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Message from the Grand High Priest



Dear Companions

Here it is September and before you know we will be meeting in our Grand Session. As of this moment we will be having an in person Grand Session at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. I look

forward to seeing many of you there. But, before then I want to thank all of my appointed Grand Officers, for accepting the positions and the work that was done during the year. This is not only the appointed line officers but the DGHP for each district and for all those that agreed to service in the various committees.

While the year has been different and short as to the work getting done (not the months) it has been a good year. I have enjoyed visiting all the areas I have gotten to visit, some of which I would not have gotten to if it had not been for the Royal Arch and I hope to visit during the coming years.

I want to thank my wife Pam for her support and the traveling she has done with me, she likes the out of state travel.

Lastly I want to remind all that while the pandemic is still with us we cannot forget our obligation that we have taken to support all of the Masonic bodies we belong to.

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We need to get out to our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commandery and not give up on these organizations. Also I want each and every one of us to keep our companions and brothers in our thoughts and prayers, check on each other, make phone calls, practice brotherly love.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand High Priest during the past year.

Fraternally,

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*



**THE GRAND YORK RITE OF
KENTUCKY
ANNUAL SESSIONS**

September 20-23, 2020
Embassy Suites Lexington

**Grand Commandery Virtual
Conclave**

September 18 @ 7:00 PM

Meal Ticket Deadline
September 10, 2020

From the Grand Secretary's Desk



Greetings
Companions and
Sir Knights,

It is almost time for our sessions to begin again; Even though we are required to have a virtual session for the Grand Commandery, we are still meeting in Lexington at the

Embassy Suites for everything else that we do in our grand sessions. If you plan to attend, please send your ticket orders and make your reservations at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lexington. Myself or companion Riggs will be glad to assist you with the rooms if you have trouble, and the meal tickets are still available at the office.

If you have health issues or are uncomfortable with attending sessions this year please be safe and we hope to see you again next year. We will practice social distancing and wear mask where required in hopes that we will make it safe for everyone.

Noel and myself wish that everyone shall remain safe and that the Grand Architect of the Universe will watch over each of you and care for you throughout the coming year. My thanks to each of you for your support and help throughout this year.

Fraternally,

James King Jr., PGHP, PGC
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 continues to find everyone healthy and safe.

As we come to the end of another York Rite year in Kentucky, I'd like to thank Grand High Priest Rick Sears for the opportunity to serve as your Kentucky Keystone Editor this year. It has been a struggle at times coming up with material, but it has also been a learning experience. I have truly enjoyed it, and hope that you have enjoyed the product.

Also, to those who have contributed, whether pictures, articles, or encouragement, my gratitude. Especially those who have written monthly articles (Rick Sears, Jim King, Don Powell, Carl Jones). Sometimes I've annoyed you all to get them in, but you've almost always come through, and those articles have made this a better publication.

This month I'd like to call you attention to an article submitted by Companion Louis Prater. I found it to be of both historic and masonic interest, and it came with photos of masonic artifacts dating back to near Civil War times.

Another 'thank you' that I owe this month, for Brothers going the extra mile, goes to Companions Ron Dockery and Bruce Outlaw, and Brother Charles Gammon, Master of E. W. Turner Lodge No. 548. I had asked Ron if Madisonville had a picture available of PMIGM Jim Bowles that I could use in the Keystone this month. Ron not having access to one, contacted Brother Gammon who met him at E. W. Turner lodge and provided a picture of Companion Jim from when he was Master of the lodge there. Bruce happened to have some of Madisonville York Rite's files stored at his home, and found the photo of Jim in his Past Grand Master regalia. He brought the photo to Ron at a lodge meeting that night, Ron made a copy, and we have a copy of Jim in his regalia for our Notice of his passing in this month's Keystone. Thank you, gentlemen, for your efforts! We should all be so determined to see a brother properly honored.

Fraternally,
Randall Partin, Editor

The GRAND LODGE

Geary F. Laird
Grand Master



August 14, 2020

To the Masters, Wardens and Brothers of the Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F. & A. M.:

After giving careful consideration of the current status and infection rate(s) of the COVID-19 virus in our great state, and the continuous requests and concerns of the Grand Craft, I have decided to allow the conferring of the **Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees only** to begin effective Monday, August 17, 2020. I feel that the lodges can safely perform these degrees using the utmost caution by wearing masks as already mandated and gloves and any other PPE needed in order to facilitate the requirements set forth by Governor Beshear and the CDC recommended guidelines. At this time, **NO MASTER MASON DEGREES MAY BE CONFERRED** due to the nature of the physical requirements that this ritual may necessitate. If you need further guidance on how to effectively confer the EA and FC degree under these restrictions, contact your DDGM or Area Officer for further guidance.

Please remember that the safety of our members is of the utmost importance. No candidate should be forced to undergo the degree conferral if they do not feel it's safe to do so. Should conditions change that would allow us to expand our rituals or restrict them again, I will promptly notify you. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. I continue to pray for all of you to be safe and healthy, and I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,

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

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



LABOR DAY

Well Companions, as we enjoy September with the Labor Day Holiday weekend festivities and that first hint of Fall in the air; our country is in turmoil and we are in the midst of a world-wide pandemic. However, we should pause and thank Almighty God for his goodness and grace. Stop and appreciate God's coloring book and the works of his creation.

Labor Day Weekend is widely considered the last holiday of the summer. The children are back in school, either virtual or in-person. If you are a gardener you may be freezing or canning veggies for the winter. It's a busy time.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions our Masonic meetings have been altered or cancelled, but we still look forward to Labor Day Weekend. It's that last chance for many to go to the lake or go camping, or both, before marinas and campgrounds start shutting down for the winter.

How and why did Labor Day come to be? I did a little digging and here's what I found. From the U.S. Department of Labor files, we find the following information:

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of the American Worker. It constitutes a yearly tribute to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The first government recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. The first state bill was introduced into the New York Legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York created the Labor Day Holiday by legislative enactment. On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first

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Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

The first Labor Day Holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day Holiday just a year later on September 5, 1883.

