



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

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Companions,

Fourteen new Royal Arch Masons were exalted at Bullitt Chapter No. 44 last month. Bullitt Chapter is to be commended for the quality of the degree work.

The only improvement that could be suggested for the entire day was sideline conversations while the degrees were being exemplified. Carrying on conversations particularly during degree work is impolite and unfortunately is not an uncommon

occurrence. This habit, and it is a habit, is disrespectful of the High Priest and every Companion present. Worse of all, this breach of Masonic protocol disturbs the beautiful teachings of our Capitular Degrees.

Could this behavior in the Tabernacle be one of the reasons we don't retain members? It certainly is not encouraging for Companions seeking more light in Masonry, when this milestone in their Masonic journey is marred by a lack of decorum and respect.

We professed early in our Masonic journey to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry. This is a lifetime pursuit and includes a need to constantly remind ourselves of the rectitude of conduct expected of us as Masons inside the Tabernacle as well as out in the world.

With diligence on the part of the individual Mason and prudent use of the gavel, the dignity and solemnity of the Tabernacle can be maintained. Candidates seeking further light in our Chapters deserve no less.

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The Companions from the Bullitt Chapter & Council festival finished their York Rite work at Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12. Louisville DeMolay Commandery is to be commended for exemplifying the Orders in a proficient and impressive manner.

Fraternally Thine,

*Wendell R. Curtis*

Grand High Priest

## Grand High Priest Itinerary

Mar. 2	Eastern Star School of Instruction, Lexington
Mar. 8 & 9	East Central Region, Indianapolis
Mar. 12	Cynthiana Chapter No. 17
Mar. 13 & 14	Grand Chapter of Mississippi
Mar. 16	Amity Lodge No. 40
Mar. 18	Paris Lodge No. 2
Mar. 20	Maysville Chapter No. 9
Mar. 28	Grand Court, Order of Amaranth

## Upcoming Events 2013

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

### **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.*



### **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)

### **MASONIC FAIR AND BUILDING THE ARCH**

Kosair Shrine has announced that they will repeat the very popular Masonic Fair, as well as the Building the Arch demonstration on Saturday, April 6... This will take place at Kosair Temple at 812 S. Second St... The Fair will open at 1 P.M. and the Arch presentation will begin at 3. Everyone is welcome, member or non-member and prospective members are especially welcome. Everything is free including food, clowns; face painting for the children and all kinds of information from a wide variety of Masonic Organizations. As in previous years tables will be set up around the perimeter of the auditorium for each Masonic Organization to display information about the organization, as well as the philanthropies supported. The Building the Arch program allows a representative from each body to describe how that organization fits into the overall structure of Freemasonry. Come meet old friends and new at this enjoyable Saturday afternoon event.