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## Message from the Grand High Priest



Dear Companions

Here we are again not being to meet as Royal Arch Masons; hopefully in July we will be able to meet in Chapter. At the Grand Master's Town Hall Webinar, he stated lodges would be closed until June 28th,

however, didn't say we would be able to meet starting July 1.

A letter to the Secretary/Recorders gave each York Rite body a method for holding elections in June. I outline them here: each York Rite body could keep the same officers for the ensuing year, or if need be hold some sort of electrical virtual meeting; same goes for the suspension of non-payment.

In my last letter I had stated that the RARA dinner would be held, after further review I decided to cancel the dinner for this year. It seems the most we could have at the dinner would be 50 and that would actually cost us money.

Now some good news. I recently learned some good news. Companion Bill Riggs emailed me yesterday that the Grand session is a go. Arrangements have been finalized with the Embassy Suites; there will be some concessions to the Covid 19 social distancing. We will not know of the menus until July and then we will be able to register after then.

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*

*Incoming Officers – What do you want to accomplish this year? What are your goals? Check out the article on page 11 for some thoughts on making YOUR organization better.*

## **RARA DINNER**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Grand High Priest Rick Sears has made the decision to cancel this year's RARA Dinner.

You can still contribute to this cause at <https://givetorara.org/donate-now> or send to Ron Ledford at 8307 Richmond Rd. Paint Lick, KY 40461

## *From the Grand Secretary's Desk*



Companions and  
Sir Knights,

As we are all aware this year has created the need for special circumstances in our fraternity, and everyone has had to deal with this pandemic in different ways.

We here at the York Rite office are still trying to operate as normal as possible; we therefore need you as Secretaries and Recorders to send in your annual returns with the officers listed that will serve the incoming year, as well as be sure that your membership records are as accurate as possible. Since our Grand Sessions scheduled for September are still a go at this time, we will need to prepare paperwork to be passed out at that time.

It is our hope that you will all remain safe and we look forward to seeing each of you in September. May God bless and keep you always.

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!

I hope this finds everyone well, and that you find something of interest in our newsletter this month. We've continued with clippings of the York Rite at work from the early years of last century; I am always amazed at the numbers we had then, at the way towns competed for our annual conclaves and at the massive events that those conclaves were. There were parades and parties; commanderies had marching bands escort them. Must have been something to see and be a part of.

Let me again encourage you to submit nominations for our awards. Look around and nominate somebody. Generally, those nominations are supposed to be voted on by the bodies, but I'm sure some allowances will be made this year given the circumstances. Again, I have seen the dedication and hard work many of the members have put forth over the years keeping our bodies open. Get them some recognition. It may take a couple of years to get selected, but keep at it.

We are experiencing some difficult and trying times; my Brothers, let us stay true to the principles of our organization. Our world may be a different place when we get through this, as there are many out there who seem to wish to alter it radically. We know that however things work out, Masonry will continue to stand for the same eternal Truths that it always has; that the world will continue to need men to stand for those truths, for the Light, and against the darkness which at time seems to seek to overwhelm us.

I leave you this month with this assurance from the Great Light of Masonry - *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. John 1:5(NLT)* So mote it be!

God Bless you all; stay safe.

Fraternally,  
Randall Partin, Editor



## Message from the Grand Chaplain, Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky



### FATHER'S DAY

- 1. Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*
- 2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*

*3. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. Psalm 133*

These are familiar words to a Mason. We start our masonic journey listening to these words.

We've taken for granted the freedoms we enjoy. I miss the freedom of meeting with my brethren, how good and pleasant it is. The restrictions in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic have temporarily kept us from meeting. I, like many of my brethren, am anxious to fellowship with my brethren again. But we are taught as Masons to subdue our passions. We must do our part to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

This month we celebrate "Father's Day" and the start of summer. My father taught me many things as I was growing up. He taught me to love God and to appreciate all that God created. He taught me to love my fellowman and to be respectful and kind to others. He taught me to love family and to be a patriot and to love my country. In other words, he taught me to be a Mason long before I knelt at that Masonic altar. I learned from the life he lived before me.

The bible gives us instructions to teach our sons, and as sons to learn from our fathers.

Proverbs 2:1-6 states,

- 1. "My son if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;*
- 2. So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;*

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- 3. Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;*
- 4. If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as hid treasures;*
- 5. Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.*
- 6. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*

These words of King Solomon, written so long ago, still ring true today. As fathers it is our responsibility to teach our sons and daughters to seek after knowledge and understanding. The knowledge and understanding that can only be found by reading and studying God's holy word. My father taught me many things, but perhaps the most important lesson he taught me was to love God with all my heart and soul.

- 5. Trust in God with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.*
- 6. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

So, on Father's Day, if your father is still living, visit him if possible. Contact him in some way and let him know you love him. If your father has passed, honor his memory. Take a moment and remember. Focus on all the happy memories and never forget the legacy he left.

My companions, Summer is here! Soon we will be able to meet in lodge, chapter, council, and commandery. Until then, enjoy the summer.

"HAPPY FATHER'S DAY".

*Don Powell, PGHP*

Grand Chaplain

Grand Chapter of Kentucky, RAM



## Message from the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky



### Psalm 23 KJV

<sup>1</sup> *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

<sup>2</sup> *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

<sup>3</sup> *He restoreth my soul:*

*he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

<sup>4</sup> *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

<sup>5</sup> *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

<sup>6</sup> *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Psalm 23 is read a lot of times to comfort families during a difficult time in their lives. We as a nation, a fraternity and a brotherhood have been experiencing difficulties since March. This is the longest in my 34 years a Mason I have went without attending a masonic meeting.

