



# THE KENTUCKY KEYSTONE

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## Message from the Grand High Priest



**G**reetings Companions.

Wow! It is amazing that this Capitular Year is almost over. I would almost bet the family farm that it was only a couple of months ago that I was installed in this office; now it's time to be replaced. I wish to thank all you Companions for the

courtesies afforded me during my journey in the Chapter line. I can never repay the hospitality, and I thank you for it from the bottom of my heart.

Companion Rick has asked me to relieve MEPGHP Tom Bustle as RARA director for the ensuing year, as Tom will be the new Grand Illustrious Master of the Council. He has asked us to continue having the Craft be "two-bit" Companions this year and put back a quarter each week for the year. If each Companion were to do this, we would raise \$35,000.00 for Royal Arch Research. Kentucky is one of the leaders in donations to RARA, but \$15,000.00 of this is from Kosair Charities. We need to pick up our individual giving.

It is with a heavy heart that I must announce the passing of PGHP James O. Atwood of Munfordville on Saturday, August, 31. Jim was Grand High Priest in 2005 and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. This has been a rough year in that we have lost three Past Grands.

In closing, I want to again thank the Craft for the opportunity to serve you this year. It is hard to believe that an old hillbilly could receive such an honor, and I will cherish it always. I also wish to

thank all the members of W. R. Selby Sr. Chapter for having the confidence in me to nominate me for such a high office. I hope you were not disappointed. I must thank all the Past Grands and the other officers in the Grand Line for their wise counsel and support this past year. I could not have made it without you great friends supporting me.

I hereby pledge my support to Rick and the other officers for the future. I think all will agree that our Commonwealth's motto says it all. Again, thank you, God bless you, God bless our beloved fraternity, and God bless the U. S. A.

Semper Fraternis,

Ron

## GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS

**September 15-18, 2019**

Embassy Suites Lexington  
1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY

**Grand Commandery Annual Conclave**

Monday, September 16, 2019

**Grand Council Annual Assembly**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

**Grand Chapter Annual Convocation**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

## BANQUETS

**Memorial Service Dinner**

Sunday, September 15, 2019, Dress Attire

Dinner at 6:00 pm Service at 7:00 pm

**Grand York Rite Banquet**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019, Formal Attire

Doors open 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm

## *From the Grand Secretary's Desk*



Companions and Sir Knights,

Greetings, we are about ready to hold our annual grand sessions meeting for our York Rite here in Kentucky and look forward to seeing all companions and Sir Knights. It has

been a good year in the York Rite we have created many new companions and restored to membership some companions who have belonged to the York Rite in the past.

We have some of our constituent bodies who have not yet paid their annual assessments; please remember to get these in before sessions. And please do not forget the order your meal tickets for the sessions, as we all know the support of the companions and Sir Knights is the engine that drives our grand sessions. If you have not already ordered tickets please do so as soon as possible in order that Sir Knight Bill Riggs can give the hotel an accurate count for the meals.

Again, Noel and I are looking forward to seeing you in Lexington at your grand session and we hope that everyone finds our annual meeting enjoyable and fulfilling.

Fraternally,

James King Jr. Grand Secretary/Recorder

*You can reach the Grand York Rite office at 859-209-4120.*



## **From the Editor**

Greetings, Companions!

In this month's edition, we've provided a brief reintroduction to the candidates for the bottom our grand lines, and in one case, a withdrawal from the race, and it may be news to some of you that we now have an announced candidate for the Grand Council line. Several pages are a repetition of last month – information about our Grand Sessions, legislation, etc.

We want to thank those who are finishing up their year as head of their respective organizations: Ron Ledford in Chapter, Charles Durham in Council, and Billy Riggs in Commandery. We appreciate the efforts they have put forth on behalf of Masonry, and York Rite Masonry in particular this past year. I know each of them will continue working for the betterment of the fraternity. We look forward to what Rick, Tom, and Marvin are going to bring to us over the next year. The pages of this publication are available to each of you to promote your program.

Grand Sessions are a bit over a week away. I hope to see many of you there. I hope to sign up a few more subscribers for this newsletter while we're there. We're over 400 at this point, and I hope you're finding it worthwhile.

