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

Companions:

We begin a new Capitular year with the same problems which have been with us for quite some time. The first mentioned is always the loss of membership that has been in progress for years. I believe this trend can be stopped.

Membership issues can be addressed and perhaps remedied if every Chapter in the Commonwealth would conduct York Rite presentations in all of the Symbolic Lodges in their area. Suspensions can also be substantially reduced by an aggressive approach by the Secretary with the help of the general membership in contacting those Companions who are in arrears.

Increasing attendance at meetings also requires action. It entails picking up the

telephone and/or visiting Companions who are not attending and reminding them of the

meeting and offering to provide a ride to the

meeting. Making the meetings interesting is more challenging. Opening Chapter, reading the minutes and closing are not very exciting and unlikely to motivate members to attend. Educational topics and family functions may be a good way to begin to spark interest.

To accomplish this will take action on the part of the constituent Chapters and more importantly, the individual members of these Chapters. Unless the Companions are willing to invest a bit more time and energy in their Chapters, then nothing will change. The future of Capitular Masonry depends on how we address these issues.

October marks the beginning of our Area Meetings. The High Priest, King, Scribe and Secretary should attend their Area Meeting and encourage as many members of their Chapter as possible to attend as well.

Thank you Companions for the high honor of serving as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. I am truly honored and at the same time humbled considering the many exceptional Masons who have occupied this office before me. Thank you Companions and I look forward to visiting with many of you at the Area Meetings and other Capitular functions during the coming year.

Wendell R. Curtis
Grand High Priest

Grand High Priest ITENERARY

Oct. 2 Area 3B Graham Chap. No. 80, Franklin
Oct. 4 Area 5 Shelbyville Chap. No. 2
Oct. 6 GHP Reception, Paris
Oct. 9 Area 8B Harlan Chapter No. 165
Oct. 16 Paris Lodge No. 2
Oct. 10 Past Masters Assoc. of N. Central Ky.
Oct. 13 Grand Commander Reception, Newport
Oct. 14 York Rite Council Meeting, Louisville
Oct. 15 Grand Lodge
Oct. 17 Area 6 Maysville Chapter No. 9
Oct. 22 Area 8A Monticello Chapter No. 152

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..

Reception Honoring Most Excellent Companion Wendell R. Curtis Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Kentucky, R.A.M

Saturday October 6th at 1:00 p.m.
30 Legion Dr., Paris, Kentucky
Turn Left at the top of the hill
Legion Bldg.,
Bourbon Co Fair Grounds

Tickets \$10.00

For Tickets Contact:

Eugene Sibert
197 County Line Rd.
Ewing, KY 41039
859-289-2948

Ashland York Rite Bodies will be having a one day festival on Saturday, October 13th. Please contact Barry Eastham, for further information.

Email: stonecutter5@hotmail.com

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.

ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

Grand Master and Sir Knight Terry Bowman will open Grand Lodge on Monday, October 15 at the Galt House. Registration will begin on Sunday, October 14 and the communication will continue until Tuesday afternoon when the installation of next year's officers takes place. For a more complete schedule, please see the October Masonic Home Journal.