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## Companions

I bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky. I want to remind you of our upcoming Grand York Rite Sessions in Louisville, September 8,9,10. Companions this is your grand sessions, come out take part without your input and support they can't be successful. Please come out and show support for your chapters and your grand line officers you elected to guide the Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky.

I know there has been some issues with the Motel this year concerning our meals and if the restaurant would be open during our session due to construction at the Motel. The Motel has informed us that the restaurant

will be open during our session. Meal tickets may be purchased thru the Grand York Rite Office. Buy your meal tickets and enjoy a meal with companions across the state. The meal tickets sold help keep down the cost of our Grand Sessions.

I want to give a update of the funds raised from the Royal Arch Research Assistance Dinner that was held in June. As of this date, we have received \$4,600.00 dollars for our charity. Without the support from all who worked, and those who gave money for this event it would not have been the great success that it was. Thanks to all who helped make this happen.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Grand High Priest this year. It has been a great honor. I hope to see you in Louisville in September.

Companions, due to an upcoming surgery on my arm, I will not be enclosing an itinerary for my travels for the month of August. I will be out traveling as soon as the doctor releases me to do so.

Fraternally Thine,

Grand High Priest



## **KENTUCKY GRAND YORK RITE**

Please plan to join us on Sunday, September 7 at the Holiday Inn on Hurstbourne Lane for the annual sessions of Grand Commandery, Council and Chapter. We will follow the same schedule as the preceding years. Your motel stay and meals at the motel provide the funds to pay for our meeting rooms and hospitality room. More information will be offered closer to the date.

These sessions are necessary to conduct the business of our Grand Organizations, but also provide an opportunity for fellowship and Masonic information. Plan to join us.

### **SUPEREXCELLENT MASTER CONFERRAL**

After several years without a conferral, our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Raleigh C. Foster, with the assistance of Louisville Council III. Master Ralph Lawson, has agreed to act as director to confer this special degree sometime this summer. A date will be announced later, but those who have parts and would like to perform again should contact Raleigh or Ralph. This likely will be scheduled at the Scottish Rite Auditorium for the benefit of using the stage. If proper arrangements can be made, September 6 is being considered as a lead in to the annual York Rite sessions. Dinner would be served with the degree to follow at 6 P.M.

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### **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 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](http://www.yorkriteky.org) If you have any problems please let me know.

Editor.

### **GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL SESSION**

It's not a bit too soon for all of our members still in the work force to plan ahead to get free for the annual conclave on September 7-10.

We will be meeting at Holiday Inn on Hurstbourne in Louisville and will use the familiar format with Commandery on Sunday and Monday, Council on Tuesday and Chapter on Wednesday.

Chairman J. William Riggs has secured a reasonable rate for all and this includes two breakfasts per room per day. Room rental is the feature that provides free meeting rooms and amenities. Plan to come to Louisville to spend three nights and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with no early morning driving to attend the sessions.



## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KENTUCKY KEYSTONE

### ARTICLES

If you would like to have an article about your Chapter event published, please contact us through the Web site at; [www.kykeystone.info](http://www.kykeystone.info). The Kentucky Keystone reserves the right to exclude content and edit any article submitted, as to better serve the needs of this publication. All submitted articles become the sole property of The Kentucky Keystone.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

We will publish photographs with articles and/or caption as such is submitted and deemed appropriate. All photographs become the property of the Kentucky Keystone. We will accept and prefer digital images, (JPEG). We will publish print photographs, if submitted. If you want your printed photographs returned, please include your name and address on the back of the photograph.

### MAILING LIST

We do not sell, rent or otherwise disclose our mailing list to any third party. We will only disclose such information under applicable Kentucky State Law.

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## Editorial- New Editor Kentucky Keystone

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Sir Knights/ Companions,

*After much discussions and thought the Grand Bodies have decided to offer the Kentucky Keystone as a media outlet for all three of the Grand York Rite Bodies in Kentucky, not just the Chapter. As such this is the second combined newsletter that features information from all three bodies.*

*I am in hopes that all future editions will be filled with information on all bodies. Your contributions and photographs are welcome. With the Keystone being more advanced and in an electronic format, we should each take this chance to use this form of media to promote our bodies. Technology is here to stay, and we must use what we have to preserve our Craft for future generations. We need media, we need to show the public we are active in communities, this will generate interest in which we are, and will lead to a increase in those who want to join us. It is hard to get people to join something that they know nothing about. Public awareness, I believe is the key to the future growth of our Bodies.*

*Please review and respond with any suggestions, recommendations, corrections or deletions you wish, also any information that you would want to be included. Should any of you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.*

Fraternally, Zealously, Courteously,

*Michael R. Grigsby*

**Editor-Kentucky Keystone**