I want to thank GHP Ron Ledford for the opportunity this year to edit the *Keystone*, and incoming GHP Rick Sears for the reappointment. It's been an experience, and I have enjoyed it. I would also like to thank our former editor Mike Grigsby for his support and encouragement. Companions, your continued support through photos and articles, and encouraging words, are welcome and solicited.

We also want to express our condolences to the family of PGHP James O. Atwood. Companion James will be greatly missed. He has long been an active participant in Grand Chapter and in Glasgow York Rite. I have been privileged to visit Glasgow on a number of occasions, and James was always there with a welcoming handshake and a smile.

Fraternally,

Randall Partin, Editor

## CANDIDATES COLUMN

*The following have announced their candidacy for office to one of the Grand York Rite bodies. We are providing brief resumes of each. Each candidate was offered the opportunity to submit a statement as to their goals and plans if elected. The candidates are placed in the order the announcements were received, with no intentional preferment by the Kentucky Keystone.*

### GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY, RAM

#### Candidate for Grand Captain of the Host



**Nicholas (Nick) Ryan Simpson**

*The following statement was received from Companion Simpson.*

Greetings Companions,

I hope your Capitular year has treated you well and you are eagerly awaiting Grand Session. It has been a distinct honor for me to serve this Grand Body in the capacity of Deputy Grand High Priest for what is now Area 8 and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time visiting amongst the various Chapters in this state.

**It is with some regret that I must withdraw from the running for the office of Grand Captain of the Host for this upcoming Capitular election.**

Things have arisen in my professional life that have necessitated my re-entry into school, which has greatly affected my ability to give the amount of time and focus the Grand Chapter requires to adequately fulfill the duties effectively.

I however only have some regret because we have a more than qualified candidate in Companion Greg Raque who will be a superb Grand Captain of the Host and serve this grand body well in the coming years. I plan to still be active in my local area and will continue to serve this grand body to the best of my ability in the years ahead as called upon.

It has been a pleasure to be among the craft this year and I wish you all well.

Fraternally  
Nicholas R. Simpson



**GRAND CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY, RAM**  
**Candidate for Grand Captain of the Host**



**Gregory (Greg) Alan Raque**

Raised: November 11, 1997  
Fern Creek Lodge # 955  
Affiliated with St Matthews #906 8/26/99  
Master: 2000, St Matthews #906

Exalted: September 09, 1998  
Iroquois Chapter No. 193  
High Priest: 2002

Greeted: October 14, 1998  
Sword and Trowel Council No. 111  
Illustrious Master: 2001-2

Knighted: 1998  
Jefferson Commandery No. 52  
Commander: 2002

Current Secretary/Recorder  
Grand Sentinel of all York Rite bodies  
2002-2008

Member of KYCH, York Rite College

Retired Police Officer, Louisville Metro



**Candidate's statement**

I'd like to first thank all for their hospitality this year while I've been out visiting. Its been great seeing old friends and making new ones.

It's my goal if elected to set an example for others to follow. To attempt to lead my companions while maintaining the highest standards of Capitular Masonry. To build our August body by showing pride in our work and looking ahead to the best possibles of our future, continuing to working together as a United York Rite of Freemasonry.



