



**Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2017-2018
Robert Peelman**

Companions,

Thank you for the honor of serving you as your Grand High Priest. I promise I will do the best job possible for you. If you have any questions or problems concerning York Rite Masonry just give me a call and we will work things out.

There are two areas I am going to concentrate on this year. Chapter openings/closing and degree work. I am also going to talk up our Royal Arch Chapter and what it does and stands for. We have over 35,000 Master Masons in our Commonwealth, yet only about 3300 are Royal Arch Masons. Therefore, we have thousands of Master Masons who do not have the Masters Word. Let's change that. In your Blue Lodge or when just talking to a Brother, tell him what he is missing.

Companions, I plan on visiting your Chapter as soon as I can. If you need help in your degree work, give me a call. Your Grand Chapter Officers this year are: Companion Ron Ledford, Grand King; Companion Rick Sears, Grand Scribe and our newest Grand Line officer, George Arnold, Grand Captain of the Host.

I don't have a complete list of my visits for the upcoming month, but here are the ones I know: Oct. 4th – Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Oct. 15th- 17th – Grand Lodge of Kentucky

Oct. 19th- 21st - Grand Chapter of W. Virginia.

Until I get all the meeting dates figured out, I will be traveling as much as possible and will have them in the Keystone. So if you gear a knock on the outer door, it might be me.

Again Companions, thank you. May God be with you and bless you always.

Fraternally Thine,

Robert Peelman, GHP



UPCOMING EVENTS

200th ANNIVERSARY

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, will celebrate its 200th year of existence with a dinner on Saturday, December 16 at Holiday Inn East at the intersection of I 64 and Hurstbourne Lane. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P. M., the cost is \$50 each and included with the dinner for each guest is a commemorative glass and special coin. If you decide not to attend, the coin will be sold separately, but not the glass Please save this date and plan to join what we expect to be several hundred friends of the Kentucky Grand Chapter, R.A.M.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be obtained from any Grand Chapter officer.

CHAPTER/COUNCIL DEGREES

Iroquois Chapter and Sword and Trowel Council will work with Bullitt Chapter and Council to host a field day on Saturday, October 7 at Bullitt. As always, cast members and petitions are welcome.





AN ENCOURAGING WORD: A DISTINCT DIFFERENCE

**By
Howard Coop**

Although it may go unnoticed by many, September 25, 2017 is a special day for every American citizen. It is an anniversary that should be celebrated joyfully by everyone.

On September 25, 1789, the Bill of Rights, one of the cherished documents of American history, was adopted. That document contained the first ten amendments to the constitution of the United States. The first of those amendments declares unequivocally, “Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech.” So, for two hundred twenty eight years, citizens of this beloved nation have cherished this precious right that guarantees every citizen the right to speak freely and express their feelings and opinions without fear of recrimination.

The Oxford Universal Dictionary defines speech as “the utterance of words or sentences,” and it defines action as “the exertion of energy or influence.” The Webster’s New World Dictionary defines speech as “expression or communication of thoughts and feelings by spoken words,” and it defines action as “the doing of something.” Looking at those definitions, it should be easy to see that there is an easily understood distinct between speech and action.

We have, it seems to me, blurred the line between speech and action. Most of us, I am sure, have seen, news reports where demonstrators, protesting something they did not like, broke windows, damaged automobiles, and, after stomping it, burned the flag of the United States. Were those demonstrators speaking or acting? Yet, it was reported, that they were exercising their right of free speech.

While free speech is a cherished constitutional right that is guaranteed to every American citizen by the constitution, action is not, under any conditions, a guaranteed constitutional right. Therefore, every city in the United States, every state in the union, and the federal government has enacted countless laws that restrict action. These laws are absolutely necessary, for they insure an orderly society.

It is time to recognize that there is a distinct difference between saying something and doing something.

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