By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the September holiday, and on June 28, 1894 President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a National Holiday.

Companions I will leave you with the following scripture to consider:

1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13

1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not Love, I am nothing.

3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not Love, it profiteth me nothing.

4. Love suffereth long and is kind; Love envieth not; Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8. Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10. But when that which is perfect come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: But when I became a man, I put away childish things.

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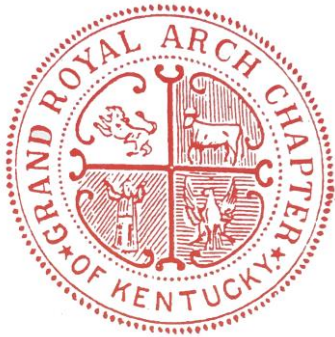
12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13. And now abideth Faith, Hope, and Love, these three; but the greatest of these is Love.

My Companions stay safe and always remember, "God Loves You."

HAVE A BLESSED DAY!

Don Powell, PGHP
Grand Chaplain
Grand Chapter of Kentucky,
Royal Arch Masons



Waste no more time
arguing about what a
— *good man* —
should be.

BE ONE!



- Marcus Aurelius

NOTICES AND UPDATES

Upcoming Degree Work and Events

(as we have it)

- 9/18/2020 – Grand Commandery Virtual Conclave, 8:00 pm
- 9/20-23/2020 – Grand York Rite, Embassy Suites, Lexington
- 9/26/2020 – General Grand Council Triennial virtual meeting
- 10/18-19/2020 – Grand Lodge, Louisville
- 10/24/2020 – Grand Officers Joint Reception, Williamsburg
- 11/21/2020 - General Grand Chapter Triennial virtual meeting

Knight Masons

Cousins, please remember to bring your regalia for the Grand Session on Monday wear your suit and tie



Monday, September 21, 2020
8:30 AM
Coldstream Room

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



Psalm 133

Psalm 133:1-3 KJV

¹Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

²It 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;

³As 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.

In this passage, the beauty and richness of God's blessings are made evident. Brethren here are not from a single family, but from an extended and adopted family, as when the tribes came back to Jerusalem for Feasts and festivals. When we get alone, we are not wasting time and effort and we are acting more in the image of God that we were intended to. Living together in peace and unity where we listen to each other well is a reminder of the origins of creation and Eden itself. *

The things we so often take for granted like the ability to assemble, the hand shake (grip) of a brother and to sit and talk over a meal have been disrupted in the past six months. If I have learned anything from this pandemic it is we need each other.

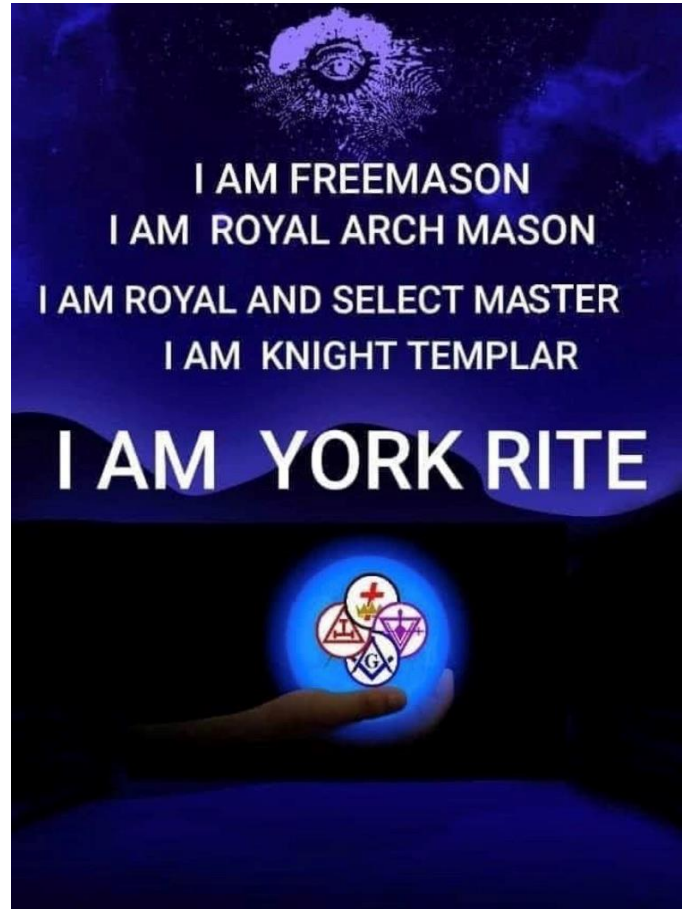
Our most kind and gracious heavenly Father, the Great Architect of the Universe I bow my head and ask your love and protection upon my brothers and their families in this most difficult time. Bless them with the assurance of your divine love not only in this present day but in all the days that follow. Lord, when you are through with us here, we pray you would receive us into your eternal glory forever. Amen (SMIB)

**Bible Study for Freemasons Robert Elsner*

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May God richly bless each of you!

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



Message from the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky



Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky, let us bow our heads and give praise to the Captain of our Salvation, Jesus Christ. With His banner we fight as Christian Knights, to follow a banner to

which we give all our hearts. We acknowledge our faith with the Cross we bear upon our uniform. We show our dedication by our actions to others that they may see we are soldiers of the cross. Yes, we are Knights Templar and proud of it!

As Knight Templar we give of our time and energy to make this world a better place. We take the time to help the widows and orphans, to give alms to the poor, and to help the blind to see. You may ask how we do this if you have not heard of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. With this foundation we have the ability to help researchers to develop ways to help the blind and to dedicate ourselves through giving to advance our research and assist others.

Yes, we are a Christian organization with a belief of Christ Jesus as the Captain of our Salvation, and one we try to emulate, to be like Him who gave His life on this earth that we may have the opportunity for life eternal through His grace and mercy.