**GRAND COUNCIL OF KENTUCKY, RSM**  
**Candidate for Grand Captain of the Guard**



**Russell Eric Creech, Sr**

Raised: December 5, 1998

Fort Thomas #808

Master 2004, 2007

Affiliated with Good Faith #95 02/10/10

Master 2012, 2013, 2016

Affiliated with William O Ware #999 8/28/12

Exalted: March 18, 1999

Ft. Thomas Chapter # 177

High Priest: 2009

Greeted: April 10, 1999

Jeffries Council # 33

Illustrious Master: 2011

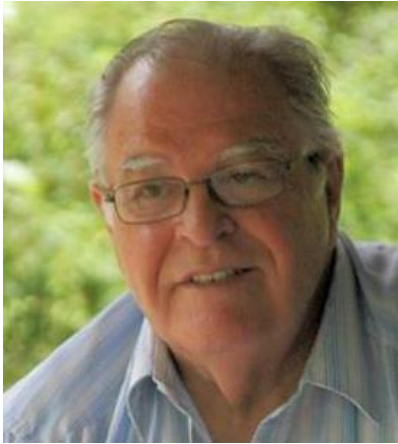
Knighted: 1999

Covington Commandery No. 7



# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

## Candidate for Grand Captain General



### Donald Lee (Don) Powell

Raised: November 10, 1973

Stanton Lodge # 352

Master 1977

Affiliated with Winchester #20 08/03/04

Master 2012

Exalted: 1976

Red River Chapter #191

High Priest 1986

Affiliated with Winchester #12

Affiliated with Irvine Chapter #42

Past High Priest

Greeted: November 13, 1976

Irvin Council # 92

Illustrious Master 1980

Dual Member Winchester Council #75

Knighted: 1976

Winchester Commandery No. 30

Commander: 1982, 2004, 2005

Affiliated with Cynthiana Commandery #16

Commander 3 times

Grand High Priest, 2007

District Deputy Grand High Priest 1991, 2004

District Deputy Grand Master 1981

Masonic Homes Ambassador 2007 - present



Member of: Kentucky Priory #25, KYCH,

Past Prior Blue Grass York Rite College

Knight Templar Priests

Allied Masonic Degrees

Knight Masons

Easter Star

Lexington Scottish Rite

Retired Tool and Die Maker

Real Estate Agent

Security Officer

# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY KT

## Candidate for Grand Captain General



### Miles Ryon Ward

Raised: March 26, 1999

Clinton Lodge #82

Master 2004

Affiliated with Shady Grove #559 08/19/06

Master 2018

Exalted: July 10, 1999

Clay Chapter # 28

High Priest 2001, 2002, 2004

Current memberships Oriental #14, Lindsey #69, and

Madisonville #123

Greeted: July 10, 1999

Princeton Council # 43

Illustrious Master: 2002, 2005, 2006

Current memberships Warren #2, Mayfield #39,

A. E. Orton #93

Knighthood: July 10, 1999

Princeton Commandery #35

Commander 2000, 2002, 2004

Currently Chaplain/Prelate of Princeton bodies

Deputy Grand High Priest 2016 – Present

Grand Conductor of the Council 2016

Secretary of Shady Grove since 2012

Treasurer Kentucke Council Knight Masons



Other memberships include

Western Kentucky York Rite College

South Central Kentucky AMD

Rizpah Shrine

Madisonville Scottish Rite

Miles has a BA in Theology and a Masters in Christian Counseling from Newburgh Theological Seminary. He is co-owner of Mighty Clean, a commercial cleaning business.

**The men poised to become Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master,  
and Grand Commander.**



**Rick Sears**  
**Grand King**  
**Grand Chapter of Kentucky**  
**Royal Arch Masons**



**Tom Bustle**  
**Deputy Grand Master**  
**Grand Council of Kentucky,**  
**Royal and Select Masters**



**Marvin S. Blaine**  
**Deputy Grand Commander**  
**Grand Commandery of**  
**Knights Templar of Kentucky**



## Continuing the York Rite Journey



*Richmond Commandery No 19 Order of the Temple, August 6, 2019*



*Prestonsburg Chapter #182 Outdoor Conferral August 17, 2019*

Five new Royal Arch Masons exalted at the 3rd Annual Prestonsburg All Chapter Outdoor Degrees. They were from Prestonsburg, Paintsville, and Jackson Chapters. The Degrees were performed by Prestonsburg, Paintsville, and Morehead Chapters. (Submitted by Chris Griffith, photo Anthony Skeans)

## Continuing the York Rite Journey



*King Solomon Chapter No. 5 and Iroquois Chapter No 193 Royal Arch Degree, August 21. Photo Greg Raque*



*Candidates at Williamsburg festival, August 24, 2019.*



*Candidates, cast and crew at Williamsburg festival on August 24, 2019*

Thanks to Matt Lewis, Tom Bustle, Mike McQueary, Bill Riggs, Steve Talbot, Eric Creech Sr., Gregory T. England, Jim Fletcher, all of whom traveled far, and early, to assist us in making this a very good day for our candidates. Especially, thanks to all our guys who came out to help and support. The work was well done, start to finish. We were honored by the presence, and excellent ritual work of two Past Grand High Priests, a Past Grand Illustrious Master and three of the current elective Council line, and two Past and the current Grand Commander.



