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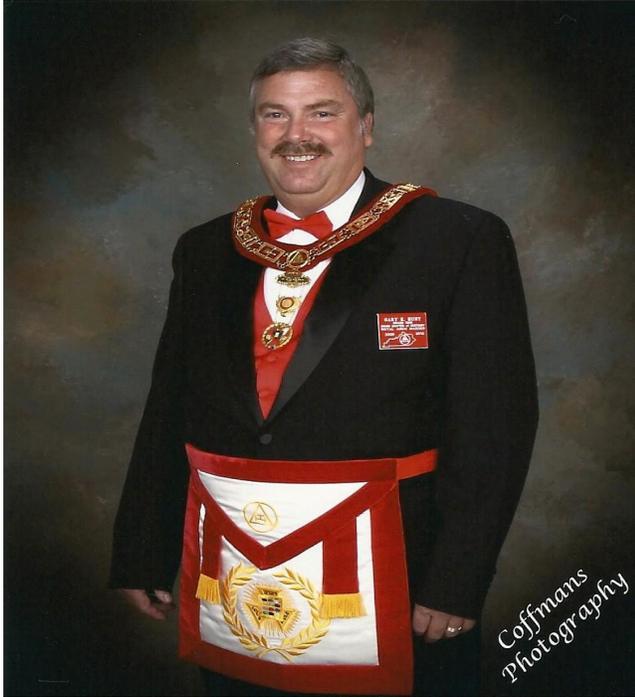


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## ME Companion Gary Hunt Grand High Priest Message

Companions,

As we begin this new calendar year, let us not dwell on the past year, but rather look to the opportunities that will present themselves in the coming year. There will be countless opportunities to demonstrate the tenets of our profession, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

It is my hope that during this coming year, our Chapters will experience revitalization and growth. I along with the Grand Chapter Officers, in conjunction with Chapters across the state are each working diligently to conduct several one day festivals in order to provide opportunities for growth in membership.

Each year holds the opportunity to provide us with a new start with the possibility of new successes. Our Masonic body is pretty good at looking backward,

pretty good about discussing small or trifling matters endlessly, and pretty poor about planning for the future. There is no single cause for this, and no single person to place blame upon, it is a result in a shift in our very society, in which “instant gratification” is the driving force in America today.

Every man reading this today knows the riches found in our Chapters and in Freemasonry. Thus I suggest that healthy Craft Masonry is at the very center of rebuilding excitement for and membership in Capitular Masonry. We are on the edge of a great opportunity in the coming year. There is a new generation of men seeking what we have to offer.

This generation of men between the ages of 20 and 40 are looking for exactly the kinds of experiences Freemasonry can offer. They are more open to these ideas than any of the three preceding generations have been. As these men search for what they are seeking, how do they find us? What indicates to them, that we are what they are looking for?

The initial answer to this question is it requires that we live our lives according to the tenets of our profession. This requires each of us will have to learn how to think and to behave like a Mason. And it means we need to start paying attention to our Lodges, our Chapters, our Councils, our Commanderies to promote this to those who are seeking it.

In closing, I offer the following support to this concept. I am drawn to the answer found in the Book of Matthew 5:16; “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” We must let the light of Capitular Masonry shine every day, to show the world the goodness found in our order, and to attach men willing to aid in the betterment of all humankind which will insure that our Order exist for the benefit of future generations.

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

## Grand High Priest Itinerary

*(Weather Permitting)*

Jan 1st : Pittman 124 Scottish Rite @ 1:pm-3:pm  
Jan 3rd : Daviess Chapter #29 @ 7:30  
Jan 4th : Corbin Chapter # 166 @ 7:pm  
Jan 6th : Taylor Chapter #90  
Jan 10th: Area Meeting Glasgow # 45  
Jan 11th: Cynthiana Chapter # 17  
Jan 13th: Pittman # 124  
Jan 15th: York Rite Council Meeting, Shelbyville.  
Jan 18th: Russellville Chapter # 8  
Jan 19th: King Solomon Chapter # 5  
Jan 20th: Rowan Chapter # 31  
Jan 24th: Greensburg Chapter # 36  
Jan 25th: Madisonville Chapter # 123  
Jan 27th: Edmonds Chapter # 83

### Remaining Area Meetings 2010-2011

Area	Location	Date/Time
3 A -B	Glasgow -45	January 10, 2011 7:00 CST

## “Cheat, Wrong Defraud”

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

Every Mason is, no doubt, familiar with these words. Most, if not all, Masons would likely say they do none of these things and to a degree they would be correct. No Mason would intentionally cheat or wrong a Companion or his Chapter. Nonetheless, the actions described below bring about the same result.

We cheat our petitioners by performing shoddy degree work. Do our members who faithfully attend our meetings feel cheated when they see degree work conferred that barely resembles the work that they received?

Our initiates are wronged when members get up and leave before their degree work is finished or carry on a conversation in a manner that is disruptive to those who are conferring the work. What message does this convey to a new Companion? Does he feel welcome? I doubt it. Could this be part of the reason that a lot of new Companions don't attend our meetings?

Our Chapter is wronged when we habitually fail to attend and participate in the meetings. Apathy toward the ritual work and the general proceedings of the Chapter is certainly cheating our new Companions of the education and support they need for more light in Masonry.

Revisiting the promises we have made to one another as well as to our Chapter is in order. Remembering the lessons inculcated in the various degrees, particularly friendship and brotherly love as well as performing our duties with fidelity, will improve our Chapters as well as our relations with one another. We need to rededicate ourselves to excellence in our degree work and to nurture and instruct our new Companions. The future of our beloved fraternity depends on it.



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