

Companions,

Thanks so much for your support and confidence in electing me as your High Priest for the coming Capitular Year. We have some new Companions joining our progressive line and hopefully we will quickly be able to stop re-cycling Past High Priests in the very near future.

I'd like to propose our chapter adopt five goals for this Capitular Year:

- * Arlington #35 confer one of the degrees using only our members.
- * Confer the Royal Arch Widow's Degree with the help of the other Chapters in our District.
- * Conduct scheduled, fraternal visits at least once every three months.
- * Increase our membership by five new Companions.
- * Increase our average Convocation attendance by five (from 12 to 17 Companions; members or guests).

Let me know what you think about these proposed goals. Did I miss something the membership would like to have as a goal? Call me on the telephone (703) 505-7140 or send me an E-mail (jwpears@hotmail.com) and let's talk about it.

Please let your elected and appointed officers know how we can serve this Chapter better. Each one of us is dedicated to doing just that.

Do you have a Royal Arch petition on you? If not, let one of the officers know. We can get you as many as you need.

S&F

John

“Rebuilding the Temple”

Did You Know:

A group of 35 presidential scholars ranked our national leaders on numerous qualities. Four of the top five were Masons: FDR, Washington, Teddy Roosevelt and Harry Truman. First on the list was non-Mason, Abe Lincoln.

(Source: Grand lodge of Ohio BEACON Spring 2000).

Fifty Year Members

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| <i>John P. Funkhouser</i> | 1949 |
| <i>David H. Graham</i> | 1950 |
| <i>Elgin B. Kirby</i> | 1950 |
| Henry J. Bausili | 1952 |
| Guy D. McCombs | 1943 |
| William M. Sisk | 1944 |
| Oscar L. Buchanan | 1945 |
| Robert A. Kelly | 1949 |
| Elwood S. Nichols | 1949 |
| William T. Guise | 1950 |
| James W. Brown, Jr. | 1951 |
| Robert L. Connor | 1951 |
| John E. Wise | 1952 |
| John G. Dudley Jr. | 1953 |
| George D. Stevens | 1953 |
| Walter W. Cosby Jr. | 1955 |
| Wilbert Kahoun | 1954 |
| Cleveland F. Oliver | 1955 |
| James W. Smith | 1956 |

Companions with the increase in postal rates, we are looking at an annual increase in mailing costs of \$30.00. While not a lot of money, it could be used for other purposes. Please consider having the Trestle Board e-mailed to you rather than using the Post Office. If you want to join the ten Companions who now get the newsletter via e-mail, contact Right Excellent John Bullach at Jwbullach@aol.com or at 6819 Williamsburg Blvd. Arl., VA. 22213.

Trestle board

- Refreshments at 6:30 before every meeting
- 6 Oct. Tri-state, 1 day degree conferral at GW Memorial 9 A.M.
- 10 Oct. Stated.Speaker pending
- 14 Nov. Stated
- 16-17 Nov Grand Chapter in Williamsburg

Capitular Birthdays

OCTOBER

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| Robert B. Dix | 1961 |
| Lewis S. Carter | 1966 |
| Arthur L. Gore | 1969 |
| John L. Hayhurst | 1981 |
| Raymond M. Ridgeway | 1981 |
| William A. Wiggins | 1981 |
| John R. Stone | 2002 |

Laugh of the month:

On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."