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Grand High Priest Message**

Companions,

Spring has finally arrived here in the Bluegrass. Despite the rainy days, a new growing season is coming to be. Spring always brings a new life and new beginnings to nature. In that light, our Order has a new opportunity to grow. Our fast paced world involves us in to many of the day's activities and commitments to a variety of areas in our lives.

The warm weather allows us for many opportunities to be outside and enjoy nature. We must be stewards of our time, as it is very easy to push commitments aside, give excuses, and fall in to the "someone else will do it" philosophy. This is the source of decline in many of the organizations across our nation, and Masonry has been no exception. Our ranks are filled with many capable

and willing men, and they are fortunate to have supporting families and spouses. The ground work is laid, and each of you has the opportunity to both spread your wisdom and to grow personally. Before God we are all equally wise and equally foolish. It is always wise to look ahead, but difficult to look further than you can see. Sharing your wisdom is one way to make this world a better place. Knowledge talks, wisdom listens. To this end, I renew my encouragement for the sharing of our wisdom with our new members and I encourage our new members to take advantage of this opportunity. This is the method that will allow our Order to grow and flourish. Everyone can contribute something, everyone can learn from one another. We are all teachers and we are all students. This binding together will increase our strength and allow for the spiritual growth to "*Make Good men better.*"

The problems of our society will not be solved by the skeptics or complainers whose horizons are limited by the obvious realities. We need men who can dream of things that never were. If each one of us did the things that we are truly capable of doing we would literally astound ourselves. We must lead honest and truthful lives, not expecting a return of respect or thanks for everything we do.

This year our Order has seen growth, and the seed of new interest has been sown, through the hard work of each of you. We cannot let the seed die; we must provide encouragement, light and the opportunity for those seeds to grow, and bring forth a new group of young men to lead our Order into the future, while exemplifying the tenants of Freemasonry, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Fraternally,

Gary K. Hunt

M.E. Grand High Priest



Grand High Priest Itinerary (Weather Permitting)

May 5	Taylor Chapter #90
May 10	Western Star Chapter #20
May 11	Iroquois Chapter #193
May 15	Shriners Hospital Day
May 19	Rowan Chapter #31
May 21	York Rite College Annual Assembly (Danville)
May 26	Marion York Rite Bodies



Leadership in the York Rite *Editor-Kentucky Keystone*

As we near our annual elections, many Chapters' are seeking to determine who will fill their offices in the coming year. While many Chapters' have a "line of succession" in place, many others struggle to find individual(s) to "take the Chairs".

There have been many attempts at determining how to best accomplish this. When dedicated people are willing to assume whatever role for the good of the Order, this is done easily without dissention. Humility is one of the best traits to accomplish this "Peace and Harmony" that should exist in each of our Bodies.

Humility is an often a misunderstood virtue. Many people think it is an unreasoning sense of inferiority, or a lack of self appreciation. In reality, humility is far from this. It is an honest facing of facts, admitting them, and acting according to them. The humble man lives free of all pretense and self-deception. This honesty with facts helps him to think clearly and act freely in his daily life.

When you see others honored, praised, or admired, do not yield to envy or resentment. Let facts rule your life. If they deserve honor and admiration, give it to them. If not, it is best for you to maintain a charitable silence.

There are so many pretenses in human society, so much putting on, so much posing. We like to appear better than

we are, but we do not always work hard enough to become better. If we were honest, we would admit to our many faults and few virtues. We would not be afraid to practice this honest self appraisal when people point out our shortcomings or limitations.

We must lead honest and truthful lives, not expecting a return of respect or thanks for everything we do. Let us strive to be simple, unassuming and unpretentious on a

daily basis. Let us be quick to thank those who praise us, and be as quick to praise others for their good deeds.

The humble man does not look for admiration. He does not put on airs and never makes others feel inferior. This should be the values that we observe in our perspective officers.

It is important the new officer, knows the ritual, the role of his position, and have the interest of the Order in mind. One should never assume duties in a leadership position, in order that he may be "remembered" or that he accomplished this or that. The greatest legacy any leaders can leave, is the advancement of the Order, not the immortalizing of himself. We should remember what the Order accomplished during that year under the leadership of the officer, we should not remember what the leader did or did not do, only how the Order progressed.

This positive perspective with coupled with a motivated humble leader with the right intentions will allow us to continue to grown and preserve Capitular Masonry for years to come.

In closing do not discount the young man for his willingness to assume a leadership position; as well do not discourage older members from assuming leadership positions. Each has benefits to bring to the office, and each Chapter has its own needs. It is the duty of Royal Arch Masonry, that the best person fills our leadership positions in order to best guide and direct our Bodies in the coming year. Do not take this duty lightly, carefully consider your obligation and always elect for the good of the Order.



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