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## Message from the Grand High Priest



**G**reetings Companions.

I hope that all is going well for each of you this summer. It is sometimes difficult to have a quorum this time of year because of vacations and sports events for our youth, but everything seems to be going well.

We had something of a rare situation in June in Scottsville Chapter # 171 in that all four of the elected grand line officers were present and participated in the Royal Arch Degree work there. I hope that this demonstrates to the craft that your officers are working for you and will continue to do so.

I am also asking each secretary to please get your information to the York Rite office as quickly as possible so that the information in the directory and all the records will be as accurate as possible for the coming year. I ask any secretary who has sent in a change in by-laws to please resubmit these to the Grand York Rite office. This committee has been changed due to a debilitating illness of one member and the passing of another.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on July 20th at the RARA banquet (call the office or one of the officers for tickets) and at the Grand Session in September.

Fraternally Thine, Ron



*... A New Nation...*



*... Conceived in Liberty*



## Royal Arch Research Assistance

### 6th Annual Dinner

The Showroom  
2405 Lebanon Road  
Danville, KY 40422

July 20, 2019,

Doors open 4:00 pm

Dinner 5:00 pm

Tickets \$30.00

*(See Page 8 for more information on RARA)*

## *From the Grand Secretary's Desk*



Companions and  
Sir Knights,

Returns are  
coming in, our  
Secretaries and  
recorders are using  
the new reporting  
system on KYIRS.  
We hope this  
makes returns  
easier to file as  
well as reducing

the cost for everyone.

Our Knight Templar golf outing was a great success thanks go out to all who came and especially Kosair Charities for their support. The total raised was over \$13,000.00 for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

Fraternally,

James King Jr.,  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

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

*If you are having problems with the KYRIS database not working as it should, please contact Randall Partin for assistance.*

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

#### **2019 Annual Sessions**

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

## **From the Editor**

Greetings, Companions!

We're hearing (mostly) good things about the new report tool in KYRIS for submitting your Annual Returns. It only takes a few minutes if your data is up-to-date, and it's worth catching up if it's not. You don't have to fill out the report and mail it in every year; you click a button and it emails the report to the office; You save time and postage. It helps the office as Noel can use the reports, as submitted, in the Proceedings – no copying, no scanning, no trying to decipher your scribbles. We get consistent, readable reports. We have simplified adding Life and 50-Year Members, Ministers, and Past Presiding Officers. There have been a few bugs, but I think we've worked through those. Most of the problems were due to some software updates our web service provider has installed, I believe, as the problem areas were working when we went live with the update. Other than some issues with Internet Explorer, things have otherwise worked pretty smooth. Please give it a look if you haven't. There is an option on the Main Menu screen when you first log in. As always, if you have problems, give me a yell.

We are entering the slow days of summer when many of our bodies seem to struggle. Inspections are over, new officers elected. Now we wait until Grand Session to find out what the new guy wants... A few thoughts for slow nights - Get your new officers up and running. If you don't have enough to have a legal meeting, have one anyway so that those new officers can practice. You may not be able to conduct business, but you can gain valuable experience in the ritual. Practice (parts of) the degrees and orders; get out your paraphernalia and dust it off. Somebody in Blue lodge might see something and ask questions that lead to a petition; show the Red Cross and Malta videos; have somebody give a short talk about a topic of interest. Dr. Mackey's *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* is a great source, it's available on the internet, and the topics he discusses are as pertinent today as they were a hundred years ago. I'm sure you can come up with more ideas... activity increases interest increases attendance.

On another note, on the following page you will find a picture of a group of Chapter Masons, dating to 1930, found in the archives of Williamsburg Lodge. In this case, we were lucky enough to have identifying information included with it. I'll let you read the article for the details, but I wonder, how many of you have similar treasures hidden away in your closets and libraries? We'd love to share some of them...

Fraternally,

Randall Partin, Editor

## A Blast from the Past, August 1930



Seated, l-r: A. W. Whitehead, Deputy Grand High Priest; Hugh Moore, Grand High Priest; John L. Reese, Grand King; E. T. Dunnigan, Grand Master, Grand Council of Ky; A. G. Sulser, PGHP; standing: Isaac T. Woods, PGHP; Albert Hazelrig, PGHP; Virgel P. Smith, PGHP, George Winslow, PGHP; G. Allison Holland, General Grand Principal Sojourner; Hanson Peterson, PGHP; James Garnett, PGHP; James F. Winn, PGHP.