We remember those who have passed from this life and have gone on to be with our Lord and Saviour. We have sorrow for their passing, but we know that they are in a better place. One day by the mercy and grace of God Almighty through His beloved Son Jesus Christ we too shall see them again.

This will be my last message as the Grand Prelate for this term, looking forward to seeing you Virtually on September 18th, 2020 for our Commandery session, and then on September 20th for our Sunday evening banquet and Devine service with the York Rite bodies of Kentucky in Lexington. This has been a hard year but our

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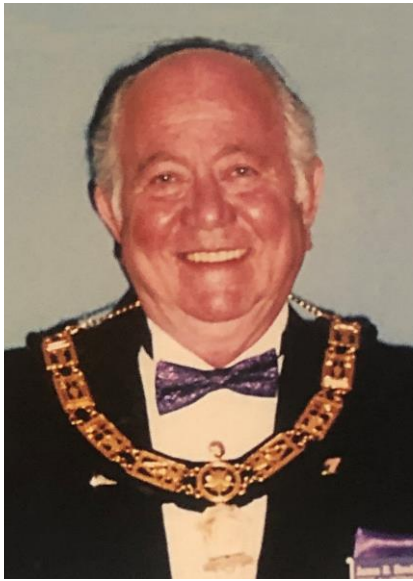
Grand Commandery and our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Marvin S. Blaine, who has lead us through the hard times of Coronavirus to the place we are and that is together for this Grand session of 2020.

Thank you, Sir Knight Marvin for this opportunity of being appointed as the Grand Prelate, to give praise to the Lord of Lords and the King of all Kings, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us give our heart and soul to the Captain of our Salvation. We give thanks that it is He that brought us thus far, and look forward to someday hear His words "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter now into the joys of the Lord".

Archie R Smallwood, PGC,
Grand Prelate,
Grand Commandery of Kentucky
Knights Templar





James R. Bowles

July 22, 1942- July 24, 2020

Grand Illustrious Master

Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters
2005 – 2006

James Richard "Jim" Bowles, 78, of Madisonville, KY passed away, Friday July 24, 2020, at his residence. He was born July 22, 1942 in Anton, KY to the late Richard Elmo Bowles and Thelma Jackson Bowles. He was also preceded in death by one brother, David Bowles; one son, Jon Bowles; and one grandson, Mark DeNardis. Jim worked at Bellsouth Phone Company. He loved music and hanging out at restaurants. He was very active in the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Bowles; one daughter, Mary Jane (Tony) Buchanan; two sons, Jerry (Connie) Bowles of Madisonville and Jamie Bowles of Nashville, TN; one brother, Donald (Betty) Bowles of Hanson, KY; five plus grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

Visitation and Funeral services were held Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home. Burial followed in Ebenezer Cemetery in Drakesboro, KY.

Companion Bowles began his Masonic journey in Madisonville Lodge No. 143 in February of 1990. He was raised a Master Mason two months later on April 3, 1990, and proved his Master Mason's proficiency the following month. He later affiliated with E. W. Turner Lodge No. 548 in 2001, and served there as Master in 2015. He petitioned the York Rite bodies in Madisonville, and in February of 1992, he completed the York Rite degrees and orders. He went on to serve Madisonville Chapter No. 143 as High Priest in 1995, A. E. Orton Council as Illustrious Master in 1997, and Madisonville Commandery as Commander in 1996.

He was elected Grand Captain of the Guard in the Grand Council line in September of 2002 and advanced through the chairs until his election as Grand Master at the One Hundred Seventy-Eighth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Kentucky in September of 2005.

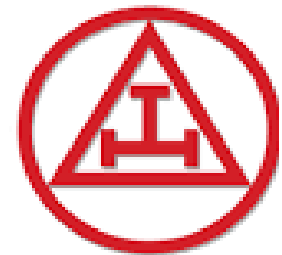


*When forever from our sight
pass the stars, the day, the night,
Lord of angels, on our eyes
let eternal morning rise
And shadows end.*

~ Mary A. Lathbury



YORK RITE OF KENTUCKY
GRAND OFFICERS
RECEPTION



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020
3:00 PM

WILLIAMSBURG TOURISM AND CONVENTION CENTER
650 S TENTH ST, WILLIAMSBURG, KY

\$20 PER PERSON



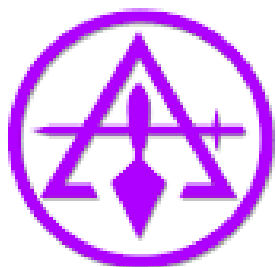
George R. Arnold
Most Excellent
Grand High Priest



Mike McQueary
Most Illustrious
Grand Master



William J. Jackson
Right Eminent
Grand Commander



For Additional Information or
Tickets

Contact Larry Carte
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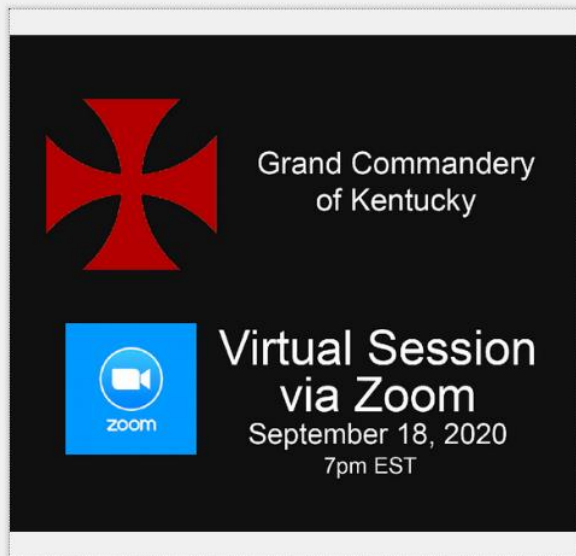


GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF KENTUCKY

GRAND CONCLAVE

September 18, 2020

7:00 PM



Virtual Session Scheduled

We will conduct our Virtual Session Via Zoom, due to the General Order No 12, issued by the Grand Encampment. We will have an online Registration Form and will open Registration on Zoom in the near future...