Winchester York Rite added 3 new Companions/Knights Templar at the Williamsburg festival held on August 24. Shown from left are: Terry Muncy, Scott England, James Hughbanks, and the Winchester HP, IM, and EC Steve Talbot. (submitted by Steve Talbot)



*Mark and Past Master Degrees at Richmond Chapter on September 5, 2019 (photo Matthew Kirby)*



*Most Excellent Master degree at Taylorsville Chapter, Saturday September 5, 2019*





## James Odell Atwood

May 03, 1939 - August 31, 2019

**Past Grand High Priest**

Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons

**2005 – 2006**

James Odell Atwood age 80 of Munfordville passed away Saturday, August 31st at the Medical Center in Bowling Green. James was born in Jefferson County to the late James Thomas & Mary Helen Holtsclaw Atwood. He was a retired mail carrier and a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Companion James was raised a Master Mason on March 23, 1991 in Green River Lodge No. 88. He would later affiliate with Bear Wallow No. 231 where he would serve as Master in 1996 and as Treasurer from 2009 until his death.

James became a member of the Glasgow York Rite bodies on October 28, 1995, where he served as High Priest of Glasgow Chapter No. 45 in 1997, Illustrious Master of Glasgow Council No. 11 in 1996, and Commander of Glasgow Commandery No. 36 in 1998. In 2002 he was elected Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, and proceeded through the lines until he was elected Grand High Priest at the annual session in September of 2005. He remained an active member of the York Rite bodies of Glasgow, serving as Secretary/Recorder for a number of years.

He was preceded in death by a son David Atwood and a daughter Paula Reams

James is survived by his wife, Carol Jones Atwood; sons James O. Atwood, Jr. of Gilbert, SC and Michael Pedigo of Hardyville; daughter, Ann Atwood Simmons of Carson City, Nevada; sister Judy Napper of Cave City; grandchildren Lyndsey Simmons, David Atwood, Shanay Simmons, Iris Reams, Wallace Reams and Kelcie Pedigo; and great-granddaughter Mila Atwood.

Funeral services were held at 1pm Wednesday, Sept. 4 in the chapel of Sego Funeral Home with burial in the Magnolia Cemetery.



## 65 YEARS A YORK RITE MASON



Past Grand Commander Alan Winkenhofer, far left, and Past Grand Master Harold Armstrong, far right, presenting to Sir Knight Robert Thomas Schaefer and his wife Virginia his 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service Award for the York Rite Bodies in Lebanon Kentucky. Brother Armstrong is the current Commander for Marion Commandery #24 in Lebanon. Sir Knight Schaefer is a Veteran and served 22 months as a prisoner of war in Korea. A true Mason deserving of all honors. (Submitted by Harold Armstrong)

*Sir Knight Schaefer was initiated in December of 1953 and raised on February 18, 1954 in Lebanon Lodge No 87 where he remains a member. He joined the Lebanon York Rite bodies that same year, being dubbed a knight on November 23, 1954. Congratulations to Companion and Sir Knight Schaefer on achieving this very significant milestone.*



## *Grand Commander's Message*

### **Thank You**



Companions and Sir Knights, as my term as your Grand Commander comes to an end, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for everything each of you have done for our Fraternity this year. The Grand Officers, both elected and appointed, the Division Commanders, the officers of the constituent Commanderies, all worked hard for the betterment of Freemasonry this year and I want to acknowledge them for their efforts and thank them.

To my counterparts, Gary, Charlie and Ron.

Thank you to Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary Rose for allowing our presentations at the District Meetings, his complete support for York Rite Masonry. And although his schedule was always full, when needed, he found time to help knight a dear and worthy Knight into our Order. Thank you, Most Worshipful Sir.

To Charlie and Ron. The dedication that you both displayed is a true testament of your love for our beloved York Rite. You each travel extensively and always represented your respective Body in the finest possible manner. I'm proud to have had the opportunity to serve with you during your term of office.

To the Grand Recorder and staff. **Thank you!** Your professionalism and commitment are, for the most part taken for granted, but always greatly appreciated.

