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Grand High Priest Message

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Companions,

I don't have time! This is the most common excuse given for not attending Chapter. This excuse rings quite hollow considering we have time to participate in other activities. Why not in our Masonic bodies?

Perhaps we should investigate the motivation of those petitioning for membership in the York Rite, more closely, in order to ascertain if they are sincerely

interested in more light in Masonry or just another dues card in their pocket. If they will not commit to participation in our Chapter activities, perhaps we should pass on these candidates and concentrate on quality over quantity. An excellent example of commitment was Brother Harry Truman who was Grand Master of Masons in Missouri while serving as a U.S. Senator. Brother Truman commuted between Washington and Missouri and fulfilled the duties of both offices honorably.

As President, Brother Truman attended lodge and other Masonic bodies whenever he could. He conferred the Master Mason Degree at least once while he was president.

I don't believe any of our members are as busy as Brother Truman was during his time in the Senate and later as President

There are reasons for not attending our meetings such as illness, family, vocation, etc. However, more often than not we hear some lame excuse. A teacher of mine often stated: "Excuses only satisfy those who make them." How true! The next time your Chapter doesn't have a quorum, in order to open, you may want to keep your excuse for not supporting your Chapter to yourself.

Fraternally Thine,

Wendell R. Curtis
Grand High Priest

Upcoming Events 2013

Wanted: Editor for The Kentucky Keystone:

Companions, due to some outside circumstances beyond my control, the point in time has come for me to make the decision to discontinue my service as Editor of The Kentucky Keystone. Upon discussion with the Grand Chapter, I feel that it is in the best interest in the future of the Keystone. As such I am advertising beginning with this edition for an Editor for the Kentucky Keystone to assume those duties after Grand Session in September 2013. This is a rewarding position and is ideal for any Companion wishing to serve Capitular Masonry and is willing to invest a little time each month. I will be available to help with the transition as long as is necessary. If interested, please contact me at the telephone number or email address. Editor.

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

Annual Assembly of the Kentucky Order of Rainbow Girls

The Annual Assembly of the Kentucky International Order of Rainbow for Girls will be at 6:00 p.m. on June 22nd at 200 E. Gray St. in Louisville. RSVP by June 14th – madukes1969@gmail.com or 502-425-0261.

All Masonic bodies should encourage and support our youth organizations whenever possible. More information can be found on their website at; <http://www.iorgky.org/>

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.