



*ME Companion Wendall L. Trent
Grand High Priest Message*

Greetings fellow Companions;

This December let us not forget the reason for the season, Jesus Christ our Savior. Brenda and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and above all be safe this holiday season. May God continue to bless each and every one. I am truly enjoying my year as your Grand High Priest, thank you for the courtesy extended to me from each Chapter in this great Commonwealth. I want to retouch on some points for the rest of the rest of this Capitular year and continue through next year.

They are as follows

- Continue to donate to our philanthropy (RARA).
- And to keep visiting our Lodges and giving York rite lectures to promote our great work.

- More ritual and less books during the opening and closing of our Chapters and especially during Degree work

As we gather around our tables for the Christmas Season this year, let us remember that everything we have is a gift from the God and Father of us all.

And thank you again for allowing me serve our Grand Chapter as your Grand High Priest.

Fraternally,

Wendall L. Trent

Grand High Priest, 2016-2017

Grand High Priest Itinerary October 2016

Weather permitting, my itinerary for December is:

1. Morehead AMD # 484 meeting Morehead KY.
2. 12/03/2016 Lexington Scottish rite executive meeting / Grand Junior Warden Reception Louisville KY.
3. Lexington #01 12/08/2016
4. 12/10/2016 Highland Knight Masons #104 Degree Practice
5. 12/11/2016 Grand Chapter Christmas Dinner, Richmond,
6. 12/15/2016 Lexington Scottish rite
7. 12/17/2016 Morehead council #45 degree work
8. Maysville #09 12/21/2016
9. Morehead Commandery Christmas observance 12/20/2016
10. Morehead Lodge #654 Installation 12/27/2016
11. Temple Chapter # 172 12/22/2016
12. Christmas time with family 12/24-26/2016
13. Morehead Scottish rite club meeting 12/30/2016
14. York Rite College #134 Meeting Morehead, KY. 12/31/2016



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A RICH HERITAGE

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Christmas was approaching, and as most towns are, the town had been decorated appropriately. Lights were shining brightly. Evergreens were in every window, and a Christmas tree, topped by a star, was in the center of the town. It has been reported that an individual looking, at the decorations, said, “Now, the Christians are sticking their noses in Christmas.”

In an atmosphere in which faith based things seem to be under attack, such comments are not unexpected. Yet, it is good to remember that we have a rich heritage that supports faith based things.

“With a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence,” fifty-six Founding Fathers of this nation gave us the Declaration of Independence, one of the foundational documents of our democracy. A short time later John Jay, the first Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court, said, “Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is their duty--- as well as privilege and interest---of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their leaders.”

Then, George Washington, the first president of the United States, said, “It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the protection of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.” And he said later, “It is impossible to rightly govern...without God and the Bible.”

Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, said, “God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift

of God?” And James Madison, the man known as “the Father of the Constitution” and the fourth president of the United States, said, “Religion (is) the basis and foundation of Government.”

This is our heritage! Upon this foundation, a nation known as “the land of the free and the home of the brave” and respected around the world has been built. May it always remain true to this heritage?

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