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***ME Companion Wendall L. Trent
Grand High Priest Message***

Greetings fellow Companions;

I hope several chapters are well on their way to achieving their goal of exalting new companions this year. Other companions are out boosting York Rite membership by giving York Rite presentations in our Blue Lodges across this great Commonwealth. Let's not forget to put out the RARA buckets during our meeting nights to raise the bar in donating to our philanthropy.

This month we observe Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Whether on active duty, or in the National Guard or in the Reserves, a veteran is one who at some point signed a blank check payable to the United States of America up to the full amount of his or her life. I am proud to say that I am a veteran, and so are many of you. As I travel throughout our beautiful Commonwealth and enjoy fellowship with you, I am reminded of your service, and I appreciate the dedication and courage you have shown in

protecting the liberties we enjoy in this great nation. Each time we meet in our lodges, as we pray and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, we are reminded of the freedoms that we cherish and for which many of our brothers and companions paid the ultimate price to preserve those freedoms for future generations.

No less important is our observance of Thanksgiving. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the 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, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. As we gather around our Thanksgiving holiday tables this year, let us remember that everything we have is a gift from the God and Father of us all.

And thank you again for allowing me serve our Grand Chapter as your Grand High Priest.

Fraternally,

Wendall L. Trent

Grand High Priest, 2016-2017

Grand High Priest Itinerary October 2016

Subject to Change without notice

<i>Richmond #16</i>	<i>11/01/2016</i>
<i>Shelbyville #2</i>	<i>11/03/2016</i>
<i>Grand Reception in Williamsburg</i>	<i>11/05/2016</i>
<i>Daviess #19</i>	<i>11/07/2016</i>



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<i>Cynthiana #17</i>	<i>11/08/2016</i>
<i>Iroquois #193</i>	<i>11/09/2016</i>
<i>Jackson #160</i>	<i>11/10/2016</i>
<i>Veterans Observance Morehead Commandery #53/ Morehead Ky. Veterans Wall</i>	<i>11/11/2016</i>
<i>Ken Ten #148</i>	<i>11/14/2016</i>
<i>Morehead Council #45</i>	<i>11/15/2016</i>
<i>Ken Ten #148</i>	<i>11/14/2016</i>
<i>Paintsville #131</i>	<i>11/17/2016</i>
<i>Chapter Degrees Morehead Chapter #168 / Grand Masters Banquet</i>	<i>11/19/2016</i>
<i>Lawrenceburg #138</i>	<i>11/21/2016</i>
<i>Morehead Lodge #654</i>	<i>11/22/2016</i>
<i>East Central Past Masters Society Stone City Lodge</i>	<i>11/29/2016</i>

ACTIONS SPEAK CLEARLY

**By
Howard Coop**

Whatever else may be said about them, words are vitally important. They are the building blocks of language, and we use them, many of them, every day. As masons carefully lays bricks or stones in perfect order to erect a wall, we lay words in proper grammatical order to describe things, to express ideas, to convey messages, and to reveal feelings. Yet, there are times when, to the best of our ability to speak in the simplest words, someone misunderstands what we have said and, to our utter amazement, that person responds with, “I thought you meant to say...”

Communication is more than merely uttering words in proper grammatical order. Sometimes thoughts, ideas, messages, and feelings are better conveyed and more easily understood through simple action.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, the American transcendental poet of the nineteenth century, said, “What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say.” Then, Edgar A. Guest, another popular American poet of the first half of the twentieth century, wrote in simple terms, “I’d rather see a sermon than hear one any day, ...The eye is a better pupil, more willing than the ear,” and he went on to say, “For to see a good put into action is what everybody needs.” Maybe that’s why Patty Hauser said, “I never listen to what a person says. I look at what a person does because what they do tells me who they really are.” Therefore, it just may be that practicing is more powerful than proclaiming, for action speaks louder than words. As Sherrilyn Kenyon said, “Lips and tongues lie. But actions never do.”

For about two thousand years, it has been common knowledge that we are not known “for much speaking,” eloquent though it may be. We are, however, known by “the fruits” of our lives, that is, the simple acts of everyday life. Words, eloquently spoken, may be misunderstood, but actions speak loudly and clearly. They are easily understood.

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