



The Kentucky Keystone

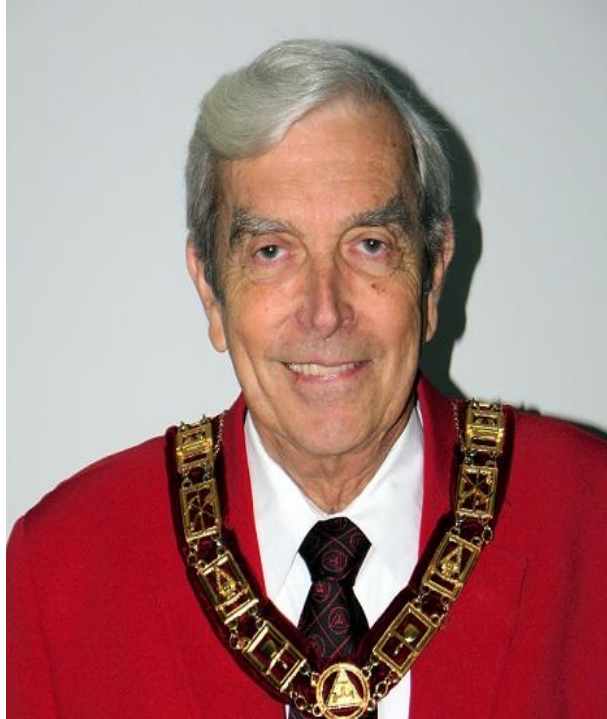
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**ME Companion Wendell R. Curtis
Grand High Priest Message**

Companions:

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, that Thanksgiving was proclaimed a national holiday.

If we consider Thanksgiving as merely feasting and a time with family, we are missing the proper meaning of the day. Are we truly aware of the blessings which surround us every day? Do we honor the source of these blessings? Do we appreciate our good fortune to be born into a country whose very foundation is based on the principles of Divine Law?

Let us consider celebrating Thanksgiving this year by sharing our skills and time to aid our Companions who may be ill or infirm as well as our widows who may be in need. This is true meaningful charity and in the process we become better men and Masons.

We have completed approximately half of the Area Meetings. I want to express my appreciation for those Companions who turned out for the meetings as well as the fellowship and the courtesies extended to me and the Grand Line officers.

The subjects presented at our Area Meetings have changed somewhat this year. Of particular interest is the presentation by Right Excellent Companion Stewart Strickland, Grand Captain of the Host, concerning the biblical characters associated with the Veils.

For those Areas who have yet to have their meeting, I urge you to encourage as many Companions as possible to attend, particularly the High Priest, King, Scribe and Secretary.

Wendell R. Curtis
Grand High Priest



Grand High Priest ITENERARY

- Nov. 3 Grand Master's Reception,
Lexington
- Nov. 8 Somerset Chapter No. 25
- Nov. 13 Area 3A Western Star Chapter No.
20, Hardinsburg
- Nov. 15 Area 4 Rowan Chapter No. 31,
Bardstown
- Nov. 19 Lawrenceburg Chapter No. 138
- Nov. 20 Area 7A Richmond Chapter No. 16
- Nov. 27 Area 1 & 2 Paducah Chapter No. 30

Upcoming Events-2012- 2013

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AREA MEETINGS 2012-2013

- Oct. 2 Area 3B Graham Chapter No. 80, Franklin
7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 Area 5 Shelbyville Chapter No. 2
7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Area 8B Harlan Chapter No. 165
7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17 Area 6 Maysville Chapter No. 9
7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22 Area 8A Monticello Chapter No. 152
7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 13 Area 3A Western Star Chapter No. 20,
Hardinsburg 7:30 p.m..
- Nov. 15 Area 4 Rowan Chapter No. 31,
Bardstown, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 20 Area 7A Richmond Chapter No. 16
7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 27 Area 1 & 2 Paducah Chapter No. 30
7:00 p.m.
- Dec.12 Area 9 Whitesburg Chapter No. 149
7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 15 Area 7B Morehead Chapter No. 168
7:00 p.m..

Grand Junior Warden Reception for Cloyd J. Bumgardner

Saturday, December 1, 2012

6pm EST

*The Center for Rural Development
2292 South Hwy 27,
Somerset, KY 42501*

Located at Stoplight #15

Tickets are \$20

*Please RSVP by November 25, 2012 to
606-271-8688 or cloydj@windstream.net*

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. More details will follow in future editions of the Keystone.