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**CMMRF PRESENTATION**

For more than 10 years, the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation has supported Cardiovascular research at Indiana School of Medicine, which leads the way in the study of this disease. Through our contributions and other Grand Jurisdictions of the General Grand Council, as well as private donations and Foundation grants, we have funded a research chair by raising over \$1,000,000 (1 million). Dr. Keith March is the Foundation Chair and Director. This fund is permanently invested. A portion funds vascular research, while the remainder increases future annual disbursements.

There are over 30 doctors and staff who work and develop the research. One item the research has produced is a device called "The Closer," a blood stitching device used to close the femoral artery following a catheterization. It has been used on over ½ million patients worldwide. Stem cell research is also being done to infuse cells to grow new arteries for the heart, as well as for new blood vessels.

Some jurisdictions include CMMRF contributions in their per capita dues, but Kentucky relies on the charity of our Companions to assist this funding. Gifts, Wills, and Bequests is another way to contribute. We have lapel pins we give to individuals who contribute from a range of \$50.00 to \$750.00. We have 6 certificates to present for contributions of a range from \$25.00 to \$1,000.00. A plaque is given for a \$1,000.00 donation. An individual receives a gold filled 9 Arch pin with a diamond chip for each additional \$1,000.00 donation. These donations are one time or cumulative.

Please consider making a contribution as a group or individually this year. Plan a fundraiser, such as a breakfast, lunch, etc. in the community, or a day at the local Wal-Mart with Wal-Mart providing matching funds. This will give the York Rite some exposure as well as raise funds for a worthy cause. Small or large businesses can be solicited. If you need materials or assistance of any kind, please call on me and I will help in any way I can. Thank you,

**KERRY SLUSS MIPGM, STATE CMMRF CHAIRMAN**