Sir Knights I'll never forget you for providing me this wonderful opportunity.

Courteously,

**J. William Riggs, KCT**

Grand Commander



## **Presenting KTEF Life Membership Certificates in Duffield No. 42 in Harlan**



*Above, Delbert Jackson and J William Riggs, Grand Commander; below, Reed Jackson, left, receiving certificate, David Gross, center, and J. William Riggs, Grand Commander, right.*



## *From the Crypt*

*Message from Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles Durham. The following is a reprint from last month's edition concerning the financial condition of the Grand Council, and the necessity of a dues increase.*

Companions:

The Grand Council elected officers have examined our current financial direction and feel that we need to address the situation at our Grand Session.

In the past several years, we have utilized an unforeseen inheritance grant to shore up our financial picture. This grant is nearly depleted and we are in need of additional funding to continue at our regular rate of operation. Least we would have to remove monies from the Permanent Fund for operational expenses, we believe a dues increase is the most logical way to effect this need. As it has been several years since our last increase, and since the proposed amount of \$5.00 is less than the cost of a Coke & Big Mac, the united Grand Council Line is favorably recommending this increase.

We thank you for YOUR consideration.

Charles A. Durham, MIGM

**The Following Legislation has been submitted by Deputy Grand Master Thomas E. Bustle to amend the Grand Council Pandect**

*We propose that the Grand Council of Kentucky Pandect Bylaws Amendment D. Grand Council Dues Which now reads:*

### D. GRAND COUNCIL DUES

The dues payable to the Grand Council are **\$13.00** per member plus General Grand Council Dues.

***Be amended to read:***

### D. GRAND COUNCIL DUES.

The dues payable to the Grand Council of Kentucky R&SM are **\$18** plus General Grand Council dues per member.



*Companion Richard Miller of Owensboro Council #34 receives his Council Proficiency from MIGM Charles Durham.*



*Grand Illustrious Master Charles Durham presenting Cards, Pins & Certificates to Companions achieving Proficiency while visiting at Harry F. Walters Council #101 on September 5, 2019. From left, George F. Brooks Jr. (Frankfort Council #5), Bill Brown, 5<sup>th</sup> Grand Arch Deputy, Grand Master Charles Durham, and Joseph P. Giles (Harry F. Walters Council #101).*





## Proposed Legislation

**The Following Legislation has been submitted by Louisville DeMolay Commandery to amend the Constitution of the Grand Commandery.**



### Section 27. AWARDS

#### (a) Knight Templar Cross of Honor

- (1) The Grand Encampment Knight Templar Cross of Honor nominee shall be recommended from nominations received from the Constituent Commanderies to the Grand Commander, who must approve the recommendation before it is forwarded to the Grand Encampment.
- (2) This award shall be given for exceptional service above and beyond what is generally performed by a Sir Knight.
- (3) Only one, (1) nomination may be received from each Constituent Commandery each Templar year.
- (4) Only one, (1) recipient shall be recommended to Grand Encampment from the nominations received.



#### (b) Conrad Cates Service Award

- (1) The Grand Commandery of Kentucky shall have a Distinguished Service Award to be known as the Conrad Cates Service Award.
- (2) The recipient shall be recommended by the Awards Committee to the Grand Commander for his approval.
- (3) This award shall be given for exemplary service to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.

### Present regulation or guiding authority

*Section 27 would be a new Section*

*Regulations governing the Templar Cross of Honor are set out in the Grand Encampment Constitution in Section 237(b). Pertinent sections are as follows:*

- (b) A nomination for the award shall be made by the Commandery of which the nominee is a member, by a motion adopted by the Commandery and must be submitted in writing and approved by the Grand Commander of the respective state and must give his name, address, Masonic rank, name of his Commandery and particulars outlining the nature of his meritorious service, thus justifying the nomination.
- (c) The award shall be made only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member.
- (d) One nomination may be made from each Grand Commandery, regardless of the number of members, plus one additional nomination may be made from a Grand Commandery for each 5,000 members or major fraction thereof, during any one year.

