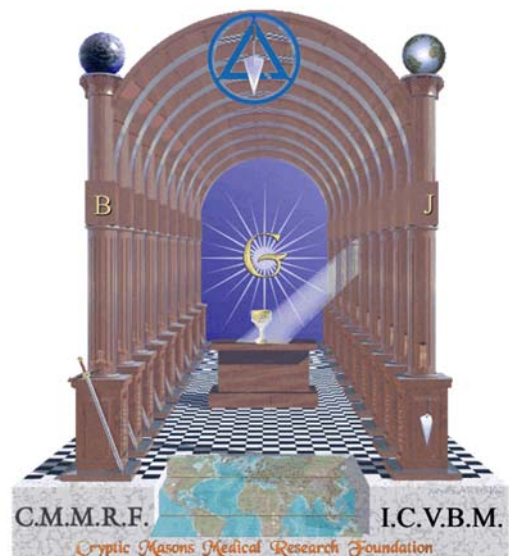
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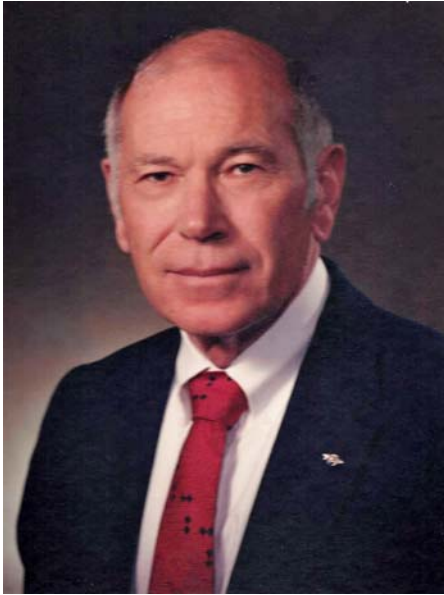
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NORMAN LEE HARPER

July 21, 1926 - March 1, 2019

Past Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons
1973 - 1974

Norman Lee Harper, 92, a resident of Vienna, Illinois and a former resident of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 1, 2019, at his home.

Norman was preceded in death by wives Carmen Elizabeth Campbell on February 13, 2002, and Helen Ruth (nee Fitzgerald) on July 2, 2014. He was also preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Scott Gamster; and a grandson, Zachary Harper.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Melinda Harper of Boaz, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Grant (Lindsay) Gamster and Audrey Harper; four great-grandsons, Grantland Gage Gamster, Broderick Scott Gamster, Anthony Titan Nemecek, and Harper Sky Gamster; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, many friends, his church family and lodge brothers.

Norman was an honorably discharged U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Pacific theater during World War II.

He was employed by Union Carbide (later Martin Marietta) as manager of general maintenance at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant from its opening in 1952 until his retirement on Dec. 31, 1987.

Norman was initiated an Entered Apprentice on March 17, 1948 in Reynoldsburg Masonic Lodge No. 419 A.F. and A.M., passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on April 2, 1948, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 8, 1948. He served Reynoldsburg Lodge as Master in 1958. He affiliated with New Burnside Lodge No. 772 in 1977, and served there as Secretary from 2003 to 2016. Following the merger of New Burnside with Vienna Lodge No. 150, Norman served as chaplain of Vienna Lodge from 2016 to 2018. He was made an honorary member of Eddyville Lodge No 672 on July 24, 2017.

He was a 60-year member of the Paducah York Rite bodies where he was Past High Priest of Paducah Chapter No. 30, Royal Arch Masons; Past Illustrious Master of Paducah Council No. 32, Royal and Select Masters, and Past Commander of Paducah Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar. He served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons in 1973 - 1974. Later, Norman served as Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. At the time of his death, Norman was the senior living Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. He was also Past Prior of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Kentucky Priory 25. Norman's exemplary life and character epitomized the true meaning of being a Master Mason.

