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Message from the Grand High Priest



Greetings Companions.

The time to get this letter to Randall snuck up on me. I was starting a project and suddenly realized it was the 3rd of March and I needed to get the letter out. I'll blame it on February being a short month.

March will be a busy travel month for many of the Grand Officers. The East Central Conference will be in Ft Wayne Ind. starting on the 13th of March and concluding on that Saturday. It is a good conference covering leadership and how to improve the York Rite. I encourage anyone that can make the trip to East Central to do so; you will not be disappointed. Then on March 22nd and 23rd some of us will be in Nashville Tennessee, I hope. Today watching the noon news, I heard about the tornado that touched down in Nashville. There was a lot of destruction in some of the areas. I hope that the city recovers in a timely fashion.

In February there was a lot of work accomplished. Degree work in Glasgow (My apologies to the Glasgow York Rite; I took ill while I was there, upper respiratory illness. That took a while to get over.) Apperson #81 in Ashland exalted 11 men at their regular meeting. I know there was other degree work going on; thanks to all who helped with the work.

On a sad note, Daviess Chapter #29 will be merging with W.R. Shelby, Sr. #4. This will take place on March 26, 2020 starting at 7PM. Also, Shelbyville #2 will be merging with Frankfort #3, date and time to be set.

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On a happy note, MEPGHP J. William Riggs had to have some medical procedures done and I believe that he is doing well; got an e-mail from him today concerning Grand Chapter business. He always is looking out for the Royal Arch. Thanks Bill.

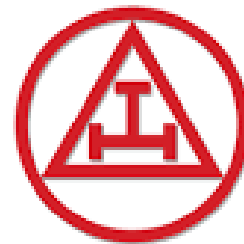
I plan to visit several Chapters this month, I have them listed on my calendar but I am not ready to make them public. I know my calendar will change at least three times before the end of the month. March can be an iffy month to plan due to the weather. I have visited 24 Chapters since September, some more than once.

Note to the Deputy Grand High Priests: District meetings are starting. I hope that each one of my Deputies will attend a District Meeting in your area and represent The York Rite. The Grand Master has given his blessing to a presentation for the York Rite.

Fraternally thine,

Rick Sears
MEGHP

*If you Love Masonry you will want to come
If you Love Masonry you will need to come
If you Love Masonry you will come*



*Your mind is a garden
Your thoughts are the seeds
You can grow flowers
Or you can grow weeds...*

From the Grand Secretary's Desk



Companions and
Sir Knights,

Spring is fast
approaching, as
we prepare for our
busy season as
secretaries. I
would like to
encourage all
Secretaries to pay
particular
attention to the
tools Randall has

made available for you on the KYRIS system. The more accurate your returns are the better record we will have for companions in years to come. Please remember to check your membership records and verify that they are accurate, so that more accurate dues cards can be printed this year.

Congratulations to all the new companions and Sir Knights that have been created so far this year and a big thank you to all the companions who worked hard to get petitions.

Fraternally,

James King Jr.
Grand Secretary/Recorder

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



Continue the York Rite Journey

From the Editor

Greetings, Companions!

Let me first extend condolences to the families of Past Grand Master Roger Barnett and Knights Templar Cross of Honor holder Bobby Day. Both men will be missed by those who knew and worked with them.

Roger reached the heights of Scottish Rite Masonry, but never forgot his connections to the Blue Lodge and the York Rite. My experience with him was as someone who was interested in the promotion and growth of the entire masonic family. He was serving as an officer in the York Rite bodies in Louisville at the time of his death. A sentiment which I have heard echoed by many who knew him well was posted by Gene Lichtefeld, on the funeral home web page: *"My life is richer for having known Roger..."*

Bobby Day was another who made a lasting impact on many, and those of us who knew him can echo that same sentiment: my life is richer for having known Bobby. He had a passion for Commandery which he willingly shared. He was our Division Commander for a time, and I understand spent a lot of time in Whitesburg helping them obtain their charter. Bobby showed many of us both how to do Commandery, and how to be a Mason. I was honored to award him the Conrad Cates Distinguished Service Award while I was Grand Commander. A light in Kentucky Templary has been extinguished that will truly be hard to replace.

On a less somber note, for those who might want to attend an Easter service short of Washington, D. C., Sir Knight Larry Flowers has announced that Bowling Green Commandery will have their Easter and Ascension service on Sunday, April 5th at 3:00 pm at the Bowling Green Lodge. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work / Past Grand Commander Rev. Larry Carte will conduct the service.

