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## Companions

While Kentucky has received from of the coldest temperature, on record in some places, you would not notice the cold from the warmth and friendship that has been expressed to me during my travels through the Chapters of the Commonwealth.

It does not seem possible that we are half way through the Capitular year, Grand Session will be on us before we notice it. I would encourage each of the P.H.P's, of all Chapters to remain involved in their Chapters after their term in the East. I am in hopes that they are still mentoring officers if not holding some other office themselves. Remind your King and Scribe to prepare for the journey, that they will become a member of the

Grand Chapter. And Secretary's, advise and notify your P.H.P.s that have "slipped through the cracks" of whom they are, They may not attended meetings, but reminding them that they are the key to success their Chapters, everyone has something to contribute and each Chapter is in need of all the experience that can be had.

We are growing, but in order to plan for the long term, we have to be constantly developing future leaders, of our local Chapters, as well as the Grand Officers. I encourage the membership of each Chapter to promote their members, encourage young members to assume offices, teach them, they are willing to learn and are our future. We cannot fail to allow them the opportunity, and it is my sincere belief that they will serve us well in to the future.

The building block of any organization begins and ends with new membership. A wise man once said that there are only three things a person leaves behind when they die: their children, their creations, and the impact of their actions. And when you are on your deathbed, looking back on your life, actions that serve no higher purpose than maximizing your own wealth and pleasure will look painfully small and insignificant. Those who have chosen Masonry intuitively wants to be part of a collective purpose that is larger than their own pleasure, which gives meaning to their lives and the passage of time. This is the greatest aspect of leadership: the ability to define a noble purpose for a group, and to give meaning to every individual's effort.

Fraternally Thine,

Grand High Priest



### **Grand High Priest February 2014 Itinerary**

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ken Tenn. Chapter #148 Festival
February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Davies Chapter # 29
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Johnnie Ramsey Chapter # 149
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	W R Shelby SR. #4 Royal Arch Degree
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jackson Chapter #160
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Thomas #177
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monticello Chapter #152
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Scottsville Chapter # 171

*\*Due to some health issues if the weather is bad I will re-schedule at a later date.*

### **Advanced Notice of Festivals 2014**

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.

### **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 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.

### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AND COUNCIL**

It's not too soon to set aside vacation time for our triennial convocation and assembly in September. We will meet beginning on Sunday, September 28 for the informal opening with the opening of General Grand Chapter on Monday morning. General Grand Council will then meet on Tuesday.

These meetings are planned for Buffalo, New York, and there are also tours and entertainment on the Friday and Saturday preceding.





**[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:***

We are almost half way through the Cryptic Year. I continue to in awe of the continuing support though out the Commonwealth of the Councils and their members.

Those dedicated Companions who have agreed to serve our Grand Council for the ensuing year have promoted, aided and assisted Councils with degree work, with guidance and direction.

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

This year, had had chose to continue to promote those programs that have been so beneficial to our Councils over the years. Arch Deputies will begin inspections soon as they have in the past. The Arch Deputies will visit your Councils and evaluate each Council's 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.

As always remember to support our Philanthropy, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, and continue to be an active and effective part in your local Council. Each of you is the key to our success and preservation in the future. Always remember that 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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*To: The Grand Commandery Officers, Recorders  
and members of the Grand Commandery of  
Kentucky;*

The year is passing by, and we are being to prepare for annual inspections. The Commandery has more of the military influence than other Masonic Bodies. As I have traveled thought out the Commonwealth, many Commanderies are being fill with young and eager members. The growth is impressive and I hope it will continue far beyond my term.

We should each continue to strive to live according to our principles of Chivalry, Christianity and Templary in our daily lives, treating our fellow Sir Knights as

Brothers, practicing our faith, being charitable, and support our Masonic bodies, thereby preserving it for future generations.

We should also strige to continue our support to our Charity, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This orgaznication is of great benenit to the ophthalmic community. I encouage each Commandery to support the labor of this Charity.

Likewise, I would like to see each Commandery continue in promoting York Rite Masonic history and ideals in the Lodges. This simple sharing of information has increased the number of applications from persons desiring to become Christian Knights. As I have traveled across this Commonwealth, I enjoyed the fellowship of Sir Knights and witnessed Commanderies helping others and their communities.

The Knights Templar of Kentucky is very much alive. Many Commanderies I have visited have Sir Knights who have been members for a short time installed as officers, and the older Knights are helping them do an excellent job. This mentoring is the key to the growth and success of our Order. This makes our part of the Fraternity stand out and we enjoy attending the conclaves. Remember to say a prayer for the servicemen who are defending and those who have defended this great nation of ours, the leaders of our country, and each of our families and friends.

Fraternally,

*William F. Lile*

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Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Kentucky



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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 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**