Norman was a devoted Christian and stalwart member of the Reynoldsburg Church near Tunnel Hill, where he had taught Sunday School. Norman seldom missed church and had attended the Sunday prior to his passing. He is well remembered for his saying "Judge Less, Love More" which characterized his Christian service and attitude toward life in general.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna and from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, at the Reynoldsburg Church in Tunnel Hill. Masonic rites will be conferred at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church with Pastor Jerry Schell and Pastor Pete Vinson officiating. Burial will follow in the Reynoldsburg Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be accorded by the U.S. Navy Burial Honors Detail and the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post 5222.

Memorials may be made to the Reynoldsburg Cemetery, in care of Bob Harper, 30 Harpertown Lane, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972.



Donald Hinslea Smith

May 31, 1923 - February 27, 2019

Past Grand Commander

Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights Templar
1974-75

Past Grand Master

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA
1985-1988

Donald Hinslea Smith was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. He served as a combat infantry officer in Europe in 1944-45, seeing action during the "Battle of the Bulge". He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in April 1964.

In October, 1943, prior to deploying to Europe, Don married Kathleen Virginia McCallum, also of Detroit. Their union produced three children, the Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr (Patti), Park Hills, KY, Susan Burks Smith (dec'd), Mark McCallum Smith (Terri, dec'd), Cincinnati, OH. Don is survived by one sister, Barbara Barenblatt; other survivors include his grandchildren,

Laura Melanie Smith, Donald H. Smith III, Kimberly Ann Smith and Megan Virginia Smith; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren, 8 step-great-grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter, and two step-great-great granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his wife, who passed away two weeks short of their 67th wedding anniversary in 2010; daughter, Susan Burks Smith; daughter-in-law, Terri Smith; and brother, Wilton H. Smith.

After his retirement, Don began a course of study at Eastern Kentucky University ultimately leading to a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, and employment in various administrative duties at EKU including ten years as Registrar. He retired in 1985.

He was a faithful member of Berea Baptist church, serving as a Deacon and Men's Bible class teacher beginning in 1960.

He was Raised a Master Mason in Atlanta, Georgia in 1955, affiliating with Richmond Lodge No. 25 in 1962, where he served as Master in 1977. He is a Past High Priest of Richmond Chapter No. 16, Past Illustrious Master of Richmond Council No. 71, and Past Commander of Richmond Commandery No. 19. Sir Knight Don was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky in 1974, and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment at the 56th Triennial Conclave in Cincinnati, Ohio. He continued to actively serve the Grand Encampment on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee, serving as Trustee Emeritus and as the Kentucky representative on the College of Honors at the time of his death.

Appendant membership includes: Kentucky Priory No. 25, Knights York Cross of Honour; Golgotha Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Kentucky; Kentucky Chapter No. 134, National Sojourners; St. Barnabas Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Louisville, Kentucky; Royal Order of Scotland and the Philalethes Society. He is Past Chief of Great Chief's Council, Knight Masons, U.S.A.; Past President of the Forty-Fivers; and holds the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay. He also holds membership in the York Rite Sovereign College and in the Scottish Rite Bodies of Lexington and Louisville; Oleika Temple, AAONMS, Lexington; Allied Masonic Degrees; Colorado College, SRICF; and Order of Eastern Star.

Visitation will be from 6 - 8 PM, followed by a Masonic service at 8:00 PM, Friday, March 8th at Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home in Richmond. A second visitation will be from 10 - 11 AM on Saturday, March 9th, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM, also at the funeral home, with Rev. Kevin Slemp officiating. Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery, with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation or one's favorite charity.

GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY OFFICAL VISIT FORM

Chapter: _____ **No.** _____ **Location** _____ **Date** _____

DGHP Signature: _____ **Area:** _____ **TOTAL POINTS EARNED** _____

Attendance: Members _____ < 2 years (Bonus) _____ **Total** _____
1Ea. _____

HP ___ K ___ S ___ TR ___ SEC ___ COH ___ PS ___ RAC ___ M3V ___ M2V ___ M1V ___ SEN ___ 1Ea. _____

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HP Proficient or Proficient in Station _____ (Max 12) 2Ea. _____

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MM ___ PM ___ MEM ___ RA ___ **TOTAL** _____ 2Ea. _____

Membership: No. Exalted (Own Chapter) _____ 5Ea. _____

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