Thanks again to those who submitted photos for the newsletter this month. YOU are the people who keep this thing going and make it worthwhile. I was remiss last month in not giving credit to some, particularly to Joe Giles for the photos of Maysville. Sorry, Joe!

Fraternally,

Randall Partin, Editor

Message from the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky



THE WISDOM OF MY FATHER

Proverbs 1:8 states: *"My son, hear the instructions of thy Father, and forsake not the law of thy Mother".*

My Father was a man of wisdom. He taught me that the "Love of God" was the beginning

of wisdom. I grew up learning about the wonders of God and his creation. I was taught to love God, my Family, and my Country. I was taught to respect my elders and to say words like, "Please and Thank You". I was taught to love my Country and to respect those who have served to protect our freedoms. Some gave their lives in the process. I was taught to be a gentleman. To treat women with respect. And I was taught that a man that would strike a woman is less than a man.

In the book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, Verse 1, King Solomon wrote, *"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."* There is a time for learning and knowledge and for trying new things. The scriptures tell us that loving God is the beginning of wisdom. If we don't love God, we have failed to attain wisdom. In the words of King Solomon, "All is Vanity".

We may have numerous degrees and titles; We may be successful by worldly standards; We may climb rung after rung on the Masonic Ladder and even the Purple of our Fraternity may rest upon our shoulders, but, if we do not love and worship God, we are foolish. All is Vanity!

We live in a Country where we have the freedom to worship as we please. We can attend Lodge and Masonic Events without the fear of being arrested or put in jail. These are freedoms that were won by blood, courage, and a faith in God. Let us not forget those who fought and died to secure the

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freedoms we enjoy today. Let us never forget we are a Christian Nation. The Founders of our beloved country loved God.

So, tonight before lying down, take a look at the man in the mirror and ask yourself the question; "Is this man true to his faith; Is he living his life in a manner pleasing to God and true to his Masonic character as a Royal Arch Mason?"

Have a Blessed Day!

Don Powell, PGHP
Grand Chaplain
Grand Chapter of Kentucky, RAM



CMMRF BENEFIT DINNER

Saturday, April 4, 2020

5 PM

Tickets \$30

Available from any Grand Council Officer
Must be purchased by March 15th 2020.

LOCATION

South Kentucky RECC

200 Electric Ave

Somerset, Kentucky 42501

Hosted by Somerset Council No 68



THE MORE YOU KNOW

Our Education this month comes from The Ahiman Rezon, the book of Constitutions of the Antient Grand Lodge of England, first published in 1756. It was written by Laurence Dermott, the second Grand Secretary of the Antient Grand Lodge of England. Like Anderson's Constitutions before it, it is meant as a guide to new masons on how to conduct the affairs of their lodge and how to conduct themselves as members of the Antient Grand Lodge of England. The book is an adaptation of Spratt's Irish Constitutions, which was adopted from Anderson's Constitutions, and is or was the basis for a number of Grand Lodge's Constitutions. This gives another perspective on why we sometimes do things the way we do. - Editor

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FOR SUCH GENTLEMEN, AS MAY BE INCLINED TO BECOME FREEMASONS.

Gentlemen,

If the love of knowledge, interest, company, or dear curiosity, should take possession of any corner of your heads or hearts, and work you up to a desire of becoming Freemasons; in such case, I beg leave to offer my service as your guide to the Lodge door: this proposal, will not I hope be disagreeable to you, considering that I am the first person that ever offered assistance in this manner. But, before we set out, it is necessary that you carefully examine whether you are properly equipt for such an undertaking.

To this end, be it known to you gentlemen, that in every warranted Lodge they have the following order, viz.