[Register for Virtual Session](#)

Information on joining the Zoom Webinar will only be sent to Sir Knights who have Registered for the Grand Session.

- You must be registered to participate. Information on joining the virtual session will only be sent to Sir Knights who have registered.
- You will need a valid email address, that you have access to, in order to receive the invitation/instructions/session link.
- You will receive instructions via email on how to join once you have registered and your registration has been accepted.
- Contact Greg Raque at knight734@gmail.com or 502-376-2067 with questions about using Zoom/connecting to the virtual session
- If you are not a permanent member of the Grand Commandery or a voting delegate, you will only be allowed to view the Grand Conclave.
- Please don't share your emailed link with others, it's unique to your email address.
- Register at:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/GrandYorkRiteOfKentucky/GrandCommanderyRegistration>



Grand York Rite of Kentucky Sessions 2020

Sunday- September 20, 2020

1:00 p.m.	Office	Clark
1:00 p.m.	General Registration	Clark
2:00 p.m.	Philalethes Society	Bourbon
6:00 p.m.	Memorial Service Dinner	Cold Stream 1&2
7:00 p.m.	York Rite Memorial Service	Cold Stream 3

Monday- September 21, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Office	Clark
7:00 a.m.	Registration	Clark
8:30 AM	Knight Masons	Cold Stream 3
10:00 AM	Order of Silver Trowel	Cold Stream 3
Noon	Commandery Lady's Luncheon	Cold Stream 5
Noon	Sir Knights Lunch	Cold Stream 4&5
1:30 PM	Order of Secret Vault	Cold Stream 3
2:00 PM	In coming Officer Pictures	Cold Stream 3
2:30 PM	KYCH	Cold Stream 3

Tuesday- September 22, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Office	Clark
7:00 a.m.	Registration	Clark
7:00 a.m.	Deputy Grand Master's Staff	Fayette
7:30 a.m.	Ish Sodi	Cold Stream 3
9:00 a.m.	Grand Council	Cold Stream 3
Noon	Council Lady's Luncheon	Cold Stream 5
Noon	Companions Lunch	Cold Stream 4&5
1:30 p.m.	Incoming Officers Pictures taken	Cold Stream 3
2:00 p.m.	Council Officer Installation	Cold Stream 3
6:30 p.m.	GYR Banquet Introductions	Cold Stream 3
7:00 p.m.	Grand York Rite Banquet (dinner)	Cold Stream 3

Wednesday- September 23, 2020

7:00 a.m.	Office	Clark
7:00 a.m.	Registration	Clark
7:00 a.m.	Grand King's Staff	Fayette
7:30 a.m.	Order of High Priesthood	Cold Stream 3
9:00 a.m.	Grand Chapter	Cold Stream 3
Noon	Chapter Lady's Luncheon	Cold Stream 5
Noon	Men's Fellowship Lunch	Cold Stream 1&2
1:00 p.m.	Past Grand High Priest	Bourbon
1:30 p.m.	Incoming Officers Pictures taken	Cold Stream 3
2:00 p.m.	Chapter Officer Installation	Cold Stream 3

NOTE: ROOMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CANDIDATES FOR GRAND LINE OFFICE

John A. Johnson

**Candidate for Grand Captain of the Host
Grand Chapter of Kentucky, RAM**



Raised 1993 Mt. Zion #147
Past Master Fairdale #942
DDGM 2018
PHP King Solomon #5 & Iroquois #193
PIM Louisville #4 & Sword & Trowel # 111
PC Louisville DeMolay #12

Bernhard “Bernie” Kaita

**Candidate for Grand Captain of the Guard
Grand Council of Kentucky, R&SM**



Raised 2001 Germany
Past Master Morrison #76
PHP Hardin #195
PIM Hardin #115

William Michael Yount

**Candidate for Grand Captain General
Grand Commandery of Kentucky, KT**



Raised 1974 Solomon’s #5
Master Anderson #90 & Solomon’s #5
DDGM 2007
PHP Shelbyville #2
PIM Harry F. Walters #101
PC Louisville-DeMolay #12

*These are the announced candidates that I am aware of.
Please let me know if your name will be submitted at the
annual session, and I will include you in the August and
September editions. – Editor*



PROPOSED LEGISLATION, GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved That Section 13.A. of the Constitution which now reads

Section 13. Vote-Who May. A. Each Grand Officer, each Permanent Member, and the High Priest, the King and the Scribe of each Chapter in this Jurisdiction, if present, shall have one vote, provided that each Chapter shall have three (3) votes. If any of the above officers of a Chapter are absent, the vote of the absentee(s) shall be cast by the ranking member of that Chapter, if present. In the event all three of these officers are absent, then the three (3) votes of the Chapter are to be cast by the elected representative of that Chapter, if present.

Be amended so that, when amended, it shall read

Section 13. Vote-Who May. A. Each elective Grand Officer, each Past Grand High Priest and the representative of each Chapter in this Jurisdiction, if present, shall have one vote and no more. Past High Priests shall have one vote collectively. No one shall vote by proxy. Provided, however, in the event that an elected Grand Officer or a Past Grand High Priest represents his Chapter, he shall have two votes and no more; and provided further, that no Past High Priest of a Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be prohibited from participating in the collective vote of Past High Priests.

Be it further Resolved that Section 6.B. of the Constitution which now reads.

Representatives are the High Priest, King and Scribe of each Kentucky Chapter, by virtue of their respective offices.

Be amended so that, when amended, it shall read

Section 6.B. Representatives are the High Priest, or in his absence, the King, or in the absence of the High Priest and the King, the Scribe, by virtue of their respective offices.

Be it further resolved that as these two sections are interdependent, that they be considered as one legislative action.

Note: The rationale for the two vote provision above is that an elected Grand Officer or Past Grand High Priest should not lose his vote because he represents his Chapter, and a Chapter should not lose its vote if it is represented by an elected Grand Officer or a Past Grand High Priest.

