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Companions

Companions,
I bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky. I want to personally thank each and everyone who came out to support the first ever Royal Arch Research Assistance Dinner that was held June 21, 2014 at Grow Hall, Kentucky School for the Deaf, in Danville. We had around 50 people come out and support this event. I would also like to say thank you to all the companions and businesses who donated money for this event. With everyone's support we raised over \$4,100.00 dollars.

To Companion Tom Brown, thank you for all of the hard work preparing such a great meal. The food was great, as always. Companions of W.R. Shelby Chapter

4, thank you for all the hard work assisting Tom, with setup and clean up. Without your effort, this event would not have been the success that it was. To my wife Sally, thanks for the help with setup, clean up, and the center pieces.

We had some guests come speak for this fundraiser. Ms. Robin Moler, a Special Education teacher from the Boyle County School System, talked to us about how important Autism Speaks is. She counts on these resources on a daily bases to help her do her do her job, and to help her students. Mrs. April Johnson and her autistic son, Jacob, also spoke to us. April spoke about some of the challenges and worries she has faced as a parent of a autistic child. Jacob spoke to us about some of the things he has done in school. Companion John Siscel spoke to us about how Royal Arch Research Assistance uses the funds we raise. Thank you to all our speakers for sharing with us. You help remind us all that what we do as Masons can make a difference in other people's lives. Companions, if you missed this event, you missed seeing first hand that we do, by supporting Royal Arch Research Assistance, make a difference. Again, thanks to all who helped make this fundraiser such a great success.

Here is a list of all of the local business and Chapters who gave donations to help make this event so successful.

Beltone Hearing Aid Center
Tye Financial Group
Weldquip Inc.
Caldwell Body Shop
Arnold Glass
Knight Hawk Security Company
W.R. Shelby Chapter # 4
Davies Chapter # 29

Kenn Tenn Chapter # 148

Companions, due to an upcoming surgery on my arm, I will not be enclosing an itinerary for my travels for the month of July. I will be out traveling as soon as the doctor releases me to do so.

Fraternally Thine,



Grand High Priest



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 Ill. 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. If proper arrangements can be made, September 6 is being considered as a lead in to the annual York Rite sessions. Dinner would be served with the degree to follow at 6 P.M.

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CHANGES TO THE KENTUCKY KEYSTONE

In order to better serve and provide a more effective means of communication, a Newsgroup has been established to provide Sir Knights and Companions with a method of state wide communication. The group is available on Yahoo Groups and will function much the same way as the similar Group for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. I urge all York Rite members to join and spread the word, we can only grow if people know we are here.

A group dedicated to York Rite Freemasonry in Kentucky and surrounding areas. All forms of announcements regarding Chapter's, Councils, Commanderies, such as events, degree work, obituaries, special services, etc., are welcome, but all postings must first be approved by either the owners or the moderators of the group before it will be sent out to the membership. This list will also serve as the distribution/delivery system for the Kentucky Keystone which is the monthly publication of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky. We reserve the right to reject any message that we may deem inappropriate or off-topic.

This group is not administered by, nor does it represent the views of The Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky, The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, or the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. This is a restricted list, however, this list is not a tiled group, so govern yourselves accordingly and always remember your obligations to our beloved Order. You may join the group from the Grand York Rite home page at www.yorkriteky.org If you have any problems please let me know.

Editor.

RARA Fundraiser

by

J. William, "Bill" Riggs, PGHP
Board Member, R.A.R.A.

"Have you ever plowed new ground with a team of mules and a field plow? When I was about 14 or 15 I had the chance to plow potatoes behind a team of mules with a field plow. And let me tell you, it was pretty hard for me, but nothing like plowing new ground. You see my field of potatoes had been plowed and tilled and prepared well before I got there. The only thing I had to plow was soft dirt and potatoes. But new ground is full of unknowns. Will there be rocks, roots or other obstacles for my plow to hit? You see, you just don't know until you put the plow into the ground. And sometimes, this fear of the unknown, keeps us from trying. Well on Saturday evening, June 21st 2014, in Danville, Kentucky, at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, M.E. Grand High Priest Tom Bustle faced the unknowns, and pulled off the first Royal Arch Research Assistance Fundraising Dinner here in Kentucky. He plowed new ground. And just like a farmer breaking a new field for the first time, he encountered a few obstacles, and more than a few naysayers. But he faced the challenges and in the end he was successful and raised more than four thousand dollars for our philanthropy.