The above pictured group traveled by train to Tacoma, Washington for the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, held on August 27-28, 1930. On the way, they stopped in Yellowstone Park for a few days of sightseeing. The above photo was taken, I am assuming, beside Old Faithful, which can be seen on the left. The photo and accompanying identification sheet were found in the archives of Williamsburg Lodge. Companion Albert Whitehead, seated front left above, was elected Grand High Priest a couple of months following the Triennial. He was the long-time Secretary of Williamsburg Lodge, first elected in 1922 and served, with the exception of 1924-1925 when he was Senior Warden and Master, until 1956. He also served many years as Secretary of Ken-Tenn Chapter.

A number of his personal records were found when sorting through materials found in a box in a closet following a fire in the lodge building. I have been unable to locate the newspaper article which was written about the trip through Yellowstone by Companion Whitehead. The photo and an accompanying article were sent to a Tacoma newspaper for print. The article was accepted, but the photo was deemed unusable and was returned, according to a note from the newspaper attached to the photo. Companion Whitehead was undoubtedly one of those responsible for holding the lodge together during the Great Depression and World War II, when membership plummeted. After devoting much of his life to Masonry, he passed on October 15, 1956, hours after arriving in Louisville for the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.



Continue the York Rite Journey

## Continuing the York Rite Journey

*SK Herman Schlageter receiving his Grand Master's Class coin from SK Gary Rose, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. In front of SK Herman is REGC Sir Knight J William Rigg, and far right REPGC Sir Knight Mike Miller. Sir Knight Herman, a 50-year member of Bullitt and McNeil lodges, was knighted in Louisville DeMolay Commandery on June 18. Photo by Greg Raque.*



*Scottsville Royal Arch Degree, June 25, 2019, with GHP Ron Ledford, DGHP Rick Sears, Grand Scribe George Arnold, Grand Captain of the Host Wilson Wilder, PGHPs Jim King and Bill Riggs. Photo submitted by George Ralph Arnold.*



*Richmond Chapter and Council Installation and conferral of the Council degrees, July 2, 2019. Photo Reagan Overby*



*Iroquois Chapter and Council Elections, June 26, 2019. Photo submitted by George Ralph Arnold*



*Installation of Officers at Danville York Rite*



*James Shockley, left, newly elected Commander of Paducah Commandery No. 11 and Patrick Young, First Arch Deputy for the Grand Council of Kentucky R&SM. (photo James Shockley)*



*Don Powell (left) and Steve Talbott, of Winchester York Rite, pose together after Steve was made a Knight Mason at Bardstown June 22 (submitted by Steve Talbott)*



*MIGM Charles Durham presents Companion Roger F. Hurt with his Proficiency Certificate, Card & pins. Photo Reagan Overby*



*Companion Bruce Outlaw imparting words of wisdom to our newest two Companions, David Osbon and Jim West Photo Reagan Overby*





## Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

### Our Mission

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



*The following THANK YOU! to the Knights of Kentucky was received from Mike Anderson, our 2019 Holy Land Pilgrimage Participant.*



*“In Israel, in order to be a realist, you must believe in miracles.” – David Ben-Gurion, Israeli Statesman*

How do I adequately thank the Knights Templar for sending this local minister to Israel on the pilgrimage of a lifetime? Each day was filled with historical and spiritual treasures revealed by the landscape of Israel as well as our knowledgeable tour guide of over 30-years, Ezra Eini. From the mountains of northern Israel, the Sea of Galilee & Jordan River to the mysteries of the rugged countryside in the Dead Sea region, all the way to the majestic tours of old Jerusalem and Bethlehem... each offered a rich reflection

into Israel’s past while bringing it to a modern understanding.

Since I have returned home, I have found unique ways to parcel-out this journey with my own congregation... from gaining new understanding concerning biblical items and places, to the five weeks of Sunday morning sermons complete with videos from the expedition, I was able to share with my church the deepest meaning possible: the truth about the lordship of Jesus Christ in its physical/historical context. A hearty ‘thank you’ to all the Knights Templar for sponsoring my pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I will forever have new perspective and remain grateful for your sacrifice that allowed me to participate on this amazing tour! God bless! *Mike Anderson*

*Mike is the Minister at Shiner Church of Christ near Corbin. The photo of Mike (above) was taken at the Garden Tomb while on the Pilgrimage.*

### An Opportunity to assist in sending a Christian Minister to the Holy Land



Sir Knight Greg Raque is selling the displayed coins for \$10.00 each. SK Greg states that “if we sell all these coins, we’ll donate \$3,000 to the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.” To purchase a coin, you can contact Greg or Jefferson Commandery.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee has a number of other avenues of support as well. Contact George Brooks or Larry Carte for more information.