We the Grand Chapter Officers present the following resolution

Amend Section 208 adding subsection 9

Be it resolved:

Whereas: The Grand Lodge of Kentucky has officially recognized the PHGL as a sovereign body. The Grand Chapter shall here forth recognize the PHA Grand Chapter of Kentucky as a sovereign body. Membership shall be regulated as per the GL Constitution Resolution adopted according to the Most worshipful Grand Lodge of Kentucky and the Most Worshipful PHA Grand Lodge resolution adopted at the 215th Session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky (2011) and allow inter-visitation without dual or plural memberships as it was adopted at the 219th Grand Communication (2018) "FOR VISITATION ONLY".



The York Rite at Work

The following article was submitted by Louis H. Prater, member of Winchester Chapter #12 R.A.M., and Secretary of Winchester Lodge #20 F&AM. – Editor

A Brief History of Companion Hamilton McCoy 1837—1892

In my brief stint as Secretary of Winchester Lodge #20, I have had the privilege to meet and talk with many folks who are looking for knowledge and sometimes comfort. In one such instance I was contacted by Companion Jake Trenary, PHP and Grand Almoner, District 15 of the Grand Chapter of Virginia. Companion Jake is also Secretary of Winchester Hiram Lodge #21 in Winchester, VA. (you kinda see the irony).

Brother Jake was randomly sought out by a young lady in need of some help with securing information concerning her great-great-grandfather, Hamilton McCoy. Companion McCoy was born January 20, 1837, in Triadelphia, Ohio County, Virginia. Brother McCoy was raised to the sublime degree of a MM in Winchester Lodge #20 and Winchester Chapter #12 R.A.M. It is assumed this took place after the Civil War ended. Companion McCoy was seated in the Oriental Chair for a time in Winchester Chapter #12 R.A.M. As far as Masonic records go, this seems to be all that is available considering the age of the records and the lack of care of documents from that time period. BUT, the story does not end there.

Hamilton McCoy was a Covenanter Presbyterian who prepared to go into the ministry at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. This was done at the bequest of his father, who wanted a minister in the family. Hamilton, being a strong-willed lad, did not consider himself suitable for the ministry due to his temper. (Now Jubelum, calm thyself.) After graduation he was offered the Chair of Ancient Languages at William and Mary, but he took a rain-check for a year to tour Europe, which trip was later canceled. Hamilton's father had no idea why the trip was postponed, but a visit to Winchester soon revealed the cause. At that time, Winchester had a private boy's academy set aside for mainly sons of planters (farmers, I assume). Hamilton met Judge James Henry Gentry Bush, who invited Hamilton to dinner. He met Miss Ella Bush, the judge's daughter, and decided to give up the European vacation. Hamilton took over the supervision of the academy, and shortly thereafter Hamilton and Miss Ella were married in Clark County in 1856.

Four of Miss Ella's uncles were Union soldiers, and four more uncles served the Confederacy. Her father, Judge Bush, served as an officer under Battalion Commander John Singleton Mosby, the "Grey Ghost"(another story in and of itself) a Confederate cavalry brigade. His officer's saber hangs in Brother McCoy's great-great-granddaughter Miss Kathy's family room today.

When the "War between the States" broke out in approximately 1861, Hamilton would have been 24 years old and married. According to family history, Companion McCoy found himself living in Confederate territory and unsure of his loyalties to the Confederacy, SO, he became what was commonly known as a Union sympathizer and, therefore, for all intents and purposes a spy, known to the Rebels as such, with stories passed down from generations to today of his scouting of rebel forces and carrying of many dispatches behind enemy lines, and several references to payroll activities. (???)

On one specific occasion, Hamilton was staying in a hotel in Kentucky and was chloroformed by his Confederate counterparts who were looking to steal his dispatches. He had locked his door and blocked the door with a chair. So, being good ol' southern boys, they came in through the window by a rope attached to the chimney (southern ingenuity!). They tore the room apart and left empty-handed. Brother McCoy had taken the precautions of locking the papers in a bank lock-box and had hidden the key in a crack in the floor boards and covered it with dirt (housekeeping??). He was found still unconscious the next morning by the hotel clerk, who had to break into the room because Hamilton did not respond to his wake-up call.

On another such occasion, the Confederate cavalry patrol was chasing Hamilton. "He was tired and worn out" and had only been able to stay ahead of the patrol due to his stealth and a good steed under him. However, the horse was tiring and the patrol was relentless. Hamilton headed for the cabin of Mr. Jim, a freed slave who had a place on the home plantation where the family boys could hide out and eventually meet up at the big house once the coast was clear. Mr. Jim acted as a lookout for the family who gave him his freedom. Hamilton could hear the Rebs surrounding the cabin and hid in one of the chimneys.

In a different twist, one of the Confederate soldiers, a young lad who was wounded and carrying dispatches, made his way to Mr. Jim's cabin. After darkness fell, the lad was taken to the big house and hidden in a secret room in the attic next to the chimney. He finally regained consciousness enough to say the dispatches had to get through. Miss Ella, who held passes from both sides, undertook the duty of getting them through. The black shoemaker split the sole of one of her riding boots and slid the papers inside. She was stopped by a Union patrol, who approved her pass but would not let her proceed until she took the "Ironclad Oath" (kinda like the Lodge Secretary's oath, HUH?). She refused and was taken prisoner. Accompanying her on her journey was her black nurse, for Miss Ella suffered from asthma, and the nurse's small son. He managed to escape and made his way to a Confederate patrol who just happened to be under the command of her father, Commander Judge James H.G. Bush. They rode to her rescue and captured all the Union soldiers; some didn't fare so well. Her Father then sent a portion of his patrol with her to guard her to her destination to deliver her dispatches.

After the War, Hamilton and Miss Ella left the area and settled in Indianapolis because of her health. Their three daughters were born and raised there. Miss Ella's family was always very close and evidently very large. The Bush family name was always known to the community of Winchester/Clark County for decades. She and the girls would travel back to Winchester often to visit or attend large family gatherings. Brother Hamilton went into the lumber business in Southern Indiana. He died on June 10, 1892, at the age of 55.