"Any person desirous of being made a Freemason in the Lodge, shall be proposed by a member thereof, that is to say, his name, age, description of his person, title, or trade and place of residence; that such proposal shall be made in Lodge hours * at least one Lodge night before the initiation, in order, that the brethren may have sufficient time and opportunity to make a strict enquiry into the morals, character and circumstances of the candidate; and the brother that proposes him shall at the same time deposit such a sum of the candidate's money as the majority shall think sufficient, not less than one crown to insure the Lodge that the candidate will attend according to the proposal. And if the Lodge approve his person, age, character and circumstances, and therefore initiate him into the mystery, &c., he shall pay whatsoever sum the brethren shall think proper, not less than two guineas, and cloath the Lodge[†] if required. But if the Lodge think the candidate unworthy, and refuse

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to make him, his money shall be faithfully returned to him; but, in case the Lodge approve his person and character, &c., and he refuse to be made, then shall he forfeit his money for the benefit of distressed Freemasons. And it is hereby ordered and declared, that no person is capable of becoming a member of the Lodge, but such as are of mature age, upright in body and limbs, free from bondage, has the senses of a man, and is endowed with an estate, office, trade, occupation, or some visible way of acquiring an honest and reputable livelihood, as becomes the members of this most ancient and honourable fraternity.**

By this regulation you see that the Freemasons will make a strict, though private enquiry into your character and ability: And therefore I advise you to be as circumspect on your side. Perhaps, you may think that it will be impossible for you to distinguish the good from bad, amongst a people who make it their peculiar study to keep all things secret. Let not such a thought discourage you, when I assure you, that you have a faithful guide, who has made Freemasonry both ancient and modern, his constant study for twenty years past, and thinks it a duty incumbent on him, to give you these instructions.

In the first place, when you intend to be made a Freemason, go with your friend to the Lodge, and desire him to shew you the warrant or dispensation by which the Lodge is held; that is to say, an instrument printed or written upon parchment and signed by some noble Grand Master, his Deputy and Grand Wardens, and Grand Secretary, and sealed with their Grand Lodge seal, &c., constituting and appointing particular persons therein named, as Master and Wardens, with full power to congregate and hold a Lodge at such a place, and therein make and admit Freemasons, according to the most ancient and honourable custom of the royal craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world, with full power and authority to nominate, chose and install their successors, &c. When they produce this authority or warrant, then call for the By-Laws, and having seriously perused them, consider whether your natural disposition will incline you to be conformable to them. Next call for the roll or list of the members, where you may find the names of some of your intimate and most esteemed friends, or perhaps the names of such other of your acquaintance as you would not choose to associate with. If these researches prove agreeable, then you may venture to lay down the deposite money, (as it is called) but if they do not produce the Grand Master's authority by warrant or dispensation, you are to look upon them not only as the magma of Freemasons, but the very dregs of mankind, who (under the cloak of brotherly love) are ever upon

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the watch for an opportunity to pick your pockets, and make you contemptible into the bargain. †† Doubtless you will wonder how, or by what means, such abandoned wretches got admittance into a Fraternity which boast of so much honour and virtue, as to level themselves with kings and princes, especially, if they adhere strictly to the foregoing regulation. To this I answer, that some of the Landlords, *** where the Lodges are held, do often recommend persons to be made Freemasons, and that the lucrative view takes place (too often) where impartiality, honesty and virtue ought to be the points of sight. That others have stood the test of the strictest scrutiny, behaved well for many years, and afterwards fell into all manner of vices, which serves to shew the instability and weakness of mankind, and that all the doctrine and laws upon earth (without the grace of God) is not sufficient to make men wise or deter them from evil. Nevertheless (in the system of Freemasonry) there are many ways to mend the manners, polish the disposition, correct the judgment, and refine the taste of a soul virtuously inclined. And as the number of good and wise Freemasons have always greatly exceeded that of the foolish and wicked, it would be as absurd to condemn the whole for part, as it would be in the Jews to condemn Shem and Japhet for the curse brought upon Ham; or the Christians, to condemn the eleven apostles, because Judas turned traitor. But this is not altogether the business of a guide, therefore I beg leave to re-assume my proper character, and earnestly desire you to shun Mason Clubs, that is to say, Lodges formed without authority, for you may rest fully assured, that such clubs are generally composed of excluded members, or persons clandestinely made by them, and consequently incapable of giving proper instructions to their pupils. Or admit them capable of giving proper instructions, even then; the new brethren will be led in the dark, because it is the interest of the rebel party to conceal the essentials of the craft, which, if revealed, must of course prove themselves to be villains. Therefore, in order to avoid falling into such hands, I earnestly beg of you, to have no communication with any Lodge or set of men under the denomination of a Freemasons Lodge, until they produce the Grand Master's authority, signed and sealed as before mentioned. But having produced such authority, you may then enter in the name of the God! Where you will be acquainted with mysteries, which are not permitted to be revealed by a guide, especially out of the Lodge: And if after such entrance or admission you find that I have missed you, I do hereby give you full liberty to expose me as a blind guide &c., but if experience teach

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you, that my instructions as well as my intentions were just, then I hope you will do me the honour of calling me a faithful brother. And that the God of all light and truth, who is the giver of all good gifts and graces may bless, prosper, and direct you, in all your public and private, lawful, undertakings, is the hearty prayer of,

Gentlemen,

Your faithful and obedient servant,
LAURENCE DERMOTT.