# Royal Arch Research Assistance



“your research arm for better hearing health”

## What is R.A.R.A.

Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt foundation incorporated in the State of Kentucky in 1974.

It is governed by a Board of Directors who are all Royal Arch Masons. The General Grand High Priest is the President. The Board Secretary receives all contributions, keeps records, and sends out receipts, certificates and awards.

Each works with the R.A.R.A. Representatives and the Ambassadors for each state, together with the Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest to coordinate Chapter. In this way, the Grand Chapters in their Regions will be encouraged to participate publicly to demonstrate our community involvement.

Through greater visibility to the public, the hope is to generate greater commitment to this endeavor and promote Royal Arch Masonry.

There are three Regional Coordinators to provide public relations and fundraising assistance under the direction of the Executive Director.

## What is Central Auditory Processing Disorder?

Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) is a hearing deficiency that does not allow those afflicted to distinguish sounds that can be heard by those with regular hearing.

When a sound occurs, the sound is taken into the inner ear and delivered to the brain and the brain translates what is being heard. When a person is deaf, the part of the ear that delivers the sound to the brain does not function.

When a person has central auditory processing Disorder (CAPD), the part of the brain that translates what the ear delivers does not function properly. The

person with CAPD can hear sounds, but how the brain translates the sound is incorrect, and the end result is a garbled message.

People who have CAPD have normal hearing, so they are not considered hearing impaired. The neurological processing of the sounds they hear is impaired, which is why it's called a processing disorder. Research is developing paths of opportunity to correct this problem, and your Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) contributions support these efforts.

**What is our Commitment?** The R.A.R.A. Board of Directors is committed to identifying and supporting those scientists who are searching for treatment regimens and eventually a cure for CAPD.

**What can you do?** You can join our cause through your support of R.A.R.A. activities. Why? Simply and directly—Because as Royal Arch Masons, WE CARE!

## R.A.R.A. Recognition Awards

Certificates are designed for contributions of \$25, \$50, and \$100.

- A \$300 dollar contribution receives a keystone lapel pin.
- A \$500 dollar contribution within the triennial years receives a lapel pin with a diamond in the center.
- Additional contributions of \$500 add an additional diamond to the lapel pin.
- Certificates and pins are awarded to both individual donors and donating organizations.

Donations are IRS deductible

Make checks payable to: Royal Arch Research Assistance

## Mail Contributions to:

Royal Arch Research Assistance  
P.O. Box 1040  
Bardstown, KY 40004-1040

For further information, contact State Executive Officer Tom Bustle, at 6208 Lebanon Rd, Danville KY 40422  
Phone 859-319-7278

The trifold brochure from which this information was taken is available at <http://www.ramint.org/downloads/RARABrochure2019.pdf>





## Grand Commander's Message



Companions and Sir Knights,  
Are you a glass half full or a glass half empty kind of person? Do you look at the possibilities, or just see the challenges of a situation? Is your perspective a positive one, or do you generally dwell on the negatives you see

around you?

Although I try to be positive and look at what could be, I'm certainly guilty of letting the difficulties of a situation get me down. To get frustrated with inaction or the lack of vision from others and think, it's not worth it. Without having all the facts or information, or without trying every possible solution, I have often formed an opinion, and that was the way it was going to be. From my point of view, or my perspective, things were only as I saw them. Well, when I do this, AND then gain new information, or learn all the facts, I must backtrack and acknowledge that my perspective was wrong. That I was only making things worse, not helping the situation at all.

Sir Knights, I have experienced this exact situation several times in the past few months. Fortunately, not all of these were me jumping to conclusions and forming an incorrect opinion or perspective. Just recently I witnessed a York Rite Body that just four short years ago, was nearly given up on, and was on the verge of turning in its' Charter, to not only survive, but thrive! To witness twenty, (20) members show up on a hot June evening, was uplifting to say the least. Yes, some were visitors, but fourteen, (14) of their own members were there. Elections were held and new officers were installed. Another Commandery was in that same predicament just two years ago, and now they are growing, and their new members are taking an active part.

Now in neither of these cases, was the job easy, nor was progress always apparent, and the results always positive. But they each moved forward.

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And neither of these situations were turned around by one man, or even two. But it did take one or two to not give up. To continue to try, to persevere even during the difficult times.