*Current guidelines for awarding the Conrad Cates Award are found in the 1994 Proceedings.*

### CONRAD H. CATES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Grand Commandery of Kentucky Knights Templar hereby establishes the Conrad H. Cates Service Award. It may be given at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery at the descension of an Awards Committee set up for that purpose. No more than one award may be given in any single year and it does not necessarily have to be given every year.

The award is given for service to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky Knights Templar for service above and

- (4) The award shall consist of a white bar with a small gold star in the center to be worn on the left breast of the uniform, above the pocket and either beside or above the Military Service Medal and / or the Knight York Cross of Honor Medal.
- (5) There may be only one nomination form each Constituent Commandery each Templar year.
- (6) There can be only one recipient of this award each year.

(c) Grand Commanders Award

- (1) There shall be established an award, referred to as the Grand Commanders Gold Star Award.
- (2) This award shall be given solely at the discretion of the Grand Commander for service rendered to either him or to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.
- (3) The award shall consist of a single gold star to be worn on the left breast of the uniform, above the pocket and above the Military Service Medal and / or the Knight York Cross of Honor Medal. This award is to be deemed a Meritorious Service Award for the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.
- (4) There shall be no nominations for this award, as it is at the sole discretion of the Grand Commander.
- (5) The award shall be open to any and all Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.
- (6) Up to, but no more than ten, (10) such awards may be given in any Templar year.

(d) Shoulder Cords (This portion would be removed from Section 22 (b) and become part of Section 27.)



beyond the call of duty. It is expected that this award would be given in recognition of such outstanding service over a long and sustained period of time by individual Sir Knights not necessarily in connection with a particular office or committee, but in recognition of total service and dedication to this Grand Commandery.

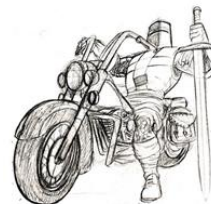
The award shall be an engraved silver tray paid for by the Grand Commandery. It is the obligation of the Grand Commandery to secure the award each year that it is presented.

The award is chosen by a committee consisting of the two immediate Past Grand Commanders and the current Grand Commander. Each of them will have an equal vote. In case that one of the two Past Grand Commanders shall not be available to serve on the committee, the current Grand Commander shall fill the vacancy for that year.

The award was first presented in 1992 and named in honor of Senior Past Grand Commander Conrad Hotop Cates, Past Commander of Elizabethtown Commandery No. 37 (now Conrad H. Cates Commandery No. 37)

*The Grand Commanders Award would be a new award. The section on Shoulder Cords only moves the Shoulder Cord portion to the new Section 27. The wording is unchanged.*

**Sunday September 8 at 2 PM** the Royal Arch Masonic Riders Association Chapter will be meeting at the Meijers Gas Station at 2013 Lantern Ridge Rd, Richmond, KY to take a 13-year-old young man by the name of Cody, who suffers from Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome, on a motorcycle ride. Cody loves motorcycles and wants to ride! So PLEASE come out and help us give this young man the time of his life!





**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KENTUCKY  
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE**



**TEN FOR TEN CAMPAIGN**

**What it is – an opportunity for you to contribute to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

**How does it work – You donate \$10 per month for \$10 months, or a one-time contribution of \$100**

**What you get – a Life Membership in the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund**

- a Life Membership in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation
- a Holy Land Pilgrimage polo shirt

**Our goals – to send a Christian minister to the Holy Land every year**

- to have every knight in Kentucky become a member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

**How you can participate –**

send donations to **Larry Carte**  
**PO Box 2045**  
**Williamsburg, KY 40769**

**On receipt of the full amount (\$100), the life memberships will be purchased in your name, and the shirt mailed to you.**

**For questions or additional information, contact Past Grand Commander Larry Carte at 606-425-6989**





# The Grand York Rite Bodies of Kentucky

Invites you to join us!

Grand Sessions 2019

Book your rooms by August 16, 2019



## Embassy Suites Lexington

1801 Newtown Pike  
Lexington, KY, US 40511

859-455-5000 (If Booking by phone use group Grand York Rite of Kentucky.)

Direct link to booking:

[https://secure3.hilton.com/en\\_US/es/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=LEXES&spec\\_plan=CESYOR&arrival=20190914&departure=20190918&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/es/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=LEXES&spec_plan=CESYOR&arrival=20190914&departure=20190918&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

Special room rate for guest attending our Grand Session \$118.95 + tax.  
If booking online use group code YOR to get rate.



