



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

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Companions,

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.” We recite this pledge before every meeting. I wonder how many of us pause to ponder the meaning of these words. If asked, most would say our flag represents freedom. This is true however it also represents the idea that we have inalienable rights that come from God and the state is not to infringe upon them.

Unfortunately, the state has taken God out of our schools, discouraged and banned public

expressions of worship and patriotism has been denigrated and sacrificed at the altar of political correctness.

Let us never forget the principles upon which our country was founded and un- coincidentally are also the tenets of our profession as Masons.

As Independence Day approaches, as well as throughout the year, we should reflect upon the sacrifices and selfless actions of the men and women who have made this nation great. And under no circumstance should we neglect to acknowledge the role of Divine Providence in the founding of our country.

I extend to each of you my wishes for a safe and happy Independence Day, May God Bless you and may God bless the United State of America.

Last month, Corbin Chapter No. 166 consolidated with Ken-Ten Chapter No. 148 in Williamsburg.

It is sad when a community loses a Masonic body. History teaches us that it is unlikely to be reestablished in our lifetime if ever

I want to commend those Companions who tried for years to keep Corbin Chapter viable. However the time comes when reality must be served and two Chapters were consolidated on June 10th to be known as Ken-Ten Chapter No. 148.

Fraternally Thine,

Wendell R. Curtis
Grand High Priest

Grand High Priest July Itinerary

- Jul. 6 Glasgow York Rite Bodies Banquet, Cave City
- Jul. 8 Louisa Chapter No. 95
- Jul. 9 Cynthiana York Rite Bodies
- Jul. 13 DeMolay Conclave Banquet, Nancy
- Jul. 16 Paris Lodge No. 2
- Jul. 20 York Rite Festival, Newport
- Jul. 27 York Rite Festival, Paducah

Upcoming Events 2013

GOLF FUNDRAISER

The 2013 Annual Grand Commander's Scramble to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is tentatively scheduled for August 3 at Wild Turkey Trace Golf Course, Lawrenceburg, KY. Start time will be 9 A.M. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$55 per person, \$220 per team. Prizes will be given out for longest drive, longest putt, closest to the pin, and closest to the pin second shot. First place will receive \$300 and a trophy; second place will receive \$200. We need the help and support of all Sir Knights in the Commonwealth to make this a success.

We are asking all Commanderies to sponsor a hole for \$100. Any Sir Knight as an individual may sponsor a hole for \$50. As an added feature this year we will have a traveling plaque which will be awarded to the winning Commandery that gets a team together of 4 Sir Knights.

Please send all sponsor checks and player fees to: Mark Elliott, 166 Palm Drive Harrodsburg KY 40330



Kentucky DeMolay Conclave Banquet

The Kentucky DeMolay Conclave Banquet will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center, 17500 Hwy 1296, and Nancy, KY. Reception at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

RSVP for the Banquet: Danny Coffey 270-566-3069, P.O. Box 11, Jamestown, KY 42629, coffey@duo-country.com

It is important that we support and encourage our youth organizations. Please consider attending or at least making a contribution to aid in their endeavors.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013

The fiscal year of the York Rite Bodies ends on June 30 and the assessments for current members must be paid on that date. Secretaries are reminded that membership rolls should be current to allow correct assessment to be calculated.

If there is some financial problem or other grievance which is keeping a member from paying your dues, notify the Secretary/Recorder of your local body. Most Bodies are willing to work with any member who may have some unknown burden or issues that the Bodies are unaware of. Remember your obligation to help, aid and assist worthy Brother, Companions and Sir Knights.