Sir Knights, there can always be something positive for us to work on, even in our most difficult situations. We should always look for these positive aspects and cultivate and nurture them. No, we may not be able to do everything, but we can, and should, do something.

Sir Knights, lets look for the opportunities that difficult situations provide us and make the most of them. Let us resolve, that at our next meeting we will do something. Practice giving the signs, work on our sword and floor work. Maybe plan a meal, and just sit and fellowship. But do something.

In that vein, one of our Sir Knights, (Greg Raque) has taken on a personal challenge to help raise funds for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. He has designed a very attractive challenge coin that will be sold to assist in raising funds for sending a minister to the Holy Land. Look for it and support his vision. Only 300 will be made, and the cost is only \$10.00. Order yours today from Jefferson Commandery!

Courteously,

J. William Riggs, KCT  
Grand Commander



### Upcoming Degree Work and Events

The following list is as provided by various Companions and Sir Knights across the Commonwealth. If your organization is planning to confer the degrees or orders, please let me know – you can email me at the address on the back page of this publication – and I will put it in the Keystone.

- 07/11/2019- Jackson Commandery Orders
- 7/13-14 – Grand Lodge Open House and Dedication of new office, Louisville
- 07/20/2019 – West Kentucky York Rite Festival; Paducah York Rite Bodies
- 07/20/2019 – RARA Dinner in Danville
- 9/16-18 – Grand Sessions, Lexington

### Acknowledgments

- OKI – Charles Durham
- RARA Dinner – Ron Ledford

**Our deepest sympathies to MIGM Charles Durham and Lady Wanda in the recent loss of their daughter Karen. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.**

### *From the Crypt*



*Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master Thomas E. Bustle receiving his Council Proficiency Card, Certificate and pins at Richmond, Tuesday July 2, 2019, from Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles Durham. Tom submitted his lecture at Danville on Monday July 1st.*



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



*Kentucke Council 71, Knight Masons, June 22, 2019, Bardstown, KY*



# The Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky

Invites you to join us!

Grand Sessions 2019

Book your rooms by August 16, 2019



## Embassy Suites Lexington

1801 Newtown Pike  
Lexington, KY, US 40511

859-455-5000 (If Booking by phone use group Grand York Rite of Kentucky.)

Direct link to booking:

[https://secure3.hilton.com/en\\_US/es/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=LEXESE&specplan=CESYOR&arrival=20190914&departure=20190918&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromid=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/es/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=LEXESE&specplan=CESYOR&arrival=20190914&departure=20190918&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromid=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

Special room rate for guest attending our Grand Session \$118.95 + tax.  
If booking online use group code YOR to get rate.



Monday September 16, 2019

*Grand Commandery K.T.  
Annual Conclave*



Tuesday September 17, 2019

*Grand Council R. & S. M.  
Annual Assembly*



Wednesday September 19,  
2018

*Grand Chapter R.A.M.  
Annual Convocation*

*We ask that as many of you, our Brothers who can please attend and go to the banquets and luncheons to show your support. Your support is necessary for us to continue to carry out the age-old traditions of our craft. Without you there is no craft.*

	Hospitality Room	Men's Lunches	Ladies' Luncheons
<i>Commandery</i>	9-15-19 Noon-4:00 p.m. And after Memorial Service	9-16-19 at Noon	9-16-19 at Noon A Hawaiian Experience
<i>Council</i>	9-16-19 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	9-17-18 at Noon	9-17-18 at Noon Children are Our Future
<i>Chapter</i>	9-17-19 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. And after Banquet	9-18-18 at Noon	9-18-18 at Noon America's Birthday

### Banquets:

*Memorial Service Dinner*

#### Dress Attire

Sunday 9-15-19

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Memorial Service

*Grand York Rite of KY Banquet*

#### Formal Attire

Tuesday 9-17-19

6:30 PM Doors Open

7:00 PM Meal Served



2019 Grand Sessions

# York Rite of Kentucky

## ORDER FORM

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lady (if she is accompanying you): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:  Email:

Out of state Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_ **(Do not enclose your voting Credentials with this form.)**

	# of Tickets	Price per Ticket	Total
Sunday September 15, 2019 Memorial Service Banquet		\$40.00	\$
Monday September 16, 2019 Sir Knights Lunch		\$22.00	\$
Monday September 16, 2019 Commandery Lady's Luncheon		\$22.00	\$
Tuesday September 17, 2019 Companions Lunch		\$22.00	\$
Tuesday September 17, 2019 Council Lady's Luncheon		\$22.00	\$
Tuesday September 17, 2019 York Rite Banquet		\$40.00	\$
Wednesday September 18, 2019 Men's Fellowship Lunch		\$22.00	\$
Wednesday September 18, 2019 Chapter Lady's Luncheon		\$22.00	\$
Total of all tickets _____		----	\$

**Meal ticket reservations due in to Grand Recorder by September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs the hotel will provide a suitable option.**

Tickets will be available when you sign in see you there.

