



**Grand High Priest Wendall L. Trent**

*There is no Grand High Priest Message for the month of July. Please make sure your election results are completed and turned in to the Grand Secretary. Also please make sure you Chapter contact information for High Priest and Secretary is correctly listed with Grand Secretary office for the 2018 Directory*

## *Grand High Priest Itinerary*

### *July 2017*

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07/01/217 Bullitt Chapter # 44              | 07/19/2017 Maysville Chapter # 09                                      |
| 07/04/2017 Richmond #16                     | 07/20/2017 Rowan #31                                                   |
| 07/08/2017 Demolay conclave in Nancy KY.    | 07/21-22/2017 Paducah York rite Festival                               |
| 07/10/2017 Apperson Lodge # 195             | 07/25/2017 Morehead Lodge #654                                         |
| 07/10/2017 Louisa Chapter # 95              | 07/29/2017 Highland York Rite college meeting West Liberty KY.         |
| 07/11/2017 Irvine Chapter #42               | 07/29/2017 Highland Council #104 Knight Masons meeting West Liberty Ky |
| 07/13-14/2017 Illinois Grand Convocation    |                                                                        |
| 07/15/2017 Morehead Council #45 Degree work |                                                                        |



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## *ALL CHAPTER DAY*

The All Day Chapter day was a great time for all who attended our companions were not active that day, to me a bad turn out, I was very disappointed . the Degree work was Excellent. Exalted 8 new Companions

\*August 12th 2017 4th Annual RA RA Dinner to be held at the Showroom in Danville, Ky. 2405 Lebanon Road Danville, Ky. 40422 Dinner to be served at 5 o'clock p. m. Tickets for this special dinner are \$30.00

### **Grand Sessions 2017**

September 17-20

Embassy suites 1801 New town Pike, Lexington, Ky. 40511

1-859-455-5000

**December 16th 200th Anniversary of the Grand Chapter** to be held at Holiday Inn hotel on Hurstborne in Louisville Ky. 1325 S Hurstbourne Pkwy Louisville, KY 40222. The cost of the tickets for this event will be \$50.00. Your ticket will include your meal consisting of Filet Minion a 5 oz. toasting Glass and a Challenge coin. The Event to begin @6 :30 p.m. Please make a double effort to attend this great Event, and support our Grand Chapter. Rooms will be available.

Fraternally Thine M.E.G.H.P. Wendall Trent



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## **AN ENCOURAGING WORD: A BASIC PRINCIPLE**

*By  
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The Declaration of Independence, the bedrock of American democracy, is before me. I read it carefully and thoughtfully often, and I recommend that every American citizen do likewise. After the parades have passed, the celebration has ended, and the hoopla is over that would be an excellent way to observe Independence Day, one of the cherished holidays of our nation.

After 241 years, this noble document, consisting of 1,364 words, remains “the best known and the noblest of American State papers.” Two exceedingly important affirmations give this noble document its amazing power. It affirms unequivocally that: (1). All citizens “are created equal.” Therefore, there is no class structure in our beloved nation; all of us are American citizens of equal rank. (2). “They (all citizens) are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable (that which cannot be taken away or transferred) rights.” These unalienable rights are “life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The government does not grant them. They are given by God to every American citizen.

This noble document became the secure foundation of our beloved nation. Prepared and signed by 56 stalwart patriots who risked their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor and adopted by thirteen colonies, it produced a new nation, under God, on this continent that became known as “the land of the free and the home of the brave” and as a shining light among the nations of the world giving hope to millions who wanted to make it their home. So great is that desire that a major problem our beloved land faces at the moment is countless “undocumented immigrants” who, ignoring all risks, have come here illegally to make this great land their home.

Our beloved land has slipped from its firm foundation. A society of classes is generally recognized, God has been pushed aside, and the government, replacing Him, guarantees entitlements or rights. It is time to remember a basic principle: A structure removed from a firm foundation eventually falls.

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