Now our nation is experiencing protest, rioting, looting, and burning of historical building and injustice in a lot of our major cities. I recently saw photos of masonic emblems in one city were masonic statues had been spray painted and the next pictures were of brothers cleaning them.

Whether it is a pandemic or a peaceful protest for injustice we can be certain as the psalmist David said in Psalm 23:4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

God is faithful to be with those who place their faith in him. We as individuals, families, and a fraternity need to remember our leaders in our prayers.

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I borrowed this from Aldrin Michael Cataby post on Facebook:

“Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.

May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over and protect each of you.

*Carl Jones, PMIGM,*  
Grand Chaplain,  
Grand Council of Kentucky  
Royal and Select Masters



Kentucky Priory No. 25  
Knights of the York Cross of Honor

Due to the current COVID-19 virus crisis, Kentucky Priory # 25 **will NOT meet** for their annual Summer conclave, scheduled for June 27th, 2020. Notice has been sent to members via email to save on postage.

Members wishing to submit proposals can download the form from the Convent General Website. Submit completed forms to: J. William Riggs, 1044 Eagle Pass, Bardstown, KY 40004



The Council of Knight Masons scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **will not convene** due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions.



The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests Ingathering scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 **will not convene** due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions.

*The following is a speech given by Companion/Sir Knight E. C. Masden, Ph. D., Academic Dean at Cumberland College, in May of 1972. While somewhat dated in some of its references, Dr. Masden makes some interesting points for consideration. - Editor.*

## **THE MESSAGE OF MASONRY**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

It is my privilege to speak to you this evening on the topic: "The Message of Masonry." Of course, this message reflects my personal understanding of Masonry. As I understand, aside from certain symbols, allegories, and ceremonies, the significance of Masonry may, and should, be proclaimed to all. First, men of all professions and callings have been members of this fraternity, and have faithfully proclaimed its message. One of the first things that impressed me about Masonry was the wide range of its membership. The men I knew as Masons were busy men, yet not too busy to take part in the affairs of their lodge and proclaim its message in their daily lives. These men have been Presidents of our Nation, Members of Congress, members of the Supreme Court, those of high rank in the armed forces, governors, athletes, entertainers, astronauts, explorers, businessmen, professional men and others, including men of high and humble walks of life. When Roosevelt was President, he invited his Secretary of State, Elihu Root, to go to Lodge. The gardener of the President's neighbor was the Master of the Lodge. Mr. Root agreed, and that night the humble gardener sat as Master while the President and Secretary of State of the United States sat as sideline members. Truly, only in the fraternity of Masonry could this be done. Another thing about that impressed me is the geographical extent to which this message is carried. Some years ago when I was preparing for a visit to sixteen countries, including England, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Austria, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Scotland, and Ireland, Brother Al Orton, then Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, gave me a letter of introduction to the Lodges in the countries where Freemasonry was allowed. One morning at Stirling, Scotland, we were at a bus stop. A gentleman standing near me, who had alighted from another bus, said, "These mountains remind me of Southeastern Kentucky." I introduced myself and told him I was from Southeastern Kentucky. On seeing that I was a Mason he said, "I am E. C. Landberg, former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky." What a coincidence, I thought. But this underscores the fact that Masonry is far-flung, being in most of the free countries of the world.

This evening, I would consider the message of Masonry to be threefold.

### **I. MESSAGE ABOUT GOD**

1. God is the foundation stone of Masonry. Today, when the whole world seems headed toward destruction, in a day when moral bankruptcy threatens our social institutions, we need a foundation that is sure, one that is absolute. Throughout all time and throughout all the universe there is but one Absolute - "In the beginning God." This message was proclaimed from outer space by our astronauts. Masons may do well to proclaim it in our world - "In the beginning God." We know that God is all-wise, all-powerful, all-good, who reveals Himself to mankind. We need to proclaim it in very practical language: "God is with us; God is helping us; God is guiding us." Let us not leave this proclamation to our ministers; let us as Masons take it up, and send it forth to the whole world.
2. In our relationship with God, we must stress the cardinal doctrine of the immortality of the soul. At Masonic funerals the lambskin or white leather apron and the evergreen express our faith in the Celestial Lodge above and the immortality of the soul.
3. Associated with God, is the place that prayer has in the life of a Mason and an integral part of our message about God. In his oath of office as the first President of the United States, Washington added these words, "So help me God." In our day when with a push of a button all the race could be hurled into a fiery eternity, Masons can do well to emphasize in their message the place and power of prayer. Someone has told of the sign on the school house wall: "In the event of atomic attack, the federal ruling against prayer will be temporarily suspended.
4. We do well as Masons to emphasize in our message the place of spiritual values. The late J. Edgar Hoover said: "Throughout the entire earth today powerful atheistic forces are striving to destroy every form of worship of God. In the Western world, these forces seek to substitute materialism for Christianity and the extent of their progress can be measured in the extent of crime, and communism - the twin offspring of materialism. Do men imbued with spiritual values betray their country? we know that they do not, just as we know that children reared in morally sound homes rarely become delinquent. What, then is the answer? I believe that the answer lies in a spiritual renaissance - a vigorous new look at the age-old principles which are the foundation of civilization and which alone guarantee the dignity of man. The key to such a renaissance is the Bible."

5. Finally, in our message as Masons about God, we need to proclaim with great clarity the simple but profound truth: The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. Someone has expressed it well by saying: "The brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God is at once the simplest yet most sublime creed ever conceived by the heart and mind and soul of man."