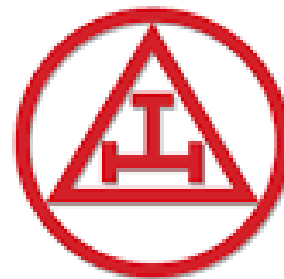
** That is from the vernal to the autumnal equinox, between seven and ten o'clock in the evening, and from the autumnal to the vernal equinox, following, between six and nine o'clock.*

† By clothing is meant white aprons and gloves, not only for every member in the Lodge, but also for all their wives and sweethearts.

*** To this I beg leave to add a word or two; The persons to whom I now speak, are the men of some education and an honest character, but in low circumstances; I say, let them first consider their income and families, and know that Freemasonry requires ability, attendance, and a good appearance to maintain and support its ancient and honourable grandeur. Be it also remembered, that they have no title to the general charity, until they prove, that they have been formerly in reputable, at least, in tolerable circumstances.*

†† For a confirmation hereof read the eighth Regulation, (page 58) where it is ordered, that no person so made, nor any concerned in making him, shall be a Grand Officer, nor an Officer of any particular Lodge, nor shall any such partake of the general charity, if they should come to want it.

**** I do not charge landlords in general with such evil proceedings, because I know many of them that abhor sinister views, and would sacrifice all pecuniary interest, before they would break through any of the sacred rules or orders of the craft.*



Upcoming Degree Work and Events (as we have it)

- 3/9/2020 – Council Degrees – Williamsburg
- 3/25/2020 - Red Cross, DeMolay, Louisville
- 3/28/2020 – Williamsburg York Rite Pancake Breakfast
- 4/4/2020 – CMMRF Dinner – Somerset
- 4/5/2020 – Easter Service, Bowling Green
- 4/10/2020 – Easter Pilgrimage to D. C.
- 4/22/2020 – Order of the Temple – Louisville
- 5/30/2020 – KTEF Golf Scramble
- 6/27/2020- Knight Masons/HRAKTP/KYCH
- 7/11/2020- West Kentucky Festival – Paducah
- 7/18/2020 – RARA Dinner – Danville



A Real Freemason

"Masonry has enriched and ennobled my own life: It has made me a better man than I would have been otherwise. It has thrown me into the companionship of the best citizenship of the State. It has elevated my aspirations to live well and do well and die well. * * *

I have lived unto the sear and yellow leaf of life. As to the years to come, if it should not be my privilege to appear before you again on this stand, I want to say to you that through my love and faith in this great Order, through my love and faith as a follower of my Divine Redeemer, I look forward to the future without a fear, with confidence and with composure."

These comments were made by Companion John H. Leathers in October 1922 as he accepted the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the forty-fourth time. It was Companion Leathers' last appearance before the Grand Lodge as he died a little over eight months later on June 29, 1923. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in 1875, a member of King Solomon Chapter No. 5, Louisville Commandery No. 1, and a number of other masonic bodies.

!!! KYRIS NOTICE !!!

All Secretaries/Recorders

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

Don't wait until the end of June to begin updating KYRIS. We had to make updates to the server software which runs our database and this has caused a number of issues. I believe that most of the issues have been corrected, but we won't know for sure until all of YOU begin to do your updates.

Go ahead and make any changes that you need to do now. If you run into any issues, notify me as soon as possible so that I can track down and correct those problems before we begin doing Annual Returns.

Why did we do this to ourselves? The software had reached its end-of-support date and was no longer being updated. This tends to create security issues, and ultimately leads to other issues as software which is maintained by the server owner will begin to conflict with the outdated software which we were using.

Why did this create a problem? This particular update made a major change to the way many of our queries interacted with the database; instead of getting data back for every row of data that met the criteria, the new software dropped every row that did not have data in every field. That meant that every record that didn't have a date – formerly showed 0000-00-00 – would no longer display on your reports, and would no longer show up on you list of members.

