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Companions

I bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. Winter is almost behind us and spring is almost here. Spring time is that time of year that brings hope to each of us as we watch the earth renew its self. The flowers and the trees start blooming; the grass turns green, and the farmers start planting their crops. As we watch God work to bring renewal to this great land we live in, let us as Royal Arch Masons work to bring renewal to our chapters.

We can do this in several different ways. First we need to look at our membership, make personal contact with companions who are not attending and see if there is anything we can do to get them to come back and

support our chapters. Second we need to ask the masters of our local lodges if we can come do a York Rite presentation. There are a lot of masons out there that really don't know about or understand what the York Rite is all about. Next we need to make sure we give our companions a reason to come be part of our chapters.

If we want to see our chapters grow we've got to do more than just open and close when we meet. Let's give our companions a good reason to want to come be part of our chapters. Let's work on Masonic educations, practice our degree work and get them involved so they will feel they belong to something that is worth their time and money. Then they can see and also say this is good work, true work, and square work.

Fraternally Thine,

Grand High Priest



Grand High Priest **February 2014 Itinerary**

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| <i>March 1st</i> | <i>Bullitt Chapter #44 Mark Master Degree</i> |
| <i>March 3rd</i> | <i>Davies Chapter #29</i> |
| <i>March 7-9</i> | <i>East Central</i> |
| <i>March 11th</i> | <i>Western Star Chapter #20 Royal Arch Degree</i> |

Grand High Priest February 2014 Itinerary Cont...

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| March 12th | <i>Iroquios #193 Most Excellent Master Degree</i> |
| March 19th | <i>King Solomon Chapter #5 Royal Arch Degree</i> |
| March 24th | <i>Tennessee Grand Sessions</i> |
| March 24th | <i>Wilderness Shrine Club</i> |

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

Ill and Distressed Companion

Companion Walter Noel, a 98 year old Royal Arch Mason from Russellville, KY has fallen and is now in the Hospital in Nashville, TN. He is not doing well at all he has been very active in Royal Arch up until the last few weeks also at age 97 he was still doing the Principal Sojourner part in the Royal Arch Degree He is a holder of the Bronze meritorious service metal. Please remember this Companion in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult time. Additional Information will be provide on his conditions in future editions of the Keystone.

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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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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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
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;*

January has been a month without much done by your Grand Commander. 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 will start attending your conclaves in February and encourage each of you to contact members that don't attend regular to come out and get involved.

Do not forget the Easter Pilgrimage; it is a family trip that you and your wife would enjoy.

Fraternally,

William F. Lile

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

ANNUAL EASTER PILGRIMAGE

Grand Commander Lile has decided that we will attend the mid-west celebration on Easter morning in Kansas City, Missouri. The bus will be leaving the parking lot of Louisville-DeMolay Commandery at 1410 Gardiner Lane on Friday morning, April 18.

The trip to Kansas City is about ten hours and we will return Sunday evening about 10. The price and details will be announced in the March Knight Templar Supplement, but it is time to save this date if you would like to accompany the Grand Commandery Officers and about twenty other Knights and ladies on this excursion. We will have our own chartered bus, stop along the way for lunch, and arrive at the motel in time for dinner.

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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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