## **II. MESSAGE ABOUT THE SERVICE OF MASONS**

1. We should not be timid in regard to proclaiming the place of Masons in the founding and early days of our country. However, time and space would fail us to mention even a few of these brave men. Suffice it to mention two. First, Benjamin Franklin, Master of his Lodge in Philadelphia, played no small part in our nation's infancy in helping it to get started on the road toward maturity. Next, George Washington, is too well known to expound at great length. In 1752 the Lodge in Fredericksburg, Virginia raised him to the degree of a Master Mason. As is well known, he served as Master of his Lodge in Alexandria, Virginia. In 1793, as President of the United States in his Masonic regalia, he laid the cornerstone of the Nation's capital. I see in this act not only a service but also a symbol. Our nation needed then and still needs the foundation truths of Freemasonry.

2. Two Masons, Lewis and Clark, were explorers of the Northwest Territory.

3. In the field of the continuing government of our Nation, Masons have played a significant role. At least thirteen of our Presidents have been members of the fraternity. Franklin Delano Roosevelt made history by raising three of his sons to be Master Masons. Two of our Masonic brethren who were President were assassinated while in office, James A. Garfield in 1881, and William McKinley in 1901.

4. So many of our fraternity have and still serve in the Congress of the United States. Wilbur Mills, Chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, is a Mason.

5. John J. Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I is just one of the many representatives of the men associated with our armed forces who wore the badge of a Mason.

6. Masons have been first in the air and in space. Charles A. Lindbergh made a definite place for himself in the history of aviation and Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., was one of the first two Americans to step on the moon.

7. Masons have been outstanding in sports. Our own Kentuckian, Earle Combs, former member of the Yankee baseball club, and now a member of Baseball's Hall of Fame, according to those who know him, exemplifies the tenets of Freemasonry.

8. In our own State of Kentucky, many Masons have filled the Governor's chair. Most recently we think of Chandler, Combs, and Nunn.

9. J. Edgar Hoover, who passed away only recently, was a Mason for over fifty years. Truly, he exemplified the teachings of Masonry and for many years proclaimed its message, especially in respect to the field of law and order.

10. Tonight, one of our Masonic brothers lies in a hospital yonder in Silver Springs, Maryland, cut down only a few days ago by the bullet of a would-be assassin. He is George C. Wallace. His political philosophy and stance do not matter just now, but what does matter is that in our country our processes of government go by the ballot and not by bullets.

## **III. MESSAGE OF SELF-DEVELOPMENT**

Here we emphasize the dignity and worth of the individual.

1. Under the Great Architect we are building a temple not only for time but also for eternity. We need a faith and a plan by which to build our days. We must be careful what goes into this temple.

2. We have the responsibility to grow in fellowship, brotherly love, kindness, and helpfulness to all.

3. We are under the tongue of good report. I think the message here is that we are to watch our words and stand up for the truth. The writer of the Proverbs says: The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness."

4. We are to give an example by our commitment to our churches, lodges, supreme values, and to our government.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. The message of Masonry is needed in our State, Nation, and world today. Gordon M. Pannell writing in the Knight Templar Magazine for January 1972, with the heading: LET THE LIGHT SHINE says: "The symbolism of speculative Freemasonry, which was developed by our ancient Brethren, is needed today more than ever before in our generation. The stabilizing influence of its faultless philosophy, our activities and our fellowship together can keep our lives in balance." He went on to say, "If Masonry is to regain the stature it reached through the ages, we must move it out of the Lodge and Temple and make it a powerful, constructive influence in community, state, national and international affairs. We, as Masons, must speak out through the public platform and public press. We must always assume a positive platform in public affairs as individuals because the Masonic body itself cannot do so. And, in my opinion, this can be a powerful modern awakening for Masonry today."
2. Masonry can bring men together. In one of the lectures of Masonry it says: "Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."
3. Therefore, as individual Masons, we have the obligation and privilege to proclaim the message of Masonry. May we proclaim the message about God, the message about the service of Masons, and the message of self-development. All facets of this are needed today.

**"Let there be light."**



## THE MORE YOU KNOW

*This month we turn to a different Dr. Mackey work, his Text Book of Masonic Jurisprudence, in which he first addresses the origins of his topic. He deals first with the Unwritten Law, or the Ancient Landmarks, and then proceeds to the Written. We have chosen to present the 'oldest Masonic Constitutions extant', the Old York Constitution of 926, for your enjoyment and edification. Next month, we'll take a look at the Constitutions of Edward III, dating to the 1300's. – Editor*

### I. THE OLD YORK CONSTITUTIONS OF 926.

The "Old York Constitutions" were so called from the city of York, where they were enacted, and sometimes the "Gothic Constitutions," from the fact that they were written in the old Gothic character. Of these constitutions, which are the oldest now extant, the history is given in a record written in the reign of Edward IV., the substance of which is copied by Anderson. According to this record, we learn that Prince Edwin, having been taught Masonry, obtained from his brother, King Athelstan, a free charter, "for the Masons having a correction among themselves (as it was anciently expressed,) or a freedom and power to regulate themselves, to amend what might happen amiss, and to hold a yearly communication and general assembly.

"Accordingly, Prince Edwin summoned all the Masons in the realm to meet him in a congregation at York, who came and composed a General Lodge, of which he was Grand Master; and having brought with them all the writings and records extant, some Greek, some in Latin, some in French and other languages, from the contents thereof that assembly did frame the Constitution and Charges of an English Lodge, made a law to preserve and observe the same in all time coming, and ordained good pay for the working Masons," &c.<sup>1</sup>

The Constitutions thus framed at the city of York, in the year 926, were seen, approved and confirmed, as we are informed by Anderson,<sup>2</sup> in the reign of Henry VI., and were then recognized as the fundamental law of Masonry. The document containing them was lost for a long time, although, according to Oliver, copies are known to have been taken during the reign of Richard II.; at the revival of Masonry, however, in 1717, not a transcript was to be found.<sup>3</sup> A copy was, however, discovered in 1838, by Mr. James Orchard Halliwell, in the British Museum, and published. Dr. Oliver has very clearly proved, in an article in the *American Quarterly Review of Freemasonry*,<sup>4</sup> that this ancient MS., published by Mr. Halliwell, is the original Constitutions, as adopted in 926 by the General Assembly which met at York. These Constitutions contain fifteen articles and fifteen points of Masonic law, which are here given, not in the antiquated language in which they were written, and in which they are published in Halliwell's book - a language which would be almost wholly unintelligible to the great mass of readers - but as they have been very correctly translated and condensed by Dr. Oliver, in the volume already referred to. Besides their importance, they will be read with interest as the oldest Masonic Constitutions extant.