Great-great-granddaughter Kathy was going through some of her parents' estate and found a Keystone locket (not a charm). Her curiosity took over and she reached out to the Winchester lodge, initially to Winchester Hiram Lodge #21, who in turn graciously referred her to Winchester Lodge #20, the home base for Winchester Chapter #12 R.A.M. The inscription on the back actually reads "Winchester Chapter #12 RAM," with Hamilton McCoy's name on the top. She is aware of the Masonic jargon, coming from a largely Masonic background. She eventually asked me if we (Winchester Chapter #12) would be interested in letting this artifact come home, and of course I obliged. I hope the pictures can do it justice for you. Remember: This was done during or right after the "War Between the States," I am guessing approximately 1866-1870, and there were no machines to do this elaborate engraving on something so small. Also, I do not know what the hash marks on the inside represent and neither did she. By the way, this piece has made it full circle from Winchester Chapter #12 R.A.M. in about 18?? in Winchester, Kentucky, to who knows where else, to San Jose, California, and back home again.

As a side note, Miss Kathy asked me if I knew what the letters on the front meant. I said, "Of course, but if I tell you I'll have to kill you." Ha! I said it means "hot tempered women should strive to keep silent." The phone went silent for a while, and then I realized she was trying to catch her breath and just howled when she recovered. We had a good laugh over that.

With further study and help from Kathy, I have found Judge Bush and wife, Companion McCoy, Miss Ella and an infant son, that Kathy did not know of, residing in the Winchester KY, cemetery all resting peacefully within several feet of each other.

MEGHP Rick, I did not tell her! Hope you enjoyed the journey!

Fraternally,

Louis H. Prater

Winchester Chapter #12 R.A.M.

Winchester Lodge #20 Secretary.

P.S. The Ironclad Oath can be found on Wikipedia. See if a lot of it sounds VAGUELY familiar.

The following photos of the locket were provided by Companion Prater. The bottom photo is Companion Prater at Judge Bush's final resting place.



Text of the Ironclad Oath

*I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have never voluntarily borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof; that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, counsel, or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto; that I have neither sought nor accepted nor attempted to exercise the functions of any office whatever, under any authority or pretended authority in hostility to the United States; that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto. And I do further swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, so help me God.
—Statutes at Large, Thirty Seventh Congress, Second Session*

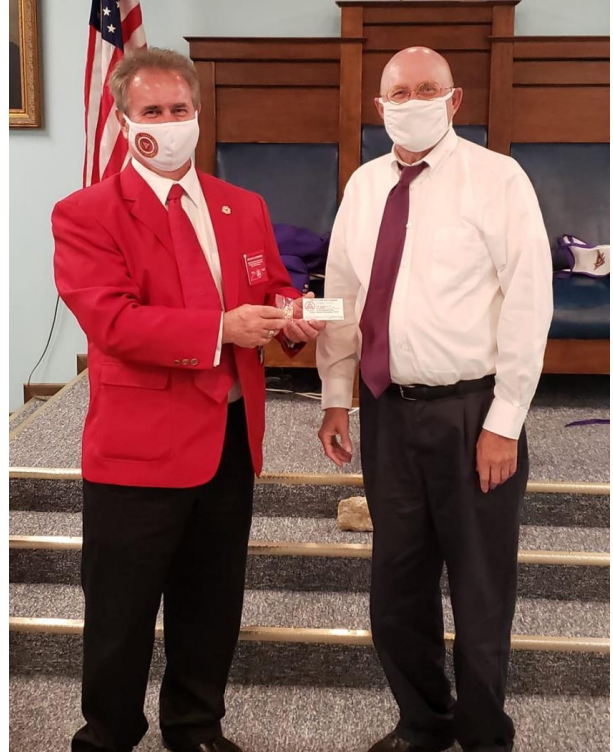


August 20, 2020 – Tonight we said a final farewell to the Shelbyville York Rite bodies. They have voted to consolidate with Frankfort.

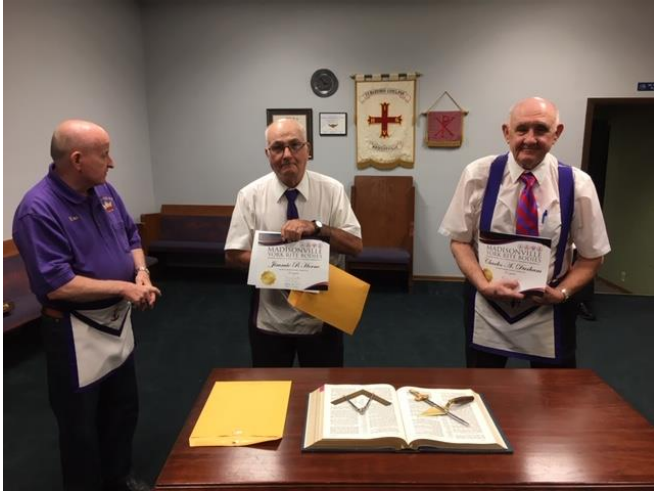
(All photos this page from the Grand Chapter/ Grand York Rite Facebook page)



August 26, 2020 - MEGHP Rick Sears presents his pin to Iroquois Chapter No. 193's newest Mark Master, John Burgin. Congratulations John and to all the Companions who assisted with the work.



August 8, 2020 - Comp. Roger Hurt, High Priest of Richmond Chapter No. 16, receives the High Priest's proficiency pin from Grand Scribe Wilson K. Wilder. Congratulations, Companion Hurt!



Ron Dockery, Secretary/Recorder, Madisonville York Rite Bodies presenting 25-year Council membership pins to Jimmie Horne and Charles Durham at their Council Assembly on Tuesday, August 25th. Charles has actually been a member for 37 years; Jimmie (32 years). Ron has researched and updated all 25- and 50-year members. Certificates and pins will be mailed out to eleven 50-year members and thirteen additional 25-year members. A recognition program had been in the works for this past May. Of course, that meeting was cancelled due to coronavirus restrictions. Du to the on-going COVID-19 situation, it was decided to forego a planned presentation program and mail out pins and certificates.

