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**ME Companion Wendell R. Curtis
Grand High Priest Message**

Companions:

December is a special time of the year for Christian Masons who celebrate the birth of Christ, as well as our Jewish Companions who celebrate Chanukah, the Jewish festival of rededication, also known as the Festival of Lights. It is a time of faith, family and feasting.

For those who celebrate the season by gift giving, remember our Companions and our widows who may be alone and would appreciate a visit or a small gift. It is also a very appropriate time to make a contribution to our philanthropy, Royal Arch Research Assistance.

In this time of thanks, we should remind ourselves of those less fortunate especially now when they need our help and support so much. There are many companions, as well as friends and loved ones serving our nation in the armed forces across the world that will not be home this holiday seasons, while they are protecting our freedom. We should all

remember then during our holiday festivities and let them know we care and appreciate their sacrifices.

Companions as we draw this calendar year to a close and begin a new year, let us be constantly vigilant of our duties as Royal Arch Masons, let our Officers inspire new members in our Order, let our bodies inspire our communities, and let our communities be a place that each of us want to see our children grown up in.

I would like to wish each of you and your families a safe and peaceful holiday season, and best wishes for the coming year.

Wendell R. Curtis

Grand High Priest



**Grand High Priest
December Itinerary**

*Dec. 1 Grand Junior Warden
Reception, Somerset*

Dec. 8 Madison Lodge No. 183

*Dec. 12 Johnny Ramsey Chapter
Whitesburg*

Dec. 13 Somerset Chapter No. 25

Dec. 18 Paris Lodge No. 2

Upcoming Events-2012-2013

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AREA MEETINGS 2012-2013

Oct. 2	Area 3B	Graham Chapter No. 80, Franklin	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	Area 5	Shelbyville Chapter No. 2	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Area 8B	Harlan Chapter No. 165	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Area 6	Maysville Chapter No. 9	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Area 8A	Monticello Chapter No. 152	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	Area 3A	Western Star Chapter No. 20, Hardinsburg	7:30 p.m..
Nov. 15	Area 4	Rowan Chapter No. 31, Bardstown,	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	Area 7A	Richmond Chapter No. 16	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 27	Area 1 & 2	Paducah Chapter No. 30	7:00 p.m.
Dec.12	Area 9	Whitesburg Chapter No. 149	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Area 7B	Morehead Chapter No. 168	

FEBRUARY 2013 FESTIVAL

Louisville Commandery voted to join with Bullitt Chapter and Council and Louisville's Chapters and Councils to hold a special \$100 fee festival in February. We anticipate that the Chapter and Council degrees will be conferred on Saturday, February 2, 2013, beginning at 8 A.M. More details will follow.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter Officers 2013-2013

Most Excellent Companion Wendell R. Curtis—Grand High Priest
Right Excellent Companion Thomas Bussell- Grand King
Right Excellent Companion Charles Mason- Grand Scribe
Right Excellent Companion Stewart Strickland- Grand Captain of the Host
Right Excellent Companion J.B. Hitt II--Grand Treasurer
Right Excellent Companion Jim H. King, Jr—Grand Secretary
Excellent Companion James Hogue-- Assistant Grand Secretary
Excellent Companion Fred Wege --Grand Principal Sojourner
Excellent Companion Michael Grigsby --Grand Royal Arch Captain
Excellent Companion Wendall L. Trent-- Grand Master of the Third Veil
Excellent Companion Mark Elliott--Grand Master of the Second Veil
Excellent Companion David Williams--Grand Master of the First Veil
Excellent Companion Carroll M. Curtis--Grand Chaplain
Excellent Companion Larry Carte--Grand Sentinel
Excellent Companion Thomas L. Wheeler--Grand Chief Evaluator

DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS 2012-2013

Area 1 - (Graves and McCracken) Glenn Barker
Area 2 - (Hopkins, Caldwell, and Christian) William Henry
Area 3-A - (Davies, Ohio, and Breckinridge) James Irvine Reynolds
Area 3-B - (Allen, Barren, Logan, Simpson & Warrant) Larry Flowers
Area 4-A - (Hardin, Nelson and Mercer) Ed Hudson
Area 4-B - (Green, Taylor, Marion and Boyle) Gilbert Curry
Area 5-A - (Jefferson) John A. Johnson
Area 5-B - (Anderson, Franklin, Shelby, and Carroll) William J. Brown
Area 6-A - (Campbell and Kenton) Robert C. Peelman
Area 6-B - (Harrison and Mason) David W. Haggard
Area 7-A - (Clark, Fayette, Madison and Estill) James I. Miller, PGHP
Area 7-B - (Rowan, Boyd, and Lawrence) Buford Litterell
Area 8-A - (Pulaski, Wayne and Whitley) Deckerd "Dee" Coates III
Area 8-B - (Harlan) Curtis Jackson
Area 9-A - (Letcher and Pike) Richard W. Adams
Area 9-B - (Johnson, Floyd, and Breathitt) James C. Warrix