#### *The Fifteen Articles.*

1. The Master must be steadfast, trusty and true; provide victuals for his men, and pay their wages punctually.<sup>5</sup>
2. Every Master shall attend the Grand Lodge when duly summoned, unless he have a good and reasonable excuse.
3. No Master shall take an Apprentice for less than seven years.<sup>6</sup>
4. The son of a bondman shall not be admitted as an Apprentice, lest, when he is introduced into the Lodge, any of the brethren should be offended.
5. A candidate must be without blemish, and have the full and proper use of his limbs; for a maimed man can do the craft no good.<sup>7</sup>
6. The Master shall take especial care, in the admission of an Apprentice, that he do his lord no prejudice.



7. He shall harbor no thief or thief's retainer, lest the craft should come to shame.
8. If he unknowingly employ an imperfect man, he shall discharge him from the work when his inability is discovered.<sup>8</sup>
9. No Master shall undertake a work that he is not able to finish to his lord's profit and the credit of his Lodge.
10. A brother shall not supplant his fellow in the work<sup>9</sup> unless he be incapable of doing it himself; for then he may lawfully finish it, that pleasure and profit may be the mutual result.
11. A Mason shall not be obliged to work after the sun has set in the west.
12. Nor shall he decry the work of a brother or fellow, but shall deal honestly and truly by him, under a penalty of not less than ten pounds.
13. The Master shall instruct his Apprentice faithfully, and make him a perfect workman.
14. He shall teach him all the secrets of his trade.
15. And shall guard him against the commission of perjury, and all other offences by which the craft may be brought to shame.

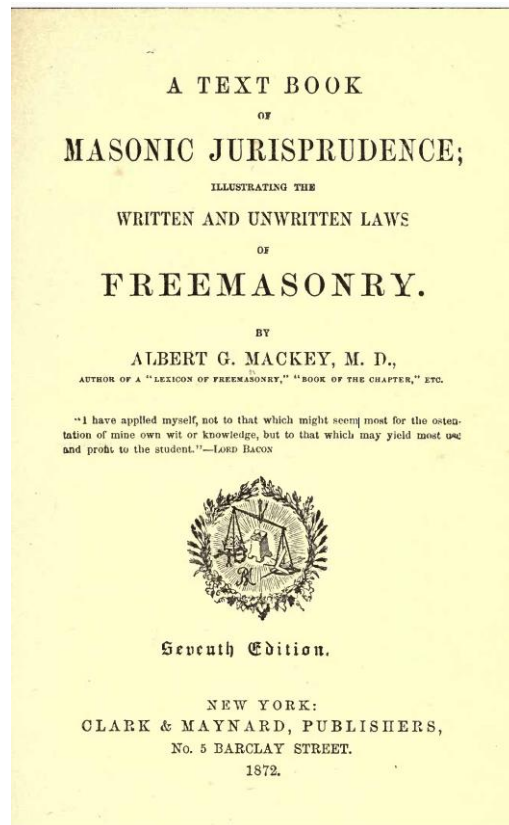
### *The Fifteen Points.*

1. Every Mason shall cultivate brotherly love and the love of God, and frequent holy church.
2. The workman shall labor diligently on work days, that he may deserve his holidays.
3. Every Apprentice shall keep his Master's counsel, and not betray the secrets of his Lodge.
4. No man shall be false to the craft, or entertain a prejudice against his Master or Fellows.
5. Every workman shall receive his wages meekly, and without scruple; and should the Master think proper to dismiss him from the work, he shall have due notice of the same before H. xii.
6. If any dispute arise among the brethren, it shall be settled on a holiday, that the work be not neglected, and God's law fulfilled.
7. No Mason shall debauch, or have carnal knowledge of the wife, daughter, or concubine of his Master or Fellows.
8. He shall be true to his Master, and a just mediator in all disputes or quarrels.
9. The Steward shall provide good cheer against the hour of refreshment, and each Fellow shall punctually defray his share of the reckoning, the Steward rendering a true and correct account.
10. If a Mason live amiss, or slander his Brother, so as to bring the craft to shame, he shall have no further maintenance among the brethren, but shall be summoned to the next Grand Lodge; and if he refuse to appear, he shall be expelled.
11. If a Brother see his Fellow hewing a stone, and likely to spoil it by unskillful workmanship, he shall teach him to amend it, with fair words and brotherly speeches.
12. The General Assembly, or Grand Lodge, shall consist of Masters and Fellows, Lords, Knights and Squires, Mayor and Sheriff, to make new laws, and to confirm old ones when necessary.
13. Every Brother shall swear fealty, and if he violate his oath, he shall not be succored or assisted by any of the Fraternity.
14. He shall make oath to keep secrets, to be steadfast and true to all the ordinances of the Grand Lodge, to the King and Holy Church, and to all the several Points herein specified.
15. And if any Brother break his oath, he shall be committed to prison, and forfeit his goods and chattels to the King.