Those in attendance enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Companion Tom Brown and his volunteers, (a meal worth much more than the twenty-dollar ticket price). We heard from Ms. Robin Moller, a special education teacher speak about the help and resources she receives from Autism Speaks. And we enjoyed hearing from young Jacob Johnson, an autistic child who has benefited from the efforts of Autism Speaks. We heard from his mother, April, tell how he has progressed from a shy introverted child with difficulties that were not diagnosed in his early school years, into a outgoing loving young man who is not only accepted by his peers, but is in fact treated as just one of the kids. And although our funds do not go for general research into autism, by funding the Toddlers Program of Autism Speaks, we free up research money so that programs can be developed to help Jacob and others affected by autism. So, indirectly we are providing funds to help this research. We also heard

John Siscel, the Regional Coordinator of Royal Arch Research Assistance give a brief history of our philanthropy, and what your money is being used for. He encouraged all to participate in the walks for Autism that are being held. He went over the benefits of support such as the Gift for a Gift music CD set for a \$150.00 donation, (music for all Masonic Bodies and occasions, and one that should be in the library of every Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and Valley). The lapel pins for a \$300.00 donation, (the Keystone Club Pin) and a \$500.00 donation, (the R.A.R.A. Diamond Lapel Pin).

What a great an uplifting evening. You couldn't help but to come away proud of our Grand Chapter, and the support it gives to these programs. If you missed it, you missed a special event. A special thanks for all who made the time to be there. And thanks to the members of St. Bernard Conclave Red Cross of Constantine for making the evening their summer get together. Also, thanks for those who although could not be there due to conflicts, offered there support by their contributions.

If you forgot to send in your check, it isn't to late. Just make it out to Royal Arch Research Assistance and mark it for the Fundraising Dinner, and get it to Tom. Last evening listening to young Jacob Johnson drove home the point as to why I became a Mason. This was the real deal, where the rubber meets the road in our support of research.

I'm so proud to be a Mason, and a member of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and glad and proud to have joined the Grand Chapter of Kentucky Royal Arch Masons and received more Light by becoming a Royal Arch Mason. And prouder still of being a supporter of Royal Arch Research Assistance of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.



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 approach the Annual Grand Session, I have continued to be impressed with the progress our Councils thought out the state have made this year.

Councils and their membership assisted by the 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. Councils are taking on new members; being active in their communities and ensuring our Order exist for future generations.

This year, I have continued to promote successful programs that have been so beneficial to our Councils over the years. The time also is approaching for annual inspections. The Arch Deputies will begin inspections in the coming weeks. The Arch Deputies will visit your Councils and evaluate each Council's ability to open, close and confer work. Councils are striving to increase membership, perfect ritual work, and be a beacon for all those seeking further light. 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

Raleigh C. Foster
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select
Masons



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To: The Grand Commandery Officers, Recorders and members of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky;

This year has flown by and I have enjoyed every day of serving as your Grand Commander. As many I have had Cataract Surgery on the right eye on the 3rd and on the left eye on the 10th and did not get glasses until the 16th. During that time I put three drops in each eye each day. You that have gone thru this know about not being able to stand bright lights and not being able to read the paper or letters. It has given me an appreciation of the work that the KNIGHTTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION has done for those who could not afford to have eyes operated on.

Effective December 31, 2010 the Foundation ceased participating in direct patient care as it is being done by the Foundation of American Ophthalmology instead they are funding research into eye problems. Our funding has helped children with crossed eyes by developing a non-surgical treatment to correct this problem.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Grand Session in September 2014 and encourage each of you to contact members that don't attend regular to come out and get involved.

Fraternally,

William F. Lile

William F. Lile
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Kentucky

GRAND YORK RITE ANNUAL SESSION

It's not a bit too soon for all of our members still in the work force to plan ahead to get free for the annual conclave on September 7-10.

We will be meeting at Holiday Inn on Hurstbourne in Louisville and will use the familiar format with Commandery on Sunday and Monday, Council on Tuesday and Chapter on Wednesday.

Chairman J. William Riggs has secured a reasonable rate for all and this includes two breakfasts per room per day. Room rental is the feature that provides free meeting rooms and amenities. Plan to come to Louisville to spend three nights and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with no early morning driving to attend the sessions.



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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

Editor-Kentucky Keystone