What do I need to do if I find an issue? Send an email to me with as many details as possible about the problem. Give me a contact phone number so I can call for clarification if need be. Most of you have my phone number and email address. If not, reply to the newsletter email.



THE YORK RITE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Making Good Men Better

*An open letter to the fraternity
by S. Lane Pierce*

There is a secret in our fraternity. It is something we continue to shout to the public yet many of us have not even considered the words we are saying. How do we make good men better?

Consider this... if you could attract the right men into your Blue Lodge, you would have full tables at dinner. Your lodge meetings would include engaged civil discussion that excites the mind and body to the building of a legacy for you, your lodge, your state, and your country. You would have a positive recognition when walking about in your community. You would experience personal growth and improvement just because of your association, and enlightened dialog, with other great thinkers in your Lodge.

Because these men are the kind of men that are seeking to become more than what they are, they will move on to join the Chapter to finish the Masonic Journey they have begun. They will, in due time, want to understand the origination and preservation of Freemasonry through the Cryptic Degrees. Those who are men of Christ must then step into the path that He walked for us and learn how their Christian nature manifests the goodness of life for all those who seek to learn and exhibit His teachings.

My Brother, that secret is in how we make good men better.

Freemasonry is so much more than what has ever been written of it. Freemasonry is not a thing that can be described. Much like the Great Architect of the Universe, Freemasonry is an experience. It is an experience to be sought. It is an experience to be continually had day to day.

A principle aspect of that experience is in leadership and leadership is the answer to the question; "how do we make good men better".

A leader is one who has the ability to create. They do so through their own self-control and dedication to an ideal outcome, and they have the determination and hardiness to see all circumstances through to achievement. Leaders capture the hearts and minds of others and inspire them into action for the benefit of the greater good. Leaders are content to set their ego aside and follow another leader when it benefits the outcome;

and leaders will step boldly to the front to provide direction and action when needed.

Freemasonry is the perfect crucible for a man to improve himself and become the leader for good that he is meant to be. Freemasonry creates opportunities for a man to be humble, be in service to his fellow man, and to be a leader. I suggest to you that Freemasonry has been perfectly structured for you to learn to be a leader. From the moment you asked to be admitted to the mysteries of the craft, you have been setup with opportunities to learn and hone your skills as a leader. The question now is, what are you going to do?

Brother, would you agree with me that there is not a single problem in our fraternity that cannot be solved with effective leadership?

I want to let you in on another of our not-so-secret secrets. Your York Rite has created and made available to you a well-structured, executive-class leadership training program. This program is not meant to replace your training in how to run a meeting according to the laws of our respective bodies. It is an overlay that gives you the necessary information to become an effective administrator of your organization while executing on the business at hand.

The York Rite Leadership Program (YRLP) started with one class created and taught by SK John Palmer, PGM-TN and has since grown to 3 classes taught by 6 different instructors at each of the 8 Department Conference held across the United States. The YRLP has been in existence for 10 years now and has graduated about 400 people from the program. These graduates are charged with going back into their several organizations to lead and share with others what they have learned.

The first-year students learn about their own leadership style and skills, and how to improve upon them. The second-year student is exposed to how group dynamics work and how to set the vision for the organization that motivate groups into action. The third-year student learns influential and motivational communication skills so they can put their leadership plans into action.

This program is open to all members of the York Rite family, including the ladies, DeMolay and Rainbow.

Sir Knight Pierce is the Program Coordinator for the York Rite Leadership Program. We will include more of his remarks next month. – Editor

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Chapter Inspection Schedule (Corrected 2/16/20)

