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

Companions,

As I prepare my last message as your Grand High Priest, I come to the end of a journey thru the progressive line chairs. This journey was a wonderful learning experience preparing me to serve in the ultimate office of Grand High Priest of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky.

I want to thank the members of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky for the incredible privilege of serving as your Grand High Priest. I love Royal Arch Masonry with all of my heart. Therefore, it has been an honor to serve as your Grand High Priest with a joy beyond what I can ever express with words. I pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will bless this coming year as we work together for the advancement of the Craft. As I complete my term, I will remember the advice and guidance given to me by my predecessors. This past year I have really become aware of what is expected of the person serving in this office. Decisions must be made, popular or otherwise,

appointments made as necessary to fill positions, and see that everything done is within the framework of the Constitution.

As a result of your help and support I feel that this has been one of the most successful years for Capitular Masonry in Kentucky's history. Chapters have laid the foundation to grow, and many now have an increase in local membership and interest due to several festivals and hard work of members from across the state.

I believe that every Chapter in the Commonwealth of Kentucky should grow. Beyond that, I believe that every chapter in the state CAN grow, as long as we remember there are different kinds of growth! We should be interested in growth for our Chapters, but we shouldn't just be interested in numerical growth. We should be interested in being a part of a Chapter that is growing in different ways. We should strive to be an example in our communities; no one should have to ever ask, "What do you do?" Grow in your communities, be known in them; be known in the Blue Lodges, and membership problems will take care of themselves. Like minded men will naturally seek either other's company, and as such can be a positive influence on the communities in which they live

As we draw to a close for this year, and Annual Session approaches, I am reminded of where we were and how far we have come in this last year. We have come a long way, but the journey is far from over. I know that some Chapters and members are going through uncertainties and rough times. I would like to remind you of the reassuring words of our Lord written in the 6 Chapter, seventh verse from the Book of Galatians, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." We have sown the seeds of growth, and we shall receive the fruits of our labors in the growth and advance of Capitular Masonry.

I have no words to express my overwhelming feelings of gratitude to each and every one of you for your prayers, kindness and support during my term of service as your Grand High Priest. I would like to especially thank my fellow Grand Line Officers, as well as the Companions
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throughout the state who have stood with me with their unconditional support for making our Order vibrant and active. My closing thoughts as I leave the office of Grand High Priest, is that each of you, continue on this path that has been lain before you, your are the future of Capitular Masonry in Kentucky.

Fraternally,

Gary K. Hunt

M.E. Grand High Priest



Grand High Priest Itinerary

- Sept 1: Taylor #90
- Sept 8: Benham #170
- Sept 12: Louisa #95
- Sept 15 : Rowan #31
- Sept 18-Sept 21: Grand Session
- Sept 22: Lebanon York Rite



**Grand York Rite of Kentucky Session
September 18-21, 2011**

The 2011 Grand York Rite Session will be held September 18-21, 2011, at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne at I-64 in Louisville.

SUNDAY – September 18, 2011

- 1:00 p.m. General Registration.
- 1:00 p.m. Philalethes Society.
- 3:00 p.m. Grand Commandery Officers Meeting.
- 5:30 p.m. Grand Commandery Dinner. (Templar Uniform Preferred)
- 7:30 p.m. Devotional Service.

MONDAY – September 19, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Deputy Grand Commander’s Breakfast and Meeting.
- 7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Opens.
- 8:00 a.m. Kentucky and Out of State Past Grand Commanders Wives Breakfast Dutch Treat
- 8:45 a.m. Guests Assemble for Introduction.

- 9:00 a.m. Grand Commandery Annual Conclave begins.
- 12:00 noon Ladies Lunch.
- 12:00 noon Sir Knights Lunch.
- 12:45 p.m. Golgotha & Centurion Tabernacles.
- 1:15 p.m. Knights Preceptor.
- 2:30 p.m. Installation.
- 4:00 p.m. Secretary/Recorder’s Meeting.
- 5:30 p.m. Knight Masons.
- 7:30 p.m. Knight York Cross of Honor Meeting.

TUESDAY – September 20, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Deputy Grand Master’s Breakfast and Meeting.
- 7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Opens.
- 8:45 a.m. Guests Assemble for Introduction.
- 9:00 a.m. Grand Council Annual Assembly begins. (Election at 11:00 a.m.)
- 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch.
- 12:00 noon Companions Lunch.
- 1:00 p.m. Ish Sodi
- 2:30 p.m. Installation.
- 4:00 p.m. Order of Silver Trowel.
- 7:00 p.m. York Rite Banquet

WEDNESDAY – September 21, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. Grand King’s Breakfast and Meeting.
- 7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Opens.
- 7:30 a.m. Order of High Priesthood.
- 8:45 a.m. Guests Assemble for Introduction.
- 9:00 a.m. Grand Chapter Annual Convocation begins.
- 10:30 a.m. Ladies Brunch.
- 12:00 noon Men’s Fellowship Lunch.
- 1:15 p.m. Past Grand High Priest’s meeting.
- 2:30 p.m. Installation.

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