



ME Companion Wendell R. Curtis
Grand High Priest Message

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Companions:

The final Area Meeting of this Capitular year was held last month. I want to thank those Chapters who hosted these meetings on their regular meeting nights. I also want to express my appreciation for the hospitality and brotherly love as well as the courtesies extended to me and the Grand Officers. It has been a singular pleasure to fellowship with Companions from literally all over the Commonwealth.

A total of 256 Companions attended the Area Meetings. Three Chapters were not represented. Two of these Chapters are struggling for survival. Hopefully, they will manage to revive interest and become viable again. The state of these two Chapters demonstrates the folly of depending upon one or two Companions to do all the degree work and take care of other business of the Chapter. When these faithful Companions become infirm or deceased there is no one to take their place. We see the result of this every year when more Masonic bodies consolidate or surrender their charters.

We as a fraternity have a clear choice. More Companions must be willing to assume an office, learn some of the ritual and generally support the activities of their Chapter. Otherwise the long term outlook for our beloved fraternity is a genuine cause for concern.

Congratulations to Excellent Companion Willard Hart, of Glasgow Chapter No. 45, who has been awarded the Ritualist Award from the General Grand Chapter, R.A.M. International. I was honored to present the award to Companion Hart last month. I have been privileged to witness Companion Hart's excellent ritual work on more than one occasion. Thank you Companion Hart for your long service to Masonry generally and to Capitular Masonry in particular.

Fraternally Thine,

Wendell R. Curtis
Grand High Priest

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Grand High Priest Itinerary

- Feb. 2 Bullitt Chapter No. 44
- Feb. 9 Masonic Educational Conf.
Lexington SR Bldg.
- Feb. 12 Cynthiana York Rite Bodies
- Feb. 14 Lexington Chapter No. 1
- Feb 16 Louisville-DeMolay
Commandery No. 12
- Feb. 19 Paris Lodge No. 2
- Feb 20 King Solomon Chapter No. 5

Upcoming Events 2013

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Attention: Chapter Secretaries

The Grand Secretary's office is currently reviewing membership records. Please insure your membership records are up to date. If you have any question you may email the Grand Secretary at grandrecorderky@yahoo.com

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF KY KEYSTONE

For the convenience of the editor-publisher, and to reduce Grand Chapter expense, the Kentucky Keystone has been sent out electronically for the last two years. If you would like to receive the monthly issue via email, instead of in the mail, please supply me with your email address and a note to this effect. If you want to continue to receive the mailed issue, simply tell me so, but I'd still like to have your email address for other current announcements. I do not forward anything. Please write me at Kentucky.Keystone@gmail.com

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 beginning at 8 A.M at Bullitt Chapter. Our Commandery will confer the orders on either Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013 . The Order of Red Cross will be conferred in full form beginning at 10 A.M. and the Order of Malta will follow in short form. Lunch will be served between noon and 1 P.M. and the full form Order of the Temple will be conferred beginning by 1:30. This will allow completion of the orders before 4:30.

Please plan to attend either to assist or to be a spectator. Petitions are still welcome. Please bring petitions to your Chapter Secretary or Recorder Miller for processing prior to Feb. 2 2013.