Please Mark  nights you will be staying at hotel

Sunday  Monday  Tuesday

**(You will need to make your own reservation with Embassy Suites Lexington by Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**Enclose payment with this form and Mail to:**

James King  
Grand Secretary/Recorder  
400 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Danville, KY 40422

Make Checks Payable to: Grand Council of Kentucky York Rite

**Note: Out of State Grand High Priests, Grand Masters, and Grand Commanders please contact our office for a special form phone 859-209-4120 or by email grandrecorderky@yahoo.com Thank you.**



## Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana

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**Greetings Companions, you are hereby invited to attend the 2019 OKI Assembly  
Hosted by: Grand Council of Indiana and New Albany Council #1,  
When: August 9 and 10, 2019**

Agenda is scheduled as follows:

Friday August 9, @ New Albany Best Western Plus,  
7:00pm Business Meeting - President: Terry Turner RIDGM, IN  
8:00pm Royal Order of Zanzibar, Ladies of Zanzibar – Charles Wood

Saturday August 10, @ New Albany Council 1, 805 E Market St., New Albany, IN

8:00am doors open, Coffee and Donuts

10:00am Royal Master – Kentucky

10:45am Select master – Ohio

11:30am Lunch, Served by OES New Albany Chapter

RSVP reservation: Terry Turner, RIDGM @ [tturner@att.net](mailto:tturner@att.net) or (317) 502-0849

Lunch price: \$15.00 per person

1:00pm Super X – Indiana

**Hotel Accommodations have been blocked at: \$125.00/Night, includes hot breakfast bar**

Best Western Plus West I-64, New Albany, IN

411 Spring Street

New Albany, Indiana 47150

(812) 945-2771

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.15112.html?iata=00171890&ssob=BLBWI0003G&cid=BLBWI0003G;yext:website:15112)

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David R. Ulrich, MIGM

Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Indiana

## THE MORE YOU KNOW...

*The following is extracted from a much longer article in Dr. Albert Mackey's 'Encyclopedia of Freemasonry' dealing with 'The Stone of Foundation' and its Masonic application. Both Chapter and Council will find much of interest in the full article, which gives a more detailed exploration of the legends surrounding the Stone. I found the entire article to be fascinating. I hope you will look it up and read through it.*

### The Stone of Foundation

The Stone of Foundation is, properly speaking, a symbol of the higher degrees. It makes its first appearance in the Royal Arch, and forms indeed the most important symbol of that degree. But it is so intimately connected, in its legendary history, with the construction of the Solomonic Temple, that it must be considered as a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, although he who confines the range of his investigations to the first three degrees will have no means, within that narrow limit, of properly appreciating the symbolism of the Stone of Foundation.

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The Hebrew Talmudists ... said it had been laid by Jehovah as the foundation of the world, and hence the apocryphal book of Enoch speaks of the "stone which supports the corners of the earth."

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This idea of a foundation-stone of the world was most probably derived from that magnificent passage of the book of Job (ch. xxxviii.) in which the Almighty demands of Job,—

*"Where wast thou,  
when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Declare, since thou hast such knowledge!  
Who fixed its dimensions, since thou knowest!  
Or who stretched out the line upon it?  
Upon what were its foundations fixed?  
And who laid its corner-stone,  
When the morning stars sang together,  
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?"*

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In the Masonic legend, the Foundation Stone first makes its appearance, as we have already said, in the days of Enoch, who placed it in the bowels of Mount Moriah. There it was subsequently discovered by King Solomon, who deposited it in a crypt of the first Temple, where it remained concealed until the foundations of the second Temple were laid, when it was discovered and removed to the Holy of Holies. But the most important point of the legend of the Stone of Foundation is its intimate and constant connection with the Tetragrammaton or ineffable name. It is this name, inscribed upon it within the sacred and symbolic delta, that gives to the stone all

its Masonic value and significance. It is upon this fact, that it was so inscribed, that its whole symbolism depends.

