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Sir Knights,

Well, it seems that fall is finally here. During the hot days of summer, it seems like the weather is stuck on hot and humid. But then, at last, fall arrives. Changes begin, the weather cools, the nights are much shorter, the air is crisp. The leaves change to



beautiful colors and then drop to cover the ground. We can put the mower away for another season, (GREAT).

And we as Masons are experiencing change as well. All of our major Bodies have had a change of officers. Different leaders at the top, and new members at the bottom of the elected lines. And although there might not be a major change of direction, there is change. Everyone is different and will govern differently.

But, you may ask, WHY CHANGE? Well, if you are happy with the status quo, if you are satisfied with the state of things in your Commanderies, if you are okay with declining membership, and lack of attendance at our conclaves, then maybe change isn't necessary or needed. At least in your Commandery. But, I ask you Sir Knights, IS ANYBODY happy with the current state of affairs?

And while it can be intimidating and sometimes a little scary, change can be a good thing. A different perspective, with different goals. But, the change can't be only with the leadership. Every one of us must be able to adjust and change as well if the circumstances demands it. Just as a good leader adapts to the situations he is presented, we all must be able, and willing, to change as well. We can't expect the leaders to do everything themselves. The very word leader suggests that there must be followers. And we as followers must embrace the direction laid out for us and change if necessary.

I'm asking for you to join us in this change. To join us as we move our Grand Commandery forward this year.

And the year is off to a promising start. Within the first ten days we Knighted six new Sir Knights. Louisville DeMolay and Jefferson Commanderies have candidates in the pipeline. As does Richmond. Just today, I received a request from a Master Mason seeking information on how to join Bowling Green Commandery. Sir Knights, we can make a difference this year. We can change the mindset of our members. We can indeed have a gain in membership for the first time in many years.

But, we must all work together. We can't sit back and let someone else carry the load. We must do our part. We can't let the enthusiasm fade. The major part of the year is still in front of us. The visits with our Grand Master are in front of us. The Lodge presentations are just starting. The information articles are just being read. Our best is still in front of us.

Yes, Sir Knights, it is a time for change. Are you ready for it? And more importantly, are you with us? Courteously, J. William Riggs Grand Commander

### REPORT FROM KTEF GOLF SCRAMBLE

We had 5 teams, 18 golfers, and beautiful weather.

We were glad to have with us our Deputy Grand Commander Billy Riggs along with Past Grand Commanders George Brooks and Jim King. Prize winners were: longest drive: Monty Montfort Longest Putt: Ron Wise. Closest to the Pin: Jim Hogue First Place was the team of Jim King, Larry Sanders, Jackie Antle and Sam Burke. Second place was the team of Buddy Demling and HI Stroth All prize money was donated back. With the \$10,000 donation from Kosair Charities it looks like our total donation will be \$11, 925.



Left to right are Golf Chairman Mark Elliott, Grand Commander J. William Riggs, Grand Recorder Jim King, Larry Sanders, Jackie Antle, and Sam Burke.

### GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE

The Grand York Rite Memorial Service was held on Sunday evening Sept. 16 following a formal dinner and under the direction of Grand Prelate Larry A. Carte, P.G.C.

Our annual conclave was held on Monday morning, Sept. 17 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington with about 140 delegates and 30 out of 31 Commanderies represented. Sir Knight J. William Riggs of Marion Commandery was elected Grand Commander, S.K. Marvin Blaine of Paducah 11 was advanced to Deputy Grand Commander and S.K. William J Jackson, a member of Commanderies 4, 32 and 50 , to Grand Generalissimo. Sir Knight Joseph P. Giles of Shelby Commandery 32 was elected Grand Captain General for the coming year. Sir Knight James H. King of Ryan 17 was elected Grand Recorder and S. K. J, B, Hitt of Louisville-DeMolay #12 was elected Grand Treasurer. Sir Knight Michael G. Miller, Sr., PGC was elected as a Trustee.

The Conrad Cates Award again went to Ryan 17 in Danville for best performance. PGC Larry Carte received the Knight Commander of the Temple award, S.K. Robert Stanford (11) was awarded The Knight Templar Cross of Honor, In the sister bodies S. K. D. Matt Lewis received The Award of Bronze from the General Grand Chapter, S.K. J. William Riggs, G.C. received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and S.K. James H. King, Grand Recorder, the Ephraim Kirby Award. The Lady of the Council Award was given to Noel King, Secretary to the Grand Recorder, and The Cryptic Mason of the Year Award went to Anthony King. Annual reports from the various Committees included Finance with a budget of \$67,765, Permanent Fund, an ending balance of \$251,048, an increase of \$5,530 or 2.25%, and Grand Recorder a current membership of 2285, down from 2449 a year ago.