(photos and article submitted by Ron Dockery)

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE GRAND YORK RITE OFFICE

Virtual Meetings Available to all Kentucky York Rite Bodies



With the recent series of events brought about by the pandemic, we began to use Zoom to have Virtual Meetings. We recently moved to a Pro plan and **would like to offer the use of that service to any Bodies who need or wish to hold a Virtual Zoom meeting** without the 40-minute time limitation of free accounts.

You can feel free to **contact Greg Raque**, who can assist any Bodies with hosting your Zoom Meeting. I can provide a **virtual meeting, up to 100 participants with no time limits.**

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For your reading pleasure this month. Hope you enjoy. ~Editor

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE

Robert Morris

We meet upon the Level, and we part upon the Square, —
What words of precious meaning those words Masonic are!
Come, let us contemplate them; they are worthy of a thought, —
With the highest and the lowest and the rarest they are fraught.

We meet upon the level, though from every station come —
The King from out his palace and the poor man from his home;
For the one must leave his diadem without the Mason's door,
And the other finds his true respect upon the checkered floor.

We part upon the square, for the world must have its due;
We mingle with its multitude, a cold, unfriendly crew;
But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
And we long, upon the level, to renew the happy scene.

There's a world where all are equal, — we are hurrying toward it fast, —
We shall meet upon the level there when the gates of death are past;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer by His own unerring square.

We shall meet upon the level there, but never thence depart;
There's a Mansion, —'tis all ready for each zealous, faithful heart;
There's a Mansion and a welcome, and a multitude is there.
Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level, then, while laboring patient here, —
Let us meet and let us labor, tho' the labor seem severe.
Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square!

Hands round, ye faithful Ghiblinites, the bright, fraternal chain;
We part upon the square below to meet in Heaven again.
O what words of precious meaning those words Masonic are, —
We meet upon the Level, and we part upon the Square.

The above is the original form in which the poem, "We Meet upon the Level," etc., was written.

*Taken from "The Poetry of Freemasonry", by Robert Morris, LLD; Masonic Poet Laureate, 1884
~ Editor*

THE MORE YOU KNOW

This month we're offering the Matthew Cooke Manuscript, as printed in the "Quatuor Coronatorum Antigrapha", Volume II, published in 1890 by Lodge Quatuor Coronati No. 2076, London, for our Educational segment. The following "rules" are extracted from what is generally stated as the second oldest known manuscript in Masonic history after the Regius Manuscript. G. W. Speth, Lodge Secretary and Editor of the Antigrapha at the time this was published, asserts that the second part of the Manuscript – primarily the section published below – "is the oldest and purest version yet come to light of the Book of Charges, or manuscript "Constitutions of Masonry" ~ Editor

Many years after, in the time of king Athelstan, sometime king of England, by common assent of his Council and other great lords of the land on account of great defects found amongst masons, a certain rule was ordained for them.

Once a year or every three years as might appear needful to the king and great lords of the land and all the community, congregations should be called by the masters from country to country and from province to province of all masters, masons and fellows in the said art. And at such congregations those that are made masters shall be examined in the articles hereafter written and be ransacked whether they be able and skillful in order to serve the lords to their profit and to the honour of the aforesaid art. And moreover they shall be charged to well and truly expend the goods of their lords, as well of the lowest as of the highest; for those are their lords for the time being of whom they take their nav in recompense of their service and toil.

The first article is this. That every master of this art should be wise, and true to the lord who employs him, expending his goods carefully as he would his own were expended; and not giving more pay to any mason than he knows him to have earned, according to the dearth (or scarcity, and therefore price) of corn and victuals in the country, and this without favouritism, for every man is to be rewarded according to his work.

The second article is this. That every master of the art shall be warned beforehand to come to his congregation, in order that he may duly come there, unless he may [be] excused for some cause or other. But if he be found [*i.e.*, accused of being] rebellious at such congregation, or at fault in any way to his employer's harm or the reproach of this art, he shall not be excused unless he be in peril of death. And though he be in peril of death, yet must he give notice of his illness to the master who is the president⁶ of the gathering.

The third article is this. That no master take no apprentice for a shorter term than seven years at least, for the reason that such as have been bound a shorter time can not adequately learn their art, nor be able to truly serve their employer and earn the pay that a mason should.

The fourth article is this. That no master shall for any reward take as an apprentice a bondsman born, because his lord to whom he is a bondsman might take him, as he is entitled to, from his art and carry him away with him from out the Lodge, or out of the place he is working in. And because his fellows peradventure might help him and take his part, and hence manslaughter might arise; therefore it is forbidden. And there is another reason because his art was begun by the freely begotten children of great lords, as aforesaid.

The fifth article is this. That no master shall pay more to his apprentice during the time of his apprenticeship, whatever profit he may take thereby, than he well knows him to have deserved of the lord that employs him ; and not even quite so much, in order that the lord of the works where he is taught may have some profit by his being taught there.

The sixth article is this. That no master from covetousness or for gain shall accept an apprentice that is unprofitable ; that is, having any maim (or defect) by reason of which he is incapable of doing a mason s proper work.

The seventh article is this. That no master shall knowingly help or cause to be maintained and sustained any common nightwalker robber by which nightwalking they may be rendered incapable¹ of doing a fair day's work and toil: a condition of things by which their fellows might be made wrath.

The eighth article is this. Should it befall that a perfect and skillful mason come and apply for work and find one working who is incompetent and unskillful, the master of the place shall discharge the incompetent and engage the skillful one, to the advantage of the employer.

The ninth article is this. That no master shall supplant another. For it is said in the art of masonry that no man can so well complete a work, to the advantage of the lord, begun by another, as he who began it intending to end it in accordance with his own plans, or [he] to whom he shows his plans.

