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**ME Companion Gary Hunt
Grand High Priest Message**

Companions,

As we close the Capitular year, I look back at the renewed interest in our Order. While annual assessment does not necessarily reflect this, the *growth* I see is by new members that are willing to learn and work hard to raise those numbers in the future. This demonstrates a return to one of the founding principles of Masonry, a few like minded men will seek each other's company and together can be a positive influence for future generations. This is the growth that will preserve and increase Royal Arch Masonry for future generations throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

All organizations over the past several years have experience decline in membership. This can be attributed to the declining economy and change in

social values among a myriad of other factors. Masonry in general and Royal Arch Masonry in particular have reflected this in past years. This year, however, I have been inspired by the companions I have met during my travels across the state. Companions you have restored the foundation for the future of our Order in a time when the forecast was bleak. Our new companions have injected a new life blood in our Order. Our older companions have stepped up to teach and to pass on their knowledge to those who are always willing to learn. As a result I am drawn to a passage from the 9th Chapter, 9th Verse from the Book of Proverbs, "*Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.*" Our new upright and just companions are truly learning and being inspired by those wise companions who received their instruction many years ago. This is the legacy of Royal Arch Masonry, exemplified in the purest form, passing knowledge to increase learning. This has not been a easy path, nor will the future be easy. It has taken the skill of all our companions to continue our success.

In light of this success, we cannot rest on the laurel of this growth. We must continue to develop leadership in our Chapters. This will be an ongoing process, and should be renewed each year during the election of officers. Every companion from the newest to the eldest have the potential to positively influence the further of his Chapter. The new companion may never obtain nor seek to be High Priest, however he can find a way to assist this Chapter to grow. All Companions can inspire others in our Craft lodges to seek further light and advance their Masonic learning. This is the key to insure we continue our learning, Many people have sit and pontificate about whether leaders are made

or born. The true leader (s) ignore these arguments and instead concentrates on developing the leadership qualities necessary for success. Every companion in every Chapter has the ability to lead in his own way and inspire others for the good of the Order. I encourage each of you to continue with the work you have begun, as you will benefit countless generations yet to come.

Fraternally,
Gary K. Hunt
 M.E. Grand High Priest



Grand High Priest Itinerary

- 08/04/11 Taylor #90
- 08/08/11 Owensboro Jo Daviss Chapter #32
- 08/09/11 Irvine Chapter #42
- 08/13/11 Richmond #16 (8 am Chapter Degrees)
- 08/22/11 Greensburg #36
- 08/27 -0/11 Triennial: Raleigh NC



**Grand York Rite of Kentucky Session
 September 18-21, 2011**

The 2011 Grand York Rite Session will be held September 18-21, 2011, at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne at I-64 in Louisville.

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SUNDAY – September 18, 2011

- 1:00 p.m. General Registration.
- 1:00 p.m. Philalethes Society.
- 3:00 p.m. Grand Commandery Officers Meeting.
- 5:30 p.m. Grand Commandery Dinner.
 (Templar Uniform Preferred)
- 7:30 p.m. Devotional Service.

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MONDAY – September 19, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Deputy Grand Commander's Breakfast and Meeting.
- 7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Opens.
- 8:00 a.m. Kentucky and Out of State Past Grand Commanders Wives Breakfast Dutch Treat

- 8:45 a.m. Guests Assemble for Introduction.
- 9:00 a.m. Grand Commandery Annual Conclave begins.
- 12:00 noon Ladies Lunch.
- 12:00 noon Sir Knights Lunch.
- 12:45 p.m. Golgotha & Centurion Tabernacles.
- 1:15 p.m. Knights Preceptor.
- 2:30 p.m. Installation.
- 4:00 p.m. Secretary/Recorder's Meeting.
- 5:30 p.m. Knight Masons.
- 7:30 p.m. Knight York Cross of Honor Meeting.

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TUESDAY – September 20, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Deputy Grand Master's Breakfast and Meeting.
- 7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Opens.
- 8:45 a.m. Guests Assemble for Introduction.
- 9:00 a.m. Grand Council Annual Assembly begins. (Election at 11:00 a.m.)
- 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch.
- 12:00 noon Companions Lunch.
- 1:00 p.m. Ish Sodi
- 2:30 p.m. Installation.
- 4:00 p.m. Order of Silver Trowel.
- 7:00 p.m. York Rite Banquet

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WEDNESDAY – September 21, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Grand King's Breakfast and Meeting.
- 7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Opens.
- 7:30 a.m. Order of High Priesthood.
- 8:45 a.m. Guests Assemble for Introduction.
- 9:00 a.m. Grand Chapter Annual Convocation begins.
- 10:30 a.m. Ladies Brunch.
- 12:00 noon Men's Fellowship Lunch.
- 1:15 p.m. Past Grand High Priest's meeting.
- 2:30 p.m. Installation.

**CHAPTER DEGREES
 AUGUST 12TH
 BEGINNING AT 8:00 A.M. EST
 RICHMOND CHAPTER No. 16
 217 S. PORTER DR.
 RICHMOND**

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