Monday September 16, 2019

Grand Commandery K.T.  
Annual Conclave



Tuesday September 17, 2019

Grand Council R. & S. M.  
Annual Assembly



Wednesday September 18,  
2019

Grand Chapter R.A.M.  
Annual Convocation

We ask that as many of you, our Brothers who can please attend and go to the banquets and luncheons to show your support. Your support is necessary for us to continue to carry out the age-old traditions of our craft. Without you there is no craft.

	Hospitality Room	Men's Lunches	Ladies' Luncheons
<i>Commandery</i>	9-15-19 Noon-4:00 p.m. And after Memorial Service	9-16-19 at Noon	9-16-19 at Noon A Hawaiian Experience
<i>Council</i>	9-16-19 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	9-17-18 at Noon	9-17-18 at Noon Children are Our Future
<i>Chapter</i>	9-17-19 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. And after Banquet	9-18-18 at Noon	9-18-18 at Noon America's Birthday

### Banquets:

*Memorial Service Dinner*

#### Dress Attire

Sunday 9-15-19

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Memorial Service

Amber Martin will be singing for us on Tuesday from about 5:30 until 6:20

*Grand York Rite of KY Banquet*

#### Formal Attire

Tuesday 9-17-19

6:30 PM Doors Open

7:00 PM Meal Served



2019 Grand Sessions

# York Rite of Kentucky

## ORDER FORM

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lady (if she is accompanying you): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:  Email:

Out of state Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_ **(Do not enclose your voting Credentials with this form.)**

	# of Tickets	Price per Ticket	Total
Sunday September 15, 2019 Memorial Service Banquet		\$40.00	\$
Monday September 16, 2019 Sir Knights Lunch		\$22.00	\$
Monday September 16, 2019 Commandery Lady's Luncheon		\$22.00	\$
Tuesday September 17, 2019 Companions Lunch		\$22.00	\$
Tuesday September 17, 2019 Council Lady's Luncheon		\$22.00	\$
Tuesday September 17, 2019 York Rite Banquet		\$40.00	\$
Wednesday September 18, 2019 Men's Fellowship Lunch		\$22.00	\$
Wednesday September 18, 2019 Chapter Lady's Luncheon		\$22.00	\$
Total of all tickets _____		----	\$

**Meal ticket reservations due in to Grand Recorder by September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Please let us know if you have any special dietary needs the hotel will provide a suitable option.**

Tickets will be available when you sign in see you there.

Please Mark  nights you will be staying at hotel

Sunday  Monday  Tuesday

**(You will need to make your own reservation with Embassy Suites Lexington by Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**Enclose payment with this form and Mail to:**

James King  
Grand Secretary/Recorder  
400 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Danville, KY 40422

Make Checks Payable to: Grand Council of Kentucky York Rite

**Note: Out of State Grand High Priests, Grand Masters, and Grand Commanders please contact our office for a special form phone 859-209-4120 or by email grandrecorderky@yahoo.com Thank you.**

# GRAND SESSIONS LADIES LUNCHEONS INFORMATION



*The Grand Commandery of  
Kentucky, Knights Templar  
Ladies invite you to*

*Come join us on September 16, 2019 at Noon*

*For a Hawaiian experience at the  
Ladies Luncheon Hosted by Willetta Riggs.*

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## THE MORE YOU KNOW...

*The following is a brief explanation of the symbolism of the Temple, not only that of Solomon's Temple of the Symbolic Lodge, but also Zerubbabel's Temple of the Royal Arch. It is taken from Dr. Albert Mackey's 'Encyclopedia of Freemasonry'*

### Symbolism of the Temple

Of all the objects which constitute the Masonic science of symbolism, the most important, the most cherished by Masons, and by far the most significant, is the Temple of Jerusalem. The spiritualizing of the Temple is the first, the most prominent, and the most pervading of all symbols of Freemasonry. It is that which most emphatically gives it its religious character. Take from Freemasonry its dependence on the Temple; leave out of its ritual all reference to that sacred edifice, and to the legends and traditions connected with it, and the system itself would at once decay and die, or at best remain only as some fossilized bone, serving merely to show the nature of the once living body to which it had belonged.