These regulations following were made by the lords (employers) and masters of divers provinces and divers congregations of masonry.

[First point] To wit: whosoever desires to become a mason, it behooves him before all things to [love] God and the holy Church and all the Saints; and his master and fellows as his own brothers.

The second point. He must give a fair day's work for his pay.

The third [point]. He shall hele the counsel of his fellows in lodge and in chamber, and wherever masons meet.

The fourth point. He shall be no traitor to the art and do it no harm, nor conform to any enactments against the art nor against the members thereof: but he shall maintain it in all honour to the best of his ability.

The fifth point. When he receives his pay he shall take it without murmuring, as may be arranged at the time by the master; and he shall fulfil the agreement regarding the hours of work and rest, as ordained and set by the master.

The sixth point. In case of disagreement between him and his fellows, he shall unquestioningly obey the master and be silent thereon at the bidding of his master, or of his master's warden in his master's absence, until the next following holiday and shall then settle the matter according to the verdict of his fellows; and not upon a work-day because of the hindrance to the work and to the lord's interests.

The seventh point. He shall not covet the wife nor the daughter of his master or of his fellows unless it be in marriage, neither shall he hold concubines, on account of the discord this might create amongst them.

The eighth point. Should it befall him to be his master's warden, he shall be a true mediator between his master and his fellows: and he shall be active in his master's absence, to the honour of his master and the profit of the lord who employs him.

The ninth point. If he be more wise and skillful than his fellow working with him in the Lodge or in any other place, and he perceive that for want of skill he is about to spoil the stone upon which he is working and can teach him to improve the stone, he shall instruct and help him ; so that love may increase the more amongst them and the work of his employer be not lost.

When the master and fellows, being forewarned, are come to such congregations, the sheriff of the country, or the mayor of the city, or alderman of the town in which the congregation is held, shall if need be, be fellow and associate of the master of the congregation, to help him against disobedient members to maintain the rights of the realm.

And at the commencement of the proceedings, new men who have never been charged before are to be charged in this manner. Ye shall never be thieves nor thieves' maintainers, and shall do a fair day's work and toil for your pay that you take of the lord, and shall render true accounts to your fellows in all matters which should be accounted for to them, and love them as yourselves. And ye shall be true to the king of England and to the realm: and that ye keep with all your might and [power] all the aforesaid articles.

After that an enquiry shall be held whether any master or fellow summoned to the meeting, have broken any of the beforesaid articles, which, if they have done, it shall be then and there adjudicated upon.

Therefore be it known; if any master or fellow being forewarned to come to the congregation, be contumacious and appear not; or having trespassed against any of the aforesaid articles shall be convicted; he shall forswear his masonry and shall no longer exercise the craft. And if he presume so to do, the sheriff of the country in which he may be found at work shall put him in prison and take all his goods for the use of the king, until his (the king's) grace be granted and showed him.

For this cause chiefly were these congregations ordained; that the lowest as well as the highest might be well and truly served in the aforesaid art throughout all the kingdom of England.

Amen, so mote it be.





2020 Grand Sessions

York Rite of Kentucky

REGISTRATION FORM

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Please Mark nights you will be staying at hotel

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
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WILL BE ATTENDING:

Monday September 21, 2020 Grand Commandery of KY Conclave _____

Tuesday September 22, 2020 Grand Council of KY Assembly _____

Wednesday September 23, 2020 Grand Chapter of KY Convocation _____

If you are attending Grand Sessions even if you do not order meals please return this form so that we know how many people to plan for. Thank you in advance.



MEAL ORDER FORM

Title: _____ Name: _____

**Meal ticket reservations due in to Grand Recorder by September 6th
Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs the hotel will provide
a suitable option.**

	# of Tickets	Price per Ticket	Total
<u>Sunday September 20, 2020</u> Memorial Service Banquet		\$40.00	\$
<u>Monday September 21, 2020</u> Sir Knights Lunch		\$25.00	\$
<u>Monday September 21, 2020</u> Commandery Lady's Luncheon		\$25.00	\$
<u>Tuesday September 22, 2020</u> Companions Lunch		\$25.00	\$
<u>Tuesday September 22, 2020</u> Council Lady's Luncheon		\$25.00	\$
<u>Tuesday September 22, 2020</u> York Rite Banquet		\$40.00	\$
<u>Wednesday September 23, 2020</u> Men's Fellowship Lunch		\$25.00	\$
<u>Wednesday September 23, 2020</u> Chapter Lady's Luncheon		\$25.00	\$
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Monday September 21, 20
Grand Commandery K.T.
Annual Conclave



Tuesday September 22, 20
Grand Council R. & S. M.
Annual Assembly



Wednesday September 23, 20
Grand Chapter R.A.M.
Annual Convocation

	Hospitality Room	Men's Lunches	Ladies' Luncheons
<i>Commandery</i>	9-20-20 Noon-4:00 p.m. And after Memorial Service	9-21-20 at Noon	9-21-20 at Noon
<i>Council</i>	9-21-20 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	9-22-20 at Noon	9-22-20 at Noon
<i>Chapter</i>	9-22-20 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. And after Banquet	9-23-20 at Noon	9-23-20 at Noon

Banquets:

Memorial Service Dinner

Dress Attire

Sunday 9-20-20
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Memorial Service

Grand York Rite of KY Banquet

Formal Attire

Tuesday 9-22-20
6:30 PM Doors Open
7:00 PM Meal Served

We know that this has been a trying year but we look forward to fellowship laughs and getting our yearly business done. Hope to see you in Lexington.



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Saturday, September 26, 2020

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This year a High Priest Proficiency Pin has been produced. We had intended to distribute these at the Chapter Inspections to those Companions who have turned in their Proficiency. As we the Grand Chapter Officers return to our travels, we will begin to distribute these to Companions who are proficient. It's such an accomplishment to turn a proficiency in, we think it's only proper to display it for all to see. If you're not proficient yet, keep up the hard work and you can earn this pin.



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