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Companions

I bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. I want to take time to say thanks everyone who came out for the area meetings and I hope you were able to take information back to share with your local chapters. I also want to say thanks to everyone who helped to make these meetings a success.

We tried made these meetings educational in the hope that we could give every Royal Arch Mason from the newest member on up information they could share and use when they meet in their local chapters. I asked that you continue to give us feedback about the meetings so that our Excellent Companion King Charles Mason can prepare for his area meetings next year. By giving us feedback it helps us as Grand Line Officers to serve you and to help all of us grow in our journey for more Masonic light. Remember

companions we are making this journey to complete that spiritual building not made with hands but eternal in the heavens.

We all travel on a journey we call life and what we each learn or do on this journey is up to each of us. Just think about the difference we can make within not just our lives but all of the others that we come across if we live by and practice the lessons we have been taught. It's not just about what we learn but it's also about how and what we do with the knowledge that we gain in our travels in life. Christmas is almost upon us. I ask that each of take time to remember another journey that was made a little over 2000 years ago and what this time of year should mean to each of us. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came to earth and was born. This was the starting point of his journey on earth to the cross for our sins and burdens. He was willing to travel such a rugged journey and to give up everything so we could make a choice of our own freewill an accord as to what road we want to take our journey in life on.

I would also ask that we take time to say thank you to our Veterans and Soldiers who have served and those who are still serving to protect this Great Nation and our freedoms. Keep these men and women in our prayers to keep them safe and bring them back home.

Sally and I wish each of you A Merry Christmas and may God Bless you and keep you in his care.

Fraternally Thine,

Grand High Priest



Grand High Priest December Itinerary

*December 1st Chapter Officers and Past High Priest
Christmas*

December 2nd Davies Chapter #29

December 5th Taylor Chapter # 90

December 7th Bullitt Chapter # 44

December 9th Bowling Green # 38

*December 12th Ryan Commandery Christmas
Observance*

*December 14th Wilderness Shrine Club
Christmas Dance*

December 17th Morehead Chapter #168

*December 21st Franklin Lodge #28 Widows Christmas
Basket Delivery*

December 27th Franklin Lodge #28 Officer Installation

Advance Notice of Festivals 2014

W. R. Selby Sr. will be conferring the Mark Master degree 1-9-2014 at stated Meeting.

King Solomon Chapter and Louisville Council briefly discussed a potential one-day festival for February 22, 2014.

This should be sufficient notice to allow those Masons who are active in their Symbolic Lodge to search out the best of the holders of the third degree who are desirous of continuing their Masonic education. We know from written reports distributed in our area that there have been several young men raised in the last few years and they deserve to be told about the benefits of York Rite membership.

FRANKFORT CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

Frankfort Commandery # 4 will host their annual Christmas celebration on Thursday December 19 at 6:30 P.M. Desserts will be served following the observance.

REPORT ON ELIZABETHTOWN FESTIVAL

Though not as well attended as had been hoped, the November 23 festival as Elizabethtown was quite successful. The Kentucky Grand Officers of all three York Rite bodies were almost all present including Grand High Priest Tom Bustle, Illustrious Grand Master Raleigh Foster, and Grand Commander William Lile.

Six Master Masons were exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason, then nine were greeted in the Council and the same nine were knighted as brand new Knights Templar. In addition to good work being performed, the local York Rite provided a hot meal at lunch time for all in attendance. This was especially appreciated on the cold day. It was a very good day for the York Rite in Elizabethtown.

DEATH

All Commanderies through the Commonwealth are saddened to learn of the death of Sir Knight Lyman Coleman Whitman, a resident of Dothan, Al. He had been knighted in 1953, thus was a 60 year member of Louisville Commandery and died on October 1, 2013. We express our sympathy to his family.





**[Most Illustrious Grand Master
Raleigh C. Foster](#)**

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To: The Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, The Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Principal Conductors of the Work, Grand Chief Arch Deputy, Grand Arch Deputies and Companions of the Constituent Councils of the Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters:

As we enter a new Cryptic Year, may the blessings our Lord God in Heaven guide us in our undertakings, and may everything we do be pleasing in His sight.

In the coming editions you will find listings of those dedicated Companions who have agreed to serve our Grand Council for the ensuing year. I thank each of for accepting these positions, and I know you will do your

best to see that Cryptic Masonry continues to grow and prosper in the future.

This year, we will continue to promote those programs that have been so beneficial to our Councils over the years. The inspections will continue as they have in the past. The Arch Deputies will visit your Councils and evaluate each Councils ability to open, close and confer work. Companions, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of conferring work in our own Councils. The ability to confer our own work is one of the best ways to increase interest and to educate our membership.

Please remember to support our Philanthropy, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, and continue to be an active and effective part in your local Council. We have inherited the greatest Fraternal Organization in the history of man. Companions, we owe it to those who will inherit it from us to leave it in as good a condition, if not better than we found it.

Fraternally,

Raleigh C. Foster

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Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select
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***To: The Grand Commandery Officers, Recorders
and members of the Grand Commandery of
Kentucky***

It is an honor and a privilege to be elected to serve as grand commander for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I thank each of you for giving me such an honor and I will do my best to carry forth those traditions and program set forth by those Past Grand Commanders that have done a great job of setting forth the principles of York Rite Masonry. I am looking forward to working with the Grand High Priest and Illustrious Grand Master to make the York Rite a leading part of Kentucky Masonry. We will be actively working with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Shriners and many other Masonic organization.

I ask that members of the York rite encourage attendance at meetings and that we work together to obtain new members, conferred the work and the impressive manner and make the meetings enjoyable.

I want to thank my installing officers for a superb job in the appointed officers for taking on the obligation to ensure a very good year. Again thank you from the bottom of my heart for your faith in me and your help to make this year great!

Fraternally,

William F. Lile

William F. Lile
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Knights
Templar

**LOUISVILLE-DeMolay Commander #12
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE**

Our Commandery will celebrate Christmas on Tuesday, December 17 with our usual program. We will begin at 6:30 P.M. with a roast pork dinner provided by the Social Club of Crescent Hill Eastern Star Chapter. This will be followed by a brief conclave, then the annual Christmas Observance under the direction of our own Prelate, James C. Reichert. The Scottish Rite Choir will perform under the direction of Sir Knight David Stewart.

The program usually takes about an hour, so we should be finished about 8:30. This is not much time to devote to such a worthwhile endeavor, and the fellowship is outstanding. Please plan to join us. No reservation is required and families are welcome. It is also permissible to bring an interested Master Mason and his family.



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Editorial-Combined Newsletter

Editor-Kentucky Keystone

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 first combined newsletter that features information from all three bodies.

I am in hopes that the January edition and 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