Area	Chapter	Location	Date	DDGHP
4	Lindsey No. 69	Mayfield	2/11/2020	Glenn D Barker
4	Paducah No. 30	Paducah	2/25/2020	Glenn D Barker
3	B Graham No. 80	Franklin	3/3/2020	David Puckett
5	B Shelbyville No. 2	Shelbyville	3/5/2020	Joseph Giles
7	B Apperson No. 81	Ashland	3/5/2020	Paul Davis
5	A Bullitt No. 44	Shepherdsville	3/7/2020	John Johnson
8	Ken-Tenn No. 148	Williamsburg	3/9/2020	Mark Gibson
2	Oriental No. 14	Princeton	3/10/2020	Miles Ward
3	A Jo Daviess No. 32	Owensboro	3/10/2020	James Reynolds
3	B Bowling Green No. 38	Bowling Green	3/10/2020	David Puckett
6	Cynthiana	Cynthiana	3/10/2020	Jeffery Smith
5	B Carroll No. 55	Carrollton	3/16/2020	Joseph Giles
3	B Russellville No. 8	Russellville	3/17/2020	David Puckett
5	A King Solomon No. 5	Louisville	3/18/2020	John Johnson
6	Ft Thomas No. 177	Ft Thomas	3/19/2020	Jeffery Smith
5	B Frankfort No. 3	Frankfort	3/19/2020	Joseph Giles
7	B Morehead No. 168	Morehead	3/21/2020	Paul Davis
3	B Scottsville No. 171	Scottsville	3/24/2020	David Puckett
5	A Iroquois No. 193	Louisville	3/25/2020	John Johnson
4	B Taylor No. 90	Campbellsville	4/2/2020	Thomas Brown
9	B Jackson No. 160	Jackson	4/2/2020	Anthony Skeans
4	A Daviess No. 29	Harrodsburg	4/6/2020	Bob Davis
7	A Richmond No. 16	Richmond	4/7/2020	Steve Talbott
4	A Hardin No. 195	Elizabethtown	4/9/2020	Bob Davis
9	A Jenkins No. 164	Jenkins	4/9/2020	Bobby Balthus
7	B Louisa No. 95	Louisa	4/13/2020	Paul Davis
9	A Pikeville No. 133	Pikeville	4/13/2020	Bobby Balthus
3	B Glasgow No. 45	Glasgow	4/14/2020	David Puckett
7	A Irvine No. 42	Irvine	4/14/2020	Steve Talbott
8	Harlan No. 165	Harlan	4/14/2020	Mark Gibson
4	A Rowan No. 31	Bardstown	4/16/2020	Bob Davis
9	B Paintsville No. 131	Paintsville	4/16/2020	Anthony Skeans
5	B Lawrenceburg No. 138	Lawrenceburg	4/20/2020	Joseph Giles
8	Somerset No. 25	Somerset	4/23/2020	Mark Gibson
6	Temple No. 172	Newport	4/26/2020	Jeffery Smith
4	B Greensburg No. 36	Greensburg	4/27/2020	Thomas Brown
8	Monticello No. 152	Monticello	4/27/2020	Mark Gibson
3	A Western Star No. 20	Hardinsburg	4/28/2020	James Reynolds
7	A Winchester No. 12	Winchester	4/28/2020	Steve Talbott
6	Covington No. 35	Covington	5/9/2020	Jeffery Smith
7	A Lexington No. 1	Lexington	5/14/2020	Steve Talbott
9	B Prestonsburg No. 182	Prestonsburg	5/14/2020	Anthony Skeans
6	Maysville No. 9	Maysville	5/20/2020	Jeffery Smith
4	B Edmonds No. 83	Lebanon	5/28/2020	Thomas Brown



Sir Knight Bobby R. Day

December 9, 1941 – February 07, 2020

Recipient Knights Templar Cross of Honor

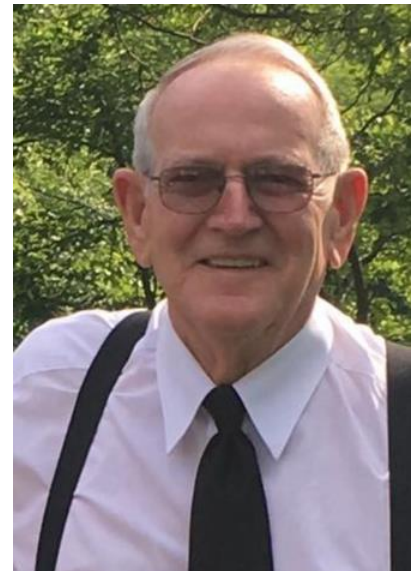
Recipient Grand Commandery of Kentucky Conrad Cates
Exceptional Achievement Award

Bobby Day was raised a Master Mason in 1976 in Franklin Lodge No. 28 and served there as Master in 1982. He shortly thereafter united with the Danville York Rite bodies and became an invaluable contributor in Danville and throughout his native Eastern Kentucky and anywhere else that duty called.

