



**ME Companion Thomas Bussell  
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Companions,

I bring you greetings from the Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Kentucky. As most of you know we had our first area meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was an educational type meeting. We had some new Royal Arch Masons in attendance and they stated the information they received was very useful. They felt they can use the knowledge they gained when they return to their chapters. Our next area meeting is going to be at Frankfort Lodge, on November 2, 2013 at 10.00 am. Lunch will be served. Anyone who missed the meeting in their area is welcome to attend this or the next one on November 16.

Companions, November is the month our forefathers set aside to give thanks for all our many blessings. Even with all of the problems we are facing as a nation, it's still the greatest nation on earth to live in. We are still able to attend the church of our choice and worship together without the fear of persecution. We can also freely meet together as masons at our local lodges. In many countries around the world, it is illegal to take part in either of these activities. Just think about all of the friends, brothers and sisters you have made, and the activities you enjoy today, because you can attend meetings such as these.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is the day that this country has set aside to remember and say thank you to all of the veterans who have served this great nation. Because of their sacrifice and duty, we are able to enjoy each and every day, all of the freedoms we have, in this great nation we live in. Freedom is not free. Some of these great men and women have paid the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. I ask that we all take the time to remember, say thanks for their service, and never forget the price they have paid.

Fraternally Thine,

Grand High Priest

## *2013 Schedule Upcoming Events*

### **One-Day Festivals**

Elizabethtown York Rite will host a one-day festival on Saturday, November 23 at 8 A.M.

## **Grand High Priest November Itinerary**

*November 2<sup>nd</sup> Area 4, 5, 6 meeting  
Frankfort Lodge 10.00am*

*November 4<sup>th</sup> Graham Chapter # 80  
Bowling Green*

*November 6<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry Lexington  
Avenue Baptist Church*

*November 9<sup>th</sup> Grand Masters Reception*

*November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Fish fry  
Danville National Guard Armory*

*November 14<sup>th</sup> Rowan Chapter # 31*

*November 18<sup>th</sup> Lawrenceburg  
Chapter # 138*

*November 25<sup>th</sup> Greensburg  
Chapter # 36*

*November 26<sup>th</sup> Eureka Chapter # 101*

*November 29<sup>th</sup> York Rite College #104*

*November 30<sup>th</sup> Grand Commander/  
Illustrious Master Reception*

### **Thanks for Your Grand Session Attendance**

I hope everyone enjoyed our Grand Sessions this year. We worked hard in trying to provide you a pleasant and rewarding experience. To those who stayed at the hotel and joined us for the meals provided, an especially **BIG THANK YOU!**

It is my hope that each of you will look forward to our Grand Sessions as an opportunity for you to come and enjoy yourselves. To fellowship with old friends and meet new ones, and while there, attend to the needed business items required. But companions, for us to host a successful Session, we need your help. We receive the meeting rooms, office space, and other discounts, based on the number of guest rooms our group uses.

The dollar amount of the hotel provided meals plays a critical role in these discounts as well. I heard very few complaints this year, but one in

which I was recently made aware of was the cost of the meals. We understand that some thought that the meals were more expensive than what they wanted to pay. But for years we have heard complaints about the cold cuts we received for lunch. This year we made arrangements for hot plated meals with salads and desserts and now the complaints are the cost. This, even though the cost was just two dollars, (\$2.00) more than for the cold cuts provided in some previous years.

Companions, the type of meal may have been more than you expected to pay, it may even have been more than you normally eat for lunch each day. But the quality and the type of meal we had served was indeed very reasonable. We simply cannot satisfy an **OUTBACK STEAK HOUSE** appetite and try to pay for it on a **McDonalds' VALUE DOLLAR MENU** price plan.

For the record, if you ate every meal provided, you paid \$146.00 per person. That was for a total of eight, (8) meals spread over four, (4) days. Three lunches, two Banquets, and three breakfasts were all a part of our meal package. That averages just \$18.25 per meal, and this includes your gratuity and tax. The buffet breakfast alone would have cost you almost \$18.00. And yes, the breakfast buffet was a part of our meal plan. The hotel does not provide a **FREE BREAKFAST** to anyone. It was negotiated as a part of the total package. Our options to pay for the services that are needed at these Grand Sessions are very limited.

We need to have our members participate in the hotel and meals provided, charge a registration fee for those that attend to cover the costs, or increase the amount of dues that all pay to cover these costs, whether they attend or not. You need to decide which method you wish to use to pay for these Sessions, and then let us know.

Bill Riggs  
Convention Chairman