Temple worship is in itself an ancient type of the religious sentiment in its progress towards spiritual elevation. As soon as a nation emerged out of Feticism, or the worship of visible objects, which is the most degraded form of idolatry, its people began to establish a priesthood, and to erect temples. The Goths, the Celts, the Egyptians, and the Greeks, however much they may have differed in the ritual, and in the objects of their polytheistic worship, were all in the possession of priests and of temples. The Jews, complying with this law of our religious nature, first constructed their tabernacle, or portable temple, and then, when time and opportunity permitted, transferred their monotheistic worship to that more permanent edifice which towered in all its magnificence above the pinnacle of Mount Moriah. The mosque of the Mohammedan and the church or chapel of the Christian is but an embodiment of the same idea of temple worship in a simpler form.

The adaptation, therefore, of the Temple of Jerusalem to a science of symbolism, would be an easy task to the mind of those Jews and Tyrians

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who were engaged in its construction. Doubtless, at its original conception, the idea of this temple symbolism was rude and unembellished. It was to be perfected and polished only by future aggregations of succeeding intellects. And yet no biblical nor Masonic scholar will venture to deny that there was, in the mode of building and in all the circumstances connected with the construction of King Solomon's Temple, an apparent design to establish a foundation for symbolism.

The Freemasons have, at all events, seized with avidity the idea of representing in their symbolic language the interior and spiritual man by a material temple. They have the doctrine of the great Apostle of the Gentiles, who has said, " Know ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you." The great body of the Masonic craft, looking only to this first Temple erected by the wisdom of King Solomon, make it the symbol of life ; and as the great object of Masonry is the search after truth, they are directed to build up this temple as a fitting receptacle for truth when found, a place where it may dwell, just as the ancient Jews built up their great Temple as a dwelling-place for Him who is the author of all truth.

To the Master Mason, this Temple of Solomon is truly the symbol of human life; for, like life, it was to have its end. For four centuries it glittered on the hills of Jerusalem in all its gorgeous magnificence; now, under some pious descendant of the wise king of Israel, the spot from whose altars arose the burnt-offerings to a living God, and now polluted by some recreant monarch of Judah to the service of Baal; until at length it received the divine punishment through the mighty king of Babylon, and, having been despoiled of all its treasures, was burnt to the ground, so that nothing was left of all its splendor but a smouldering heap of ashes. Variable in its purposes, evanescent in its existence, now a gorgeous pile of architectural beauty, and anon a ruin over which the resistless power of fire has passed, it becomes a fit symbol of human life occupied in the search after divine truth, which is nowhere to be found ; now sinning and now repentant; now vigorous with health and strength, and anon a senseless and decaying corpse.

Such is the symbolism of the first Temple, that of Solomon, as familiar to the class of Master Masons; (continued next page)

But there is a second and higher class of the Fraternity, the Masons of the Royal Arch, by whom this temple symbolism is still further developed. This second class, leaving their early symbolism and looking beyond this Temple of Solomon, find in scriptural history another Temple, which, years after the destruction of the first one, was erected upon its ruins; and they have selected the second Temple, the Temple of Zerubbabel, as their prominent symbol. And as the first class of Masons find in their Temple the symbol of mortal life, limited and perishable, they, on the contrary, see in this second Temple, built upon the foundations of the first, a symbol of life eternal, where the lost truth shall be found, where new incense shall arise from a new altar, and whose perpetuity their great Master had promised when, in the very spirit of symbolism, he exclaimed, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

And so to these two classes or Orders of Masons the symbolism of the Temple presents itself in a connected and continuous form. To the Master Mason, the Temple of Solomon is the symbol of this life; to the Royal Arch Mason, the Temple of Zerubbabel is the symbol of the future life. To the former, his Temple is the symbol of the search for truth; to the latter, his is the symbol of the discovery of truth; and thus the circle is completed and the system made perfect.



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- 2/1/2020 – Glasgow Chapter/Council
- 2/15/2020 – Glasgow Commandery
- 7/11/2020- West Kentucky Festival - Paducah

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