



The Kentucky Keystone



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

Companions,

As we enter in to the second month of the calendar year, I am reminded of a quote by Brother Will Rogers, “Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there.” We have been sitting on the right track for a long time, as each of us are Capitular Masons, and we practice the tenets of our profession, morality, friendship and brotherly love. However, others cannot continue on the right track, if we are blocking the path or not paving the track for others to travel upon.

In speaking to Chapters across the state, I believe we are on the right track, there are young men entering our order that are excited about Capitular Masonry. As these young men are demonstrating a renewed interest, I encourage each of you to take an interest in these young men, they

are our future. We must ensure that these men’s interest is encouraged and promoted. This is the laying of the track for our future. Furthermore, there is a need for these men to have an opportunity to be involved. As a group, all working together there is nothing we can not accomplish. I understand that not all bodies throughout the state are able to confer the degrees. I encourage them to work together with other Chapters to get the work done and to provide an opportunity for these young men to enter into our order.

There are going to be at least two festivals being planned in the state this year, and I commend those who have taken upon themselves to organize and plan these festivals. I encourage everyone to attend one of these festivals if possible, to support both the men doing the work, and to show support to the candidates in their journey toward further light. We must lay the track and provide the path for our future generations. The coming year holds a lot of promise for us; all we have to do is plan and then follow the plan to achieve those goals, both in Capitular Masonry as well as our personal and professional lives.

There are no endings in Masonry, only new beginnings! We live in an ever changing world, and we must prepare ourselves to withstand the challenges that we face in today’s society. The principles of Freemasonry will never change, but we must endeavor to sustain the fraternity and begin creating our future with the actions we take daily as cornerstones of our communities, and never forget to give Almighty God our praise and glory. Remember my Companions; Freemasonry is not just a fraternity. Freemasonry is a way of life.”

Fraternally,

Gary K. Hunt
M.E. Grand High Priest

Grand High Priest Itinerary

(Weather Permitting)

2/3/11 Shelbyville Chapter #2
2/8/11 Bowling Green Chapter #38
2/10/11 Ken Ten Chapter #148
(Williamsburg, KY)
2/17/11 Frankfort Chapter #3
2/22/11 Eureka Chapter #101 Louisville
2/24/11 W.R. Selby, Sr. Chapter #4
(Danville, KY)
2/26/2011 One Day Festival
@
Louisville DeMolay Commandery #12
1410 Gardner Lane, Louisville KY
&
Somerset Chapter #25
105 North Main St. Somerset KY
2/28/11 Monticello Chapter #152

- All Companions, from the fifty year member to the newest exalted Companion are encouraged to learn the ritual work. Progress in this regard has been sorely lacking in recent years.

Most Excellent Companion Hunt wishes to express his appreciation to all the Companions who attended their particular Area Meetings. He especially wishes to thank all the Deputy Grand High Priests who spend time away from their families in order to promote Capitular Masonry in their Areas. These men rarely receive the praise they deserve for their dedication to the service of the Companions of their Areas and the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.



GEORGE WASHINGTON YORK RITE FESTIVAL

“Area Meetings Report”

By Wendell Curtis, Grand Captain of Host, 2010-2011

The last Area Meeting for the 2010-11 Capitular year was held, on January 10th, at Glasgow Chapter No. 45. There were 23 Companions from Area 3 in attendance along with Companions from other Areas.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Gary Hunt has indicated that he is generally well pleased with the attendance at the Area Meetings throughout the Commonwealth. As is always the case, some meetings were better attended than others but moving the Area Meetings to the regularly scheduled meeting nights of the various host Chapters was a success.

- Most Excellent Companion Hunt is promoting the Mentoring Program again this year. Educating and encouraging our new Companions is the most important function of a subordinate Chapter.
- The Tracks We Leave program, originally instituted by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Don Powell, is continuing. This program encourages Chapters to strive for excellence.

Many years ago, several York Rite bodies around the Commonwealth began holding festivals in honor of George Washington. This year 2 of our York Rite bodies will confer these degrees on Saturday, February 26, 2011, starting at 8:00 am. Somerset York Rite Bodies located at 105 North Main Street, Somerset 42501 is the site of one of the two festivals. The contact person is Michael Grigsby, Editor of the Kentucky Keystone. His contact information is at the top of this edition. The other Festival will be held at Demolay Commandery located at 1410 Gardiner Lane, Louisville 40213-1966. Please contact J.B.Hitt II by email at JBHitt@att.net or Ronnie Skipper by email at ur2sli@insightbb.com for information concerning petitioning the degrees. You can also go to the website at www.yorkriteKY.org.

Fraternally submitted,

DOUGLAS W. BUNCH, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER