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Companions

Companions,

I hope that everyone had had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is the time of year that we get to enjoy family and friends and reflect on the things in life that are the most important to each of us. We don't take enough time thru out the year to share and enjoy life with the ones that mean the most to us like we should.

With the New Year upon us we need to take the time to reflect upon our past and to lay plans for our future. It is a time of new beginnings. I ask that each of us take the time to remember when we knelt at the altar and

begin our Masonic journey. We need to look back and have a better understanding of the road and journey we have traveled in the past so we can better understand the road we need to travel in the future. It is good to reflect upon the past but we cannot remain there if we want to survive and grow as individuals and as masons. I am not suggesting that we give up or change the tenant's, morals, and values that masonry teaches because these are what makes us different from other organizations. We do need to remember these and be willing to past these on to other worthy brothers when they begin their Masonic journey. We all from the newest Enter Apprentice to the 33rd Degree Mason have something we can share with others when they begin their Masonic journey. Companions remember in the beginning God said let there be light and there was light. He was willing to share his light with us from the beginning before man was even formed. And he has continued to share not only physical light but spiritual light with us so we can continue to grow in our journey in life.

So I ask that each of us to remember the Masonic light that our brothers have been willing to pass on and share with us in the past so we could develop and grow on our Masonic journey, And that each of us will be ever willing to assist and pass that knowledge on to the next generation of masons because they are our future. Because if all we do set on the sidelines or live on what we have done in the past and don't share our Masonic light with others our Masonic future will not be anywhere near as its been in our past. I want to say thank you to all of you that have been willing to share Masonic light with me over the years and I ask for your continued support and assistance to help me to continue to grow in knowledge on this great journey we call

masonry and I will try to pass this knowledge on to others as so many of you have done for so many others along the way. Again I just want to say thanks to all who are working hard to teach and spreading Masonic light to others not only when they start their Masonic journey but also as they travel along the way, to wish each of you a Happy New Year, and Best wishes to each of you for a productive coming year.

Fraternally Thine,



Grand High Priest



Grand High Priest January 2014 Itinerary

January 3	York Rite Council, Danville, KY
January 6th	Daviess Chapter #29
January 9th	W R Shelby #4 M.M Degree
January 11th	Apperson # 81
January 14th	Cynthiana #17 M.M Degree
January 16th	Maysville #9
January 22nd	Iroquois #193
January 23rd	Beaver Dam # 170
January 28th	Madisonville #123

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

Advanced 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.

FESTIVAL NOTICES FOR 2014

Please notify the Editor of any Festivals or Degrees scheduled to be conferred in 2014 so that they can be published. This information will not only help in attendance but may result in much needed assistance to those bodies who can not confer their own degree work. Also any announcements of events are encouraged as well please review the contact information contained in this edition of Keystone.

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.

DEATH

All Commanderies through the Commonwealth are saddened with the death of Sir Knight John T. (Jack) Wilson who passed away on December 18, 2013. Jack was a member of **Louisville-DeMolay Commandery** and a very active member of the Louisville Scottish Rite and Kosair Shriners. He was an excellent ritualist and a Past Potentate of Kosair. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Submitted, Courteously, G. Michael Miller Recorder Louisville-DeMolay





**[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,

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Most Illustrious Grand Master

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The Grand Commandery Officers, Records and members of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky

The year has come to an end so our thoughts toward Christmas which makes us think of the love of family and friends. We give gifts, gather together, and put up lights for those we love during this period.

Many of our Commanderies have Christmas Observances in honor of the day we have selected as the birth of Our Blessed Redeemer at which they invite families and others as guest to share and to demonstrate what a Christian Knights believes and practices. God gave us his Son to teach us how to live and to die for our sins. It is my opinion that putting our trust in God, attending church, and having Christmas Observances has helped the Commanderies and York

Rite Masonry. In addition to the degree work, promoting York Rite Masonic history and ideals in the Lodges has increased the number of applications from persons desiring to become Christian Knights. I enjoyed the fellowship. Most of the Commanderies are 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 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

RECEPTION FOR GRAND COMMANDER AND ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

About seventy knights, ladies and guests attended the formal reception for Right Eminent William F. Lile and Most Illustrious Raleigh C. Foster. An excellent roast beef dinner was served by Crescent Hill Eastern Star Chapter members after a brief reception in the lounge of the Scottish Rite Temple. Grand Generalissimo Raymond P. Swanson served as the Master of Ceremonies and introduced the attending dignitaries, as well as the honorees. Grand Commander Lile and Illustrious Master Foster graciously thanked their guests for attending, following the presentation of gifts. *Submitted--J.B. Hitt*



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Editorial-Combined Newsletter

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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

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