They conclude with an additional ordinance - *alia ordinacio* - which declares

That a General Assembly shall be held every year, with the Grand Master at its head, to enforce these regulations, and to make new laws, when it may be expedient to do so, at which all the brethren are competent to be present; and they must renew their O. B. to keep these statutes and constitutions, which have been ordained by King Athelstan, and adopted by the Grand Lodge at York. And this Assembly further directs that, in all ages to come, the existing Grand Lodge shall petition the reigning monarch to confer his sanction on their proceedings.

- <sup>1</sup> ANDERSON'S Constitutions, 1st edit., p. 32.
- <sup>2</sup> ANDERSON, 2d edit., p. 111.
- <sup>3</sup> "It eluded the search of those indefatigable brothers, Desaguliers and Anderson, at the revival of Masonry in the year of grace 1717, although they used all the means at their command, both in this country and elsewhere for its discovery." OLIVER, *on the Old York Constitutions*, *Amer Quar. Rev. of Freem.*, vol. i., p. 549.
- <sup>4</sup> *Amer. Quar. Rev. of Freem.*, vol. i., p. 546.
- <sup>5</sup> This reference to the wages of operative Masonry is still preserved in the formula of the Senior Warden's response in opening and closing a Lodge; but the wages of a speculative Mason consist in a knowledge of truth.
- <sup>6</sup> Speculatively, no candidate shall pass to a higher degree, until he has served a "sufficient time" and made "due proficiency" in the preceding degree.
- <sup>7</sup> This is repeated in all subsequent regulations, and is still in force notwithstanding some recent attempts to reduce its rigor.
- <sup>8</sup> This is the foundation of that principle of law by which a candidate may be stopped in any part of his progress - as for instance, that an Entered Apprentice, being objected to, may be refused by the Lodge advancement to the Fellow Craft's degree.
- <sup>9</sup> That is, no Lodge shall interfere with the work of another Lodge. These afford illustrations of how the operative allusions in all the old Constitutions are to be interpreted in a speculative sense.



# On Leadership

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## **February 2020 - Making Good Men Better**

Organizations that know who they are, and have a defined mission and vision, perform better than those that don't. It is not enough to just do 'stuff'. What is done must be done for a purpose with each person understanding how they contribute.

## **March 2020 - Purpose**

Does your Commandery know who they are? Do they know their purpose? Is there a vision of achievement that your leaders are pursuing? Your Commandery needs to know who they are and where they are going. This creates purpose, and from that you will create activities that fulfill the purpose.

To get started on defining the mission-purpose of your Commandery, let's presuppose we all start from the same root... a social identity if you will. We are all Freemasons and, as Knights Templar, I think we have something special we can start with. Borrowing from John Palmer's original Leadership 101 class... to be a Knight Templar is to be a Gentleman. You, Sir Knight, are expected to uphold yourself as a gentleman and to act gentlemanly in all your deeds. Civil discourse, fairness, and critical thinking are all hallmarks of a Knight Templar. This will be the first stepping stone in creating your Commandery's purpose.

## **April 2020 - Focus**

When the purpose is clearly defined and it is desirable by the members, it creates activity. The result is a more active Commandery. Not just more active meetings but more activity in general and this must lead to greater interest, additional members, and satisfaction among the Sir Knights.

Masonry is such a vast entity that it can draw a man in many different directions simultaneously. Because being of service is a priority for many, it is a typical characteristic of a Mason to stretch his cable tow a bit thin. One of the characteristics of a great leader is to have a clear understanding as to the length of his own cable tow and to be willing to say "no" or "not now" when the situation dictates. ...each day your body has a certain amount of energy you can devote to tasks. In order to achieve something, you must spend your time and energy. If you diffuse your energy across time, you may get a small amount accomplished in many different areas or, if you concentrate your energy into one or two areas for the same time span, you can accomplish more.

Decide how much focus you need to apply to the accomplishment of your mission as a Freemason and be willing to check your own cable tow to see if you have the time and energy to take on a new task or, perhaps you should tighten the focus a bit.

## **May 2020 - Interest Leads to Inspiration**

When was the last time you were inspired to undertake a mission or project in your Lodge, Chapter, Council, or Commandery?

Can you remember a specific time? What was it that inspired you to step up and take action? What was it that you wanted to experience because of the work you were going to undertake? As you think about it, you will find that you were inspired to do what you did because it met some interest or desire inside of you. Perhaps it was to gain the recognition and appreciation of your brethren. Perhaps it was the self-satisfaction of seeing your work improve the building you love. Maybe it was because you wanted the community to see how Masons create harmony in society.

We do what we do because there is something to gain from it.

A great leader does not dictate how an organization will run. It is a fruitless effort to tell your brother to "do this" or "do that," because people need an understanding and frame-of-reference for how and when they apply their energy. A great leader will allow the unfolding of good Masonic activity because it is aligned with the intention or desire of the members.

The first thing to remember as an excellent leader is that everyone has an ego. We all do what we do because of the "WIIFM" (What's In It For Me?) program run by our ego. I am not saying that no one participates in selfless service. Many people do and, selfless service is often a hallmark of a Mason. The problem with selfless service is that the energy is always directed outward, and after time, one becomes drained of their energy and burnout ensues. One cannot give from an empty cup! Think of all those past masters that you have not seen since they installed their successor.

The ego's needs must be addressed for each individual in order for them to continue to give their energy and time. What they are looking for in the WIIFM are things that meet their interest and inspire them. Discover the interests of your members and provide them with the sustenance that satisfies those interests. When the member's interest is addressed it will spark a renewed passion for the craft and the members will, of their own volition, begin to engage. This leads to inspired activity and Masonic goodwill. Dedicate your interest to the interests of your Brother.

