



# The Kentucky Keystone

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**ME Companion Wendell R. Curtis  
Grand High Priest Message**

Companions:

*“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy.”*

This Commandment was so greatly respected by our predecessors that it was written into Masonic law. Virtually all Christian Masons observe the Sabbath on Sunday. Only services for the dead are to be allowed on this day. Masons for centuries have honored this tradition.

Regrettably, in recent years the Sabbath has not been honored as in the past. Receptions, fund raisers and committee meetings are too often scheduled on Sunday. Why? Are we just “so busy” that there isn’t any other time available? No we are not. Has Masonic law been amended to allow these practices? No it has not.

This and other departures from Masonic principles and traditions indicate that the moral decay of our culture over the last half century have made inroads into our lodge rooms. This is unacceptable and if not

corrected will ultimately result in the demise of our beloved fraternity as we know it.

Regardless of whether one regularly attends church or not, we as Masons are obligated to obey Divine Law. Perhaps it is time to re-evaluate our adherence to our obligations and govern ourselves and our Masonic institutions accordingly.

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As the New Year begins, we often make resolutions to better our lives in some way. Let us, as a fraternity resolve to make a York Rite presentation at every lodge in our area of the Commonwealth. I also ask that Companions help the Secretary of your Chapter to contact those Companions who are due to be suspended for non-payment of dues. If every Chapter will adopt these actions with fervency and zeal, at the end of the year we may well show an increase in membership.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R.A.M., I wish you and yours a very happy and prosperous New Year.

*Wendell R. Curtis*  
Grand High Priest



*Best Wishes &  
Safe Travels for the New Year.*

# Upcoming Events 2013

[www.yorkriteky.org](http://www.yorkriteky.org)



## ELECTRONIC VERSION OF KY KEYSTONE

For the convenience of the editor-publisher, and to reduce Grand Chapter expense, the Kentucky Keystone has been sent out electronically for the last two years. If you would like to receive the monthly issue via email, instead of in the mail, please supply me with your email address and a note to this effect. If you want to continue to receive the mailed issue, simply tell me so, but I'd still like to have your email address for other current announcements. I do not forward anything. Please write me at [Kentucky.Keystone@gmail.com](mailto:Kentucky.Keystone@gmail.com)

## FEBRUARY 2013 FESTIVAL

Louisville Commandery voted to join with Bullitt Chapter and Council and Louisville's Chapters and Councils to hold a special \$100 fee festival in February. We anticipate that the Chapter and Council degrees will be conferred on Saturday, February 2 beginning at 8 A.M. at Bullitt Chapter. Our Commandery will confer the orders on either Saturday, Feb. 16 2013 . The Order of Red Cross will be conferred in full form beginning at 10 A.M. and the Order of Malta will follow in short form. Lunch will be served between noon and 1 P.M. and the full form Order of the Temple will be conferred beginning by 1:30. This will allow completion of the orders before 4:30.

Please plan to attend either to assist or to be a spectator. Petitions are still welcome. Please bring petitions to your Chapter Secretary or Recorder Miller for processing prior to Feb. 2 2013.

## Submissions to Keystone

The Kentucky Keystone is the official publication of the Grand of Kentucky. It is monthly and its purpose is to inform the members of the activities and communication from the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and on the activities of the Chapters throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Contribution of material, including text and photographs, is earnestly solicited from all corners of the Order. Send proposed material to the Editor: Michael R. Grigsby 854 Todd Road Nancy, Kentucky 42544-8713. E-mail: [KentuckyKeystone@gmail.com](mailto:KentuckyKeystone@gmail.com).

I would like to have articles on any unusual activities of a Conclave, and on all divisional and regional assemblies. Photographs are most welcome. They may be film or digital and should be captioned completely as to the identity of the subjects of the photograph, its date, location, the activity it represents, etc. If the photos are digital, please send the digital file by e-mail, or snail mail on a disk (floppy, or CD.)

Submissions should be in the hands of the editor not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> each month prior to publication for the following month. If you have something you'd like to have in an issue, and you are going to be close to the deadline (or a few days after the deadline) please contact the editor well prior to the deadline to arrange for a late submission. I will work to accommodate your needs, but the need for prompt delivery must take precedence over all other considerations.

**Fraternally, Zealously, Courteously,**

**MICHAEL R. GRIGSBY  
EDITOR**