Bobby served as High Priest of W. R. Selby, Sr. Chapter in 1980; as Illustrious Master of Earl F. Ransdell Council in 1984 and first served as Commander of Ryan Commandery in 1980. He would serve five times as Commander

He was awarded the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor in 1986, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, and his efforts on behalf of numerous local Commanderies. He served for a time as a Division Commander in Eastern Kentucky, many miles from his home in Danville; he was an excellent instructor in tactics and in Commandery Ritual. Bobby was awarded the Conrad Cates Distinguished Service Award in 2018.

Requiescat in pace





Roger D. Barnett

January 20, 1958 – February 20, 2020.

Most Worshipful Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Kentucky
2001 - 2002

Roger D. Barnett was initiated into the fraternity on January 22, 1983, received the Fellow Craft degree on February 26, 1983, and raised a Master Mason on March 26, 1983 in Miles Lodge No. 341 in West Point, Kentucky. He was elected Master in 1988 and served as District Deputy Grand Master of District 17 in 1990-1991. He affiliated with William O. Ware Lodge of Research No. 999 in 1998, and Fairdale No. 942 in 2009. He would again serve Miles Lodge as Master in 2015 and 2017.

Roger's connection to the York Rite dates to February 1990, when he was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Iroquois Chapter No. 193, Greeted at Sword and Trowel No. 111, Royal and Select Masters, and received the Orders of Knighthood in Jefferson Commandery No. 52, Louisville, Kentucky. He served Iroquois Chapter as High Priest in 2018, and was serving as Illustrious Master of Sword and Trowel Council and as Senior Warden of Jefferson Commandery at the time of his death.

He was a 33rd degree Scottish Rite mason and for several years was Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Kentucky.

From the curiosity of a young boy to the maturity of a young man, Brother Barnett's interest in the Masonic Order has brought him on a journey from a poor blind candidate to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the state of Kentucky. His love for the fraternity is seen in his dedication to his Masonic work and his many projects to improve Masonry. - Committee on Biography, 2002



(Compiled from the 2002 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky membership database, and the York Rite of Kentucky membership database.)

Continuing the York Rite Journey



Glasgow Order of the Temple, February 15, 2020

Candidates were present from Glasgow, Owensboro, Frankfort, and Maysville. Welcome Sir Knights Brad Drew, Brad Kelsay, Kyle Kelsay, John Crow, Adam Fagan, Rodney Adkins, Tim France, Travis Ausland, and Mark Bradley. (Photo Herb Hess)



Apperson Chapter No 81 Royal Arch Degree, February 20, 2020

Congratulations to the 10 new Companions Exalted to the August Degree of Royal Arch Mason and to all who participated in the conferral. (photo Grand Chapter Facebook page)

The York Rite at Work

Knights Templar Easter Pilgrimage

April 10 - 12, 2020

The 90th Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia



7:00 AM Friday morning, April 10, 2020. Depart Louisville-DeMolay Commandery #12

Approximately 8:30 AM Stop at Embassy Suites, Lexington to pick up attendees from that area.

Friday evening arrive Alexandria, dinner is on your own.

We are finalizing the details for the Saturday Outing.

7:00 AM Sunday April 12, 2020. Easter Sunrise Service on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Following the service, return to hotel, change, and board the bus for home.

Cost for this year's trip is \$250 per person, double occupancy or \$375 single.

Send checks to Jim King, Grand Recorder at 400 N. 4th Street, Danville, KY 40422. (859) 209-4120.

Sitting Commanders will have half of the fee subsidized by the Grand Commandery, provided their Commandery will pay the other half.

Family members are welcome.

If you have any questions or for additional information contact Sir Knight Bill Ryan (502) 836-1123.



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The Grand Commandery of Kentucky was privileged to provide the Honor Guard for the flag presentation at the opening of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America on February 16, 2020. (photo Grand Commandery Facebook Page)



Congratulations to Companion Knight and Past Governor James V. Jones, shown here being presented with an Order of the Purple Cross ring at the West Kentucky No 157 York Rite Sovereign College Assembly on February 16, 2020 by Chancellor General Bill Riggs. (photo Greg Raque)