Looking at these traditions in anything like the light of historical narratives, we are compelled to consider them, to use the plain language of Lee, "but as so many idle and absurd conceits." We must go behind the legend, which we acknowledge at once to be only an allegory, and study its symbolism.

The following facts can, I think, be readily established from history. First, that there was a very general prevalence among the earliest nations of antiquity of the worship of stones as the representatives of Deity; secondly, that in almost every ancient temple there was a legend of a sacred or mystical stone; thirdly, that this legend is found in the Masonic system; and lastly, that the mystical stone there has received the name of the "Stone of Foundation."

Now, as in all the other systems the stone is admitted to be symbolic, and the traditions connected with it mystical, we are compelled to assume the same predicates of the Masonic stone. It, too, is symbolic, and its legend a myth or an allegory.

Of the fable, myth, or allegory, Bailly has said that, "subordinate to history and Philosophy, it only deceives that it may the better instruct us. Faithful in preserving the realities which are confided to it, it covers with its seductive envelop the lessons of the one and the truths of the other." It is from this stand-point that we are to view the allegory of the Stone of Foundation, as developed in one of the most interesting and important symbols of Masonry.

The fact that the mystical stone in all the ancient religions was a symbol of the Deity, leads us necessarily to the conclusion that the Stone of Foundation was also a symbol of Deity. And this symbolic idea is strengthened by the Tetragrammaton, or sacred name of God, that was inscribed upon it. This ineffable name sanctifies the stone upon which it is engraved as the symbol of the Grand Architect. It takes from it its heathen signification as an idol, and consecrates it to the worship of the true God.

The predominant idea of the Deity, in the Masonic system, connects him with his creative and formative power. God is to the Freemason *Al Gabil*, as the Arabians called him, that is, *The Builder*; or, as expressed in his Masonic title, the *Grand Architect of the Universe*, by common consent abbreviated in the formula G A T U. Now, it is evident that no symbol could so appropriately suit him in this character as the Stone of Foundation, upon which he is allegorically supposed to have erected his world. Such a symbol closely connects the creative work of God, as a pattern and exemplar, with the workman's erection of his temporal building on a similar foundation stone.

*(continued - The Stone of Foundation)*

But this Masonic idea is still further to be extended. The great object of all Masonic labor is *divine truth*. The search for *the lost word* is the search for truth. But divine truth is a term synonymous with God. The ineffable name is a symbol of truth, because God, and God alone, is truth. It is properly a scriptural idea. The Book of Psalms abounds with this sentiment. Thus it is said that the truth of the Lord "reacheth unto the clouds," and that "his truth endureth unto all generations." If, then, God is truth, and the Stone of Foundation is the Masonic symbol of God, it follows that it must also be the symbol of divine truth.

When we have arrived at this point in our speculations, we are ready to show how all the myths and legends of the Stone of Foundation may be rationally explained as parts of that beautiful "science of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols," which is the acknowledged definition of Freemasonry.

In the Masonic system there are two temples; the first temple, in which the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry are concerned, and the second temple, with which the higher degrees, and especially the Royal Arch, are related. The first temple is symbolic of the present life; the second temple is symbolic of the life to come. The first temple, the present life, must be destroyed; on its foundations the second temple, the life eternal, must be built.

But the mystical stone was placed by King Solomon in the foundations of the first Temple. That is to say, the first temple of our present life must be built on the sure foundation of divine truth, "for other foundation can no man lay."

But although the present life is necessarily built upon the foundation of truth, yet we never thoroughly attain it in this sublunary sphere. The Foundation-Stone is concealed in the first temple, and the Master Mason knows it not. He has not the true word. He receives only a substitute.

But in the second temple of the future life, we have passed from the grave which had been the end of our labors in the first. We have removed the rubbish, and have found that Stone of Foundation which had been hitherto concealed from our eyes. We now throw aside the substitute for truth which had contented us in the former temple, and the brilliant effulgence of the Tetragrammaton and the Stone of Foundation are discovered, and thenceforth we are the possessors of the true word— of divine truth. And in this way, the Stone of Foundation, or divine truth, concealed in the first temple, but discovered and brought to light in the

second, will explain that passage of the Apostle: "*For now we see through a glass darkly; but then, face to face: now I know in part but then I shall know face to face.*"

And so the result of this inquiry is, that the Masonic Stone of Foundation is a symbol of divine truth, upon which all speculative Masonry is built, and the legends and traditions which refer to it are intended to describe, in an allegorical way, the progress of truth in the soul, the search for which is a Mason's labor, and the discovery of which is his reward.

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