### **June 2020 - Engagement**

A key topic in today's business climate is the notion of employee engagement. It is so critical to a business, because engaged employees create massive improvement in the financial condition of the company and they do so out of their own volition and extra effort. Engaged employees, simply put, will contribute additional time and energy to the benefit of their company. They do so because they feel that they understand the company mission, they buy in to that mission, and they understand their role in achieving it. Most importantly, engaged employees feel valued. Engaged employees see themselves as an integral part of the company. Your Commandery is your company, even more so if you are an elected officer of that Commandery. If you build strategies to engage your members, you will find that your attendance and participation will increase.

- Strategy One - Communication: How are you communicating with your members? Internet services and social media provide an abundance of tools. You can create a private Facebook group for your Lodge members and even post events like meetings, practices, and study times. GroupMe is an excellent device-to-device communication tool that works across multiple platforms like computers and various phones. Google has file sharing, shared calendars, group email capabilities, and even video conferencing. Most of this is free, so the cost is right for any Lodge or Commandery.
- Strategy Two - Group Identity and Mission: Do you have a mission statement for your Commandery? Is it less than twenty words? Is it meaningful to the members? Have they bought in to it? When you can help each member understand their contribution to the mission, you will dramatically improve their participation.
- Strategy Three - Vision: Now, and several months before each election, is when you should sit down with the team and draft the vision for the Commandery for the year. What do you want to accomplish by what date? What do you want to achieve by the end of the year?



# The GRAND LODGE

Geary F. Laird  
Grand Master



May 28, 2020

To the Masters, Wardens and Brothers of the Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky  
F&AM:

We held our first ever Town Hall meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2020, hope you were able to be a part of that meeting. I want to take this opportunity to pass along some of the information that was discussed in that meeting, to those who were unable to attend.

First, I would like to thank those of you who took the time to answer the survey we sent out regarding different aspects in which Lodges might be able to open. The results showed that 70 % of you who responded did not want to meet under the current guidelines that limit assemblies based on the Kentucky Governor's directive and Federal mandates, but rather choosing to wait until we have fewer restrictions.

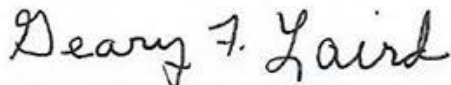
Considering the average age of our members, (63 years old), who are the most vulnerable, your response to the survey, coupled with stringent guidelines in place, *it will be necessary to extend the suspension of all Masonic activities through June 28, 2020, with the exception of the aforementioned guidelines for Masonic Funerals.*

The Governor has plans to permit gatherings of 50 people or less on June 29, 2020. Barring any major set-backs due to the coronavirus, we will resume Masonic activities under the mandates that are in place at that time.

There will be a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM (EST), to discuss the guidelines and to address any other questions you may have, regarding how to move forward in preparation for re-opening our Lodges.

I want to personally thank each of you for your patience, understanding, and most of all, for your ability to work with us, as we mitigate this unprecedented time in our Masonic history.

Fraternally,



Geary F. Laird, Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F. & A.M.

# The GRAND LODGE

Geary F. Laird  
Grand Master



## Grand Master's Directive

May 14, 2020

Due to the inability to hold Masonic meetings pursuant to the restrictions put in place by the Governor of Kentucky caused by the coronavirus pandemic, I hereby put in force, the following actions:

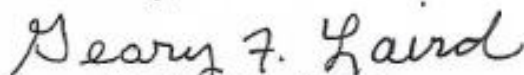
- Grant the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary of each lodge, the authority to take appropriate actions concerning issues of non-payment of dues, whether to suspend or remit dues.
- Allow the Officers listed above, a one-time opportunity, the ability to meet in a location sufficient for social distancing, combined with all mandates and restrictions that are currently in place. This may also be accomplished by the web, conference call, e-mail and other media outlets.

**This Directive will expire at low 12, June 30, 2020**

**All members, except fifty year plus, who are on the rolls as of low 12, June 30, 2020 are required to pay Grand Lodge assessments.**

Given the unprecedented times we face, I ask you to reach out to those who have not paid their dues and inquire if they need assistance during these difficult times.

Fraternally,



Geary F. Laird, Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F.&A.M.

# The GRAND LODGE

Geary F. Laird  
Grand Master



## Masonic Funeral Services Directive

May 27, 2020

As of May 20, 2020, the Governor has relaxed the guidelines pertaining to funeral homes here in Kentucky. Because of these actions, we will resume Masonic Funeral Services for members, whose families have requested them.

Please adhere to all requirements that have been mandated to all funeral homes here in Kentucky by the Governor. Keep in mind, each funeral home is limited to 33% of their building's capacity, to hold visitations and funerals. Each funeral home's capacity will be different, be sure to enquire as to their capacity when conducting a service and plan accordingly.

It is the discretion of each lodge to determine if they can confer the Masonic Rites in a safe environment. If this is not possible, you can do the service or memorial later, when it is safe to do so.

If you are sick, have underlying medical issues or feel that it might jeopardize your health in any way, please stay home. Anyone who participates does so at their own risk.

A Masonic Funeral Service is one of the last things we can do for our Masonic Brothers. We need to ensure that we can meet the needs of the families in the safest way possible.

Fraternally,

*Geary F. Laird*  
Geary F. Laird, Grand Master  
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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 12  
PROHIBITION OF IN-PERSON CONCLAVES OF GRAND,  
SUBORDINATE, AND CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

May 4, 2020

To all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

**GREETINGS:**

The number of persons infected with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, continues to increase in the United States and throughout the world, and the danger to vulnerable populations is unabated, especially among the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions, many of whom are our Fratres. In the face of the crisis, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged persons to "avoid all nonessential travel" and take other appropriate measures to prevent community transmission of the virus, including avoiding large public gatherings, the wearing of facemasks in public, and working from home. While rates of infection appear to be leveling or declining in places and tentative steps have been taken by some governmental authorities to relax or rescind business and school closures and stay-at-home orders, the numbers of COVID-19 infections are expected to experience a resurgence in the fall and winter months.