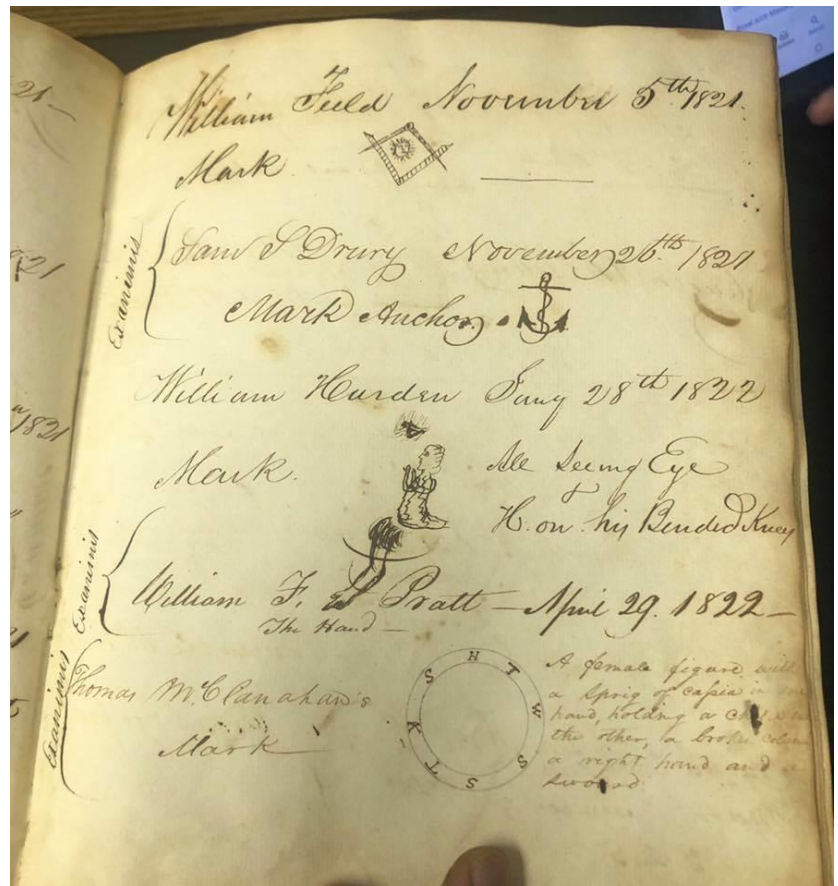
Dr. William Jackson, Deputy Grand Commander, presents a **Holy Land Pilgrimage** plaque to Sir Knight Bill Brown, Commander of Frankfort Commandery No. 4, in acknowledgement of their donations to the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund.

Any Commandery, business or organization making a donation of \$100 to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund will receive one of the pictured plaques. Every year thereafter, the Commandery will receive a placard imprinted with the year the donation was made. Thanks to Frankfort Commandery for their support of this most important philanthropy of the Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment.

(Photo Bill Jackson)



One of the first Book of Marks from King Solomon Chapter in Louisville. This page is from 1821 and down at the bottom of the page is Thomas McClanahan who served as ME Grand High Priest in 1824. (photo Grand Chapter of Kentucky Facebook page)





The Grand Chapter of Kentucky at the Grand York Rite Sessions of Louisiana

Above -Past Grand High Priest Michael Watts, Grand King George Arnold, Past Grand High Priest Ron Ledford; below, Ron, Michael, and George dressed for Commandery (photos George Arnold)





Commandery Honor Guard for Past Grand Commander Raymond Swanson's Funeral (Photos Joe Giles, Grand Captain General)





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



Please Support and Participate in the following Events and Programs

2019 DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

The Grand Encampment Department Conferences are open to all Knights.

EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

March 13-14, 2020, HILTON FORT WAYNE

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Registration deadline February 15, 2020

Including the Leadership Training Program

Contact any Grand York Rite Officer for information on participating in the Leadership Training Program or contact the Editor. You must be pre-registered to attend.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation 52nd Annual Voluntary Campaign

The 52nd Annual Voluntary Campaign period will extend from *October 1, 2019 through April 3, 2020*. Please assist your Commandery to the best of your ability.

The 51st Annual Campaign, which ended May 15, 2019, raised a total of \$1,756,414.39. **Kentucky contributed \$30,200** (\$10,000 came from Kosair Charities.) Our top contributing Commanderies were **Louisville DeMolay, with \$5,350**, Mayfield, with \$1,345; Richmond with \$1250; Williamsburg with \$1,230; and Ryan with \$915. A big 'Thank You' to those Commanderies in Kentucky who contributed last year, and it appears that **every commandery** did. We would also like to commend and congratulate **Williamsburg Commandery for 100% Life Membership in the Eye Foundation**; Two others are getting close: **Louisville DeMolay at 96.9% and Newport at 95.5%**

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