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Companions:

As we come into April and Easter celebrating our Lord and Savior's resurrection we should as Royal Arch Masons look back at our history and contemplate where our Fraternity is going in the future. The Grand Chapter of Kentucky has a long and distinguish history as well as many of the subordinate Chapters.

Last month I had the honor of being invited to Apperson Chapter # 81 celebration of being 150 years young. The pinnacle of the evening Exalting 7 Companions to Royal Arch Masons. With the enthusiasm shown, Apperson Chapter # 81, their roots well grounded, their long and distinguished history, they will be thriving for the next 150 years. A job well done. I encourage each Chapter to make Lodge presentations and Exalt Masons into the Royal Arch.

I have had comments from some Chapters they have met their goal of obtaining 5 new members. Why stop with 5? The year is still young. There are newly raised Masons waiting to hear our story, about our philanthropies and what we do for our communities. Most will not come to you. We must go to them.

Remember our shut ins, the people both in and out of uniform protecting our great county. Remember the children who so badly need our help by contributing to our / your philanthropy.

God Bless our Grand Chapter bless the people protecting our country; bless each and every Royal Arch Mason and God Bless the United States of America.

Fraternally thine

Charles T. Mason

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M. E. Grand High Priest

Itinerary

March was a difficult month to make my visitations. Several Chapters were not able to meet and I was stuck in two feet of snow. Hopefully that is all behind us. It is my intention to make up the missed visits. Except for health issues and weather permitting

4/9 Hardin Chapter # 195

4/10 Indiana Grand Chapter Session

4/12 Glasgow Commandery # 36 Ascension Service

4/13 Glasgow Chapter # 45

4/14 Bowling Green Chapter # 38

4/15 King Solomon #5

4/20 Brotherhood Check Presentation to KOSAIR Charities

4/23 Edmonds # 83

4/28 Eureka # 101

4/29 AMD # 461 of South Central Kentucky

4/30 Southern Kentucky KYCH Club Meeting



CHANGES TO THE KENTUCKY KEYSTONE

In order to better serve and provide a more effective means of communication, a Newsgroup has been established to provide Sir Knights and Companions with a method of state wide communication. The group is available on Yahoo Groups and will function much the same way as the similar Group for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. I urge all York Rite members to join and spread the word, we can only grow if people know we are here.

A group dedicated to York Rite Freemasonry in Kentucky and surrounding areas. All forms of announcements regarding Chapter's, Councils, Commanderies, such as events, degree work, obituaries, special services, etc., are welcome, but all postings must first be approved by either the owners or the moderators of the group before it will be sent out to the membership. This list will also serve as the On distribution/delivery system for the Kentucky Keystone which is the monthly publication of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky. We reserve the right to reject any message that we may deem inappropriate or off-topic.

This group is not administered by, nor does it represent the views of The Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky, The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the General Grand Council of Royal and Select

Masters, or the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. This is a restricted list, however, this list is not a tiled group, so govern yourselves accordingly and always remember your obligations to our beloved Order. You may join the group from the Grand York Rite home page at www.yorkriteky.org If you have any problems please contact Darrell Waddell.

Information is on the Grand York Rite website for the East-Central conference on March 13 & 14. The site also now has the 2014 proceedings available



March 19th 2015, Apperson Chapter 81 in Ashland Kentucky celebrated its 150th anniversary. Present were various distinguished guests including Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilson K Wilder and Most Excellent Grand High Priest Charles T Mason. Events of the evening included a paper on the history of Apperson Chapter, and another on a Confederate spy network in East Kentucky Lodges by BB. Tony Skeans from Paintsville. Special 150th anniversary jewels were also available that were struck just for this occasion. A wonderful time was had by all, and Excellent High Priest Barry Eastham and the members of Apperson 81 wish to thank all who made to trip to celebrate with them! Here's to another 150 in East Kentucky!

From the desk of the Grand Secretary

Companions,

Election time is fast approaching and we need to consider the importance of selecting good officers to lead our York Rite for the next year. The Grand Secretary's office will soon be sending annual returns. It is very important that each constituent Chapter fill out the forms and return the information to Noel before the end of June. Your annual assessments will be computed on July 1st and bills will be mailed.

We also send forms for you to recommend Companions and Sir Knights for the General Grand awards. Please make your nominations and get them back to me before July 1st or they cannot be considered.

James King Jr.
Grand Secretary/Recorder

Editorial- New Editor Kentucky Keystone

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Greetings to all. I hope that all have survived the intemperate weather with few lasting effects. This past winter has been trying for many and, hopefully, will not be repeated any time soon. Don't forget to change the oil, put in fresh gas, and sharpen the blades!

Fraternally,
Ron

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ARTICLES

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