Accordingly, I, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, by the authority in me vested by Section 23 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, do hereby waive the requirement of Section 36 (a) of the Constitution. **It is ordered that all in-person Conclaves of Grand, Constituent, or Subordinate Commanderies be prohibited until further notice.** Any such Conclave currently scheduled is hereby cancelled. This prohibition has no exceptions.

I authorize the Grand Commander or his designee to convene the Stated Conclave of his Grand Commandery by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Grand Commandery and the Stated Conclave be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 37 through 39 of the Constitution.

In addition, I do hereby waive the requirement of Section 65 (a) of the Constitution, and authorize the Commander of a Constituent Commandery within each Grand Commandery to convene a Stated Conclave by means of teleconference or webcast, provided that the necessary facilities are widely available to the members of the Constituent Commandery and the Stated Conclave be conducted in full compliance with the requirements of Sections 65 and 66 of the Constitution. Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies enjoy the same discretion. No ritual shall be performed and no Orders be conferred during any such telephonic or webcast Conclave. The safety and well-being of our Sir Knights and their families being paramount, the provisions of Sections 48 (d), 59, 176, and 195 of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment shall be inoperative while this General Order is in force.

This supersedes General Order No 11 of the tenth day of March, last, in its entirety.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Bismarck, North Dakota, this fourth day of May 2020, A.O. 902.



Courteously,  
*Jeffrey N. Nelson*  
Grand Master

Attest:

*Lawrence E. Tucker*  
Grand Recorder



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**Sixtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand  
Commandery of Kentucky, Knights  
Templar, in Session Here.**

**The Maltese Cross Waves O'er Our Captured City.  
Eminent Templars Among Us From Every  
Part of Kentucky. Grand Commander  
Keith and Lady Hold Elegant Re-  
ception Last Evening. The  
Parade Postponed To  
2 P. M.**



**OUR GATES ARE OPEN.**

The entire population of Maysville greet the visiting Knights Templar this glorious May morning, and from every throat goes out a salvo of "welcome to our Kentucky homes and our true Southern hearts, all ye hosts of the Maltese Cross!"

The business of the Conclave will open this morning in the Masonic Temple. See program in another column for full information.

Today Maysville is proud to do the honors, and decked out as is our pretty city in holiday attire, all nature in her budding springtime mantle of green, unites with us in giving success to the interesting occasion.

On Washington's Birthday, Tuesday, February 22d, 1887, the dedication of our splendid Masonic Temple took place under happy auspices and with most imposing ceremonies.

The then Governor of Kentucky, the Hon. J. Proctor Knott, (still living,) the polished wit, scholar and orator, was present and delivered the dedicatory oration.

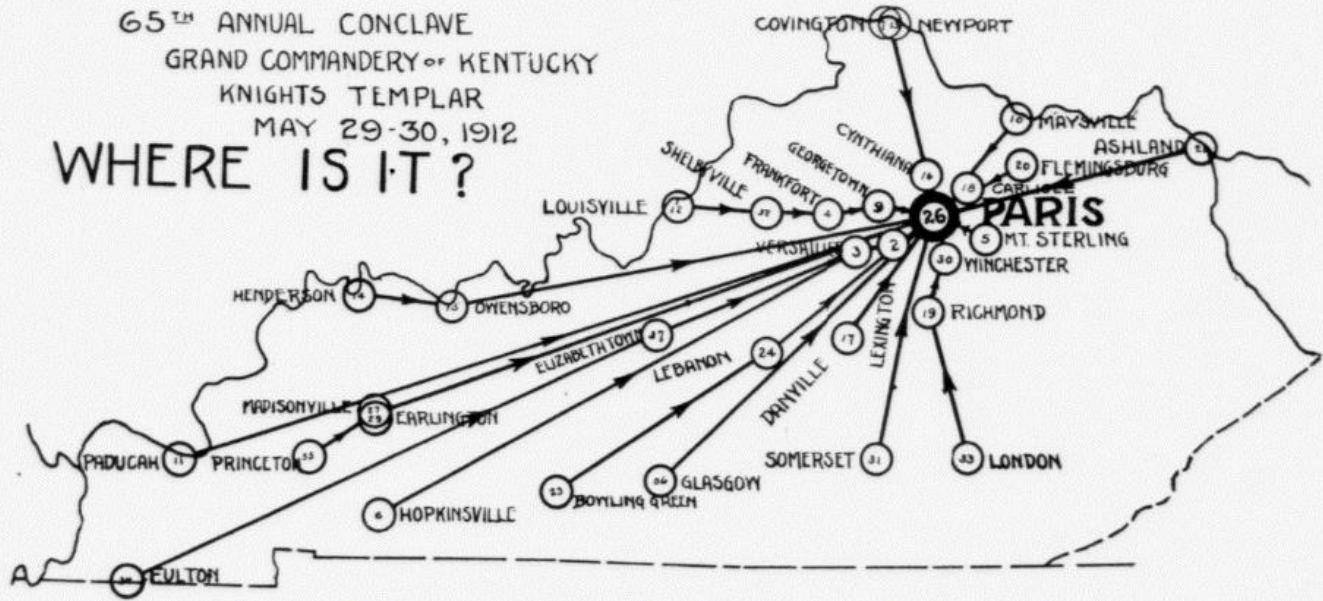
The dedication ceremonies were followed by a sumptuous banquet and grand ball, which for happy and hospitable enjoyment and lavish preparation, the entertainment was never equaled in Kentucky.

