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

Companions,

As we have just passed through Memorial Day, let us all be thankful and never forget the men and women who have paid the ultimate price in giving their lives to insure liberty and the existence of our great country.

As we enter in to the final months of this Capitular Year, let us not forget also all our faithful brothers who sleep in the narrow house awaiting the beginning of their eternal life.

As I travel across our state, it is pleasing to see the increase in the number of Companions present, the growth of Chapters, and the support I and the other Grand Officers receive everywhere we travel. It is my believe that this increase can be attributed to a new

influx of interest in Capitular Masonry and we who hold an unwritten obligation to do what we can to leave our Chapters better off than when we joined. In order to accomplish this goal, we must learn and teach. Learning to obtain the knowledge to pass on to future companions and teaching is to be able to instruct new companions in learning so they may one day teach. It is a never ending cycle of growth and it begins with a simple theme.

My theme for this discussion is one thing, genuine commitment. Many people will provide you a variety of explanations of what is “*genuine commitment*”. While many of the answers could be correct, genuine commitment is based in a single tenant, honesty. It is about being genuinely honest and open with our families, fellow Companions, and all mankind.

Genuine commitment is composed of four basic tenants; motivation, energy, attention, and trust. If each of us is guided by these elements, we give our Chapters a great chance of success and growth now and in the future.

Motivation is based on your desire to grow, to become more then we once where. Our Companion’s personal motivation is the desire to learn and the fountain of our genuine commitment to learning. This motivation is driven by the desire to be a better person, to make things better for the future, one of the basic principles our great nation was founded upon.

Energy is a rare resource in our fast paced world today. Upon returning home from the work day, how much energy do you have left? Well, if you're like most people working in the demanding New Economy, not much. Energy is an increasingly rare resource for today's hard-working men, and one we steadfastly protect. This energy we must invest in ourselves in return for understanding, growth, and inspiration achieved through our own learning. Deep meaningful learning can be

physically draining, but it "empowers" us to become the people we want to be.

The sheer velocity of life today makes it difficult to give our undivided attention to most of our daily activities. The growing challenge of our work, the proliferation of communications technologies, and the unrelenting need for action combine to place a heavy premium on human attention. Distraction impacts every aspect of our lives, including our learning. When we commit our focus to learning, we begin to develop another part of our being that is more capable of reflection and deeper inquiry. Our attention to learning creates room for all that is possible, instead of what is merely feasible.

The final core element of genuine commitment to learning is trust. How much trust do you place in yourself as a learner? When you participate in learning experiences with others, are you willing to place your trust in your fellow companions? The answers to these questions are critical to understanding your genuine commitment to learning. If you do not have trust in yourself as a learner, you may come to look at learning as a necessary evil instead of an essential good. If you are unable to trust other companions in the learning process, learning may become a hollow and isolating experience.

At this point, you may be wondering about the strength of your commitment to learning. I encourage you not to allow the end of this article to be the end of this important process of self-discovery. Instead, look deeply at what it is about learning that moves you and consider how you can nurture your genuine commitment.

Why don't we try to step up to the plate and put forward our own ideas and efforts to help the Chapter and maybe with the genuine commitment of our fellow Companions, something good might just happen? Let's not wait for the mountain to come to us for it might be too late, but rather let us go to the mountain and in the spirit of fellowship from one Companion to another, help each other to achieve together that which we could not by ourselves alone.

I know you, Companions, I know that you have an inexhaustible capacity for genuine commitment, so let us bend our backs towards leaving our Chapters a better, stronger and more vibrant place than it was before, and therefore when our time comes, and we meet our forefathers in that great Chapter in the sky we can look them in the eye and say that we too did our best.

In closing, I am reminded of Psalm 32: 8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." We must learn to teach, and teach to learn, only then can we truly achieve our fullest potential in life.

Fraternally,

Gary K. Hunt

M.E. Grand High Priest



Grand High Priest Itinerary

- June 2nd - Taylor #90
- June 6th - Daviess #29 (Installation Of Officers) (Harrodsburg)
- June 7th - Jackson #160
- June 8th - Johnnie Ramsey #149 (Whitesburg)
- June 9th - Jenkins #164
- June 11th - York Rite Council Meeting (Holiday Inn Hurstbourne @ 10 am.)
- June 14-17- Wisconsin Grand Session
- June 23rd - Beaver Dam #144
- June 25th - W.R. Shelby #4: Installation of Officers (Danville) @ 7 PM
- June 28th - Madisonville #123



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