**The Daily Public Ledger**

**Maysville, Kentucky**

**May 15, 1907**

65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
 GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY  
 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
 MAY 29-30, 1912  
**WHERE IS IT?**



The Bourbon News, December 29, 1911

THE BOURBON NEWS, PARIS, KENTUCKY, NOVEMBER 9, 1909.



JOSEPH HEDGES EWALT.

The Masonic Home Journal says: "The election of Joe H. Ewalt, of Shawaan, Ky., to the office of Grand Junior Warden which office leads to the Grand Master's chair in four years was one of the pleasant features of Grand Lodge work. It was practically an unanimous vote that elected him and it shows that he is well known throughout the jurisdiction of Kentucky. He is one of the hardest workers of Masonry in this State. There is never a night too dark for him to go to lodge and help confer degrees; never too busy to give a helping hand to those who need it; and always ready to propound the law to those less informed brethren. To know him is to love him. His host of friends congratulate him upon his election and wish for him and his good wife many years of happiness.

"Elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1904, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1904. "He is now Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

# THE K.T.'S

Fifty-First Conclave of the  
State Grand Body.

NOW IN SESSION IN THIS CITY

Maysville in Holiday Attire—Hospitality on All Hands—Welcome to the Visitors.

PROGRAM FOR DAY AND NIGHT.



Maysville is today, more potently than ever, emphasizing the full force of the fact that her people never do things by halves.

On all hands—from business house and from private residence, from the store of the Jew and the Gentile alike, from the home of the rich and the hut of the poor, float the National colors, intermingled with the emblems of Templarism, whose basic foundation is the all-saving creed of the precious Savior.

Daily Public  
Ledger

Maysville,  
Ky.,

18 May 1898

There are good reasons why, at this particular time, Maysville should honor the noble Order whose representatives are with us for today and tomorrow—whose coming and whose stay should be made one of greeting and of pleasure, and whose going should leave naught but the most delightful memories.

Kentucky Templars for the third time have honored the "Man from Maysville" with the highest office within their gift; and with the close of this session R. E. Grand Commander Eugene A. Robinson lays down the scepter of office after a faithful and efficient service.

The Templars of our great Union, nearly three years ago at Boston, conferred upon another Maysville man, for the first time in history, the exalted position of Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States; and though temporarily residing in the East, our own Warren LaRue Thomas is here to share in the work and the pleasures of his Kentucky Fraters.



WARREN LARUE THOMAS.

For these reasons, influenced as well by the desire that Maysville's justly-earned reputation for generous hospitality shall not grow dim, our people are bending every energy to insure a courtly greeting, a pleasant sojourn and a regretful farewell for every visitor.

## ***Upcoming Degree Work and Events*** *(as we have it)*

- 6/20/2020 – *Deadline for receipt of proposed legislation by Grand Secretary/Recorder*
- 6/27/2020 - **CANCELLED** *Knight Masons/ HRAKTP / KYCH, Bardstown*
- 7/1/2020 – *Deadline for receipt of most Award nominations*
- 7/11/2020 - **CANCELLED** *West Kentucky Festival – Paducah*
- 7/31/2020 – *Blue Grass York Rite College, Danville*
- 9/20-23/2020 – *Grand York Rite, Lexington*
- 9/24-29/2020 - *General Grand Chapter/ Council Triennials, Louisville*
- 10/18-10/20/2020 – *Grand Lodge, Louisville*

*Elections of Officers are at the June meetings/conclaves. Secretaries/Recorders should have received an email with specifics on how this process is to be carried out given the current COVID-19 restrictions. Please input your officers in KYRIS and submit your Annual Returns through KYRIS for Chapter and Council.*

**September 24 - 29, 2020**

**71st Triennial Convocation  
of the  
General Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons  
International  
and the  
47th Triennial Assembly  
of the  
General Grand Council  
Cryptic Masons International**



**Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Expo Center**

## **!!! KYRIS NOTICE !!!**

All Secretaries/Recorders

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**

Don't wait until the end of June to update 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 them 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 I do this to us?* 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 as soon as possible 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.

## Available Kentucky York Rite Awards and Recognitions

*We have numerous highly qualified members who are deserving of these awards; dedicated men who have devoted years and effort and sweat to keeping our fraternity alive and proficient. Some of them have been nominated and not selected and not nominated again. Some have never been nominated. Please, get these men some recognition. Nominate them; then nominate them again if necessary. We can only recognize one per year, so if your man doesn't get selected this year, nominate him again next year. **Nominations need to be in to the Grand Secretary by July 1st** so the committees have time to evaluate and report, and the awards to be obtained before Grand Sessions. Contact the Grand Recorder's office or one of the presiding Grand Officers for questions or assistance.*

### GRAND CHAPTER

#### General Grand Chapter Medal for Meritorious Service in Bronze



*This award may be presented each year in recognition of the recipient's outstanding and meritorious service to Royal Arch Masonry. The recipient cannot be a Past Grand High Priest or elected Grand Chapter Officer.*

### GRAND COUNCIL

#### Cryptic Mason of the Year Award



*The award shall be made only for exceptional and meritorious service to Cryptic Masonry above and beyond the call of duty. No Past or Present Grand Master, or elective Grand Council officer, is eligible.*

#### General Grand Council Youth Award



*Presented annually in each Jurisdiction affiliated with General Grand Council to a nominee who is a leader in one of the youth organizations recognized by the General Grand Council. (DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters)*

### GRAND COMMANDERY



#### Conrad H. Cates Distinguished Service Award

*This award is given for service to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky that is above and beyond the call of duty; in recognition of service over a long and sustained period of time, in recognition of total service and dedication to this Grand Commandery.*



#### Knight Templar Cross of Honor

*Given for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member. No present or past elected Grand